

# JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.\*

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

**NOTE:** The Board went into Executive Session at 6:00 PM, followed by the Regular Board Meeting.

**Present:**

Hilari Cohen  
Barbara Krieger  
Ira Checkla  
Claire Hochheiser  
Joseph H. Lorintz

**Also Present:**

Henry L. Grishman, Superintendent  
Ben Ciuffo  
Joan L. Colvin  
Anna Hunderfund

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Hilari Cohen called meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

**Hilari welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the school year and read the attached statement.**

## II. BOARD ACTIONS

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz "That the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 2, 2005 and the Special Meeting dated August 15, 2005 ".

Motion carried 5,0.

## III. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

### NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Mr. Grishman indicated that a reception had take place prior to the meeting for the following new staff members:

Melissa Goldner	Teacher - Cantiague
Jill Ward	Science Teacher - Cantiague
Gale Hausman	Teacher Aide - Cantiague
Melissa Hutchinson	Teacher Aide - Cantiague
Kimberly Kivlen	Teacher Aide - Cantiague
Vanessa Bellocco	Teacher Aide - Cantiague
Jeanne Boyle	Tutor - Cantiague
Lindsay Salvucci	Teacher Aide - Cantiague
Erica Citrin	Teacher Aide - Cantiague
Debra Hannaberry	Teacher Aide - Cantiague
Michelle Herbst	Reading Teacher - Jackson
Alyssa Levy	Teacher - Jackson
Yasmin Alvi	Teacher Aide - Jackson
Simma Kinderlehrer	Tutor - Jackson
Kathy Quinones	Tutor - Jackson

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**NEW STAFF MEMBERS (continued)**

John Kudelycz	Cleaner - Jackson
Lisa Schneider	Teacher Aide - Jackson
Kerri Benison	Teacher Aide - Jackson
Charles Hohl	Social Studies Teacher - HS
Christopher Hoppner	Science Teacher - HS
Allison Lydon	P/T English Teacher - HS
Lia Walters	Special Education - HS
Andrew Weiss	Music Teacher - HS
Carol Reisman	Tutor - HS
Lily Gantidis	Food Service Helper - HS
Joan Turturro	Food Service Helper - HS
Mark Pagano	Ass't. Principal - HS
Joseph Prisinzano	Principal - HS
Marie Chirco	Teacher Aide - HS Lrn. Ctr.
Juan Mendiolaza	Cleaner - HS
Dorothy Vann	Curriculum Association -Special Education
Melissa Xenakis	Speech Teacher - MS
Kimberly Appelman	Tutor - MS
Bonnie Weiner	Tutor - MS
Lisa Kasinove	Tutor - MS
David Kearon	Teacher Aide - MS
Mary DeRosa	Teacher Aide - MS
Lisa Reitz	Teacher Aide - MS
Robyn Grufferman	Tutor - MS
Justin Barilla	Teacher Aide - Seaman
Lauren Donohue	Teacher Aide - Seaman
Sharon Bechor	Teacher Aide - Seaman
Patricia Bentivegna	Lunch Aide - Seaman
Carolyn Dooley	Teacher Aide - Seaman
Patti Klobus	Teacher Aide - Seaman
Denise Lennart	Teacher Aide - Seaman
Jaime Lesser	Teacher Aide - Seaman
MariaLisa Mennella	Teacher Aide - Seaman
Theresa Pica	Teacher Aide - Seaman
Anthony Buffalino	Groundskeeper - B&G
John Ciampa	Night Cleaner

**MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL**

Lauren Spoto and Caroline Motschwiller, 8<sup>th</sup> Graders reported on activities in the Middle School.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL**

Armand Hershowitz, Student Council President and Samuel Lee, Student Council Vice President reported on activities in the High School.

**JERICO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Jess Rudolph updated the Board of Education and the members of the community on the status of the Jericho Educational Foundation.

III. **REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)**

**PTA COUNCIL**

Alyssa Ackerman reported on PTA activities.

**AUDIT REPORTS**

**AUDITORS - PAPPAS AND COMPANY, CPA'S**

Jamie Pappas and Rhonda Meserole presented their audit report for the 2004-05 Fiscal year to the Board of Education. They indicated that their audit opinion is an unqualified opinion, which is the highest opinion that one can receive. The financial statements reflect accurately and fairly the financial condition of the school district. During their presentation they described the activities of the audit and indicated that a portion of their review includes the study and evaluation of the District's system of internal controls. (Attachment)

**INTERNAL AUDITORS - Callaghan Nawrocki LLP:** Ernest Smith and Lauren Augunzo reported on their responsibilities as Internal Auditors for the school district. In addition to their responsibilities of approving all claims presented to the district, the internal auditors review payroll, benefits, cash receipts and disbursements as well as review internal control procedures. They reported to the Board the areas of strength for the business office and that there were no weaknesses. (Attachment)

**DRIVER EDUCATION**

Ed Klobus reported that he is working on obtaining certification from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and is hopeful that he will be able to start in the month of October. He expects the fee for driver training to be approximately \$350.00.

IV. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

Please Note: If you would like to make a comment or ask a question, please tell us your name and affiliation, if you are representing a specific group. If you would like your statement to be included in our Board minutes, you must hand in a written copy of your remarks to our District Clerk, Joan Colvin, immediately before speaking.

As always, public discussion on matters relating to staff and students, at which their reputation, privacy or rights to due process, or those of others could in some way be violated, is prohibited.

**DISCUSSION – SENIOR DRIVING PRIVILEGES**

Several Parents expressed their concerns regarding Senior driving privileges and strongly supported the enforcement of a closed campus as indicated in the petitions submitted (See attached). Many students and parents supported a return of senior student driving privileges. Mr. Grishman indicated that the district is awaiting a proposal from a traffic engineer and after the study is conducted the administration would review the current closed campus.

**CLUBS**

Several parents and students addressed a concern for the elimination of club activities. Comments were made by parents about the lack of clubs at certain elementary grade levels. Several high school students express their concern for the elimination of certain clubs at the high school. Hilari asked the board to adjourn to executive session.

See attached

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education move to executive session to discuss legal matters."

Motion carried, 5, 0.

III. **REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

11:00 PM The Board of Education adjourned into Executive Session to discuss legal matters.

11:30 PM The Board of Education returned to Regular Meeting.

Mr. Grishman informed the public that the clubs and activities for the 2005-06 year would be restored at this time. However, he stated Dr. Hunderfund will begin an evaluation process in conjunction with the principals and club advisors to determine the effectiveness of each activity.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Jericho Teachers Association**

Hilari Cohen indicated that the Board of Education hosted a dinner for Jericho Teachers Association and she indicated that the purpose of the dinner was to keep the lines of communication open between the groups and to discuss issues they expect to deal with as the year progresses.

**Nike Site**

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Claire Hochheiser "That the Board of Education authorize an appraisal and Request for Proposal (RFP) of the Nike Site."

Motion carried 5,0.

V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICIES**

**Second Reading**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger "That the Board of Education approve the revisions to and adopt the board policies as shown in Enclosure # 12 inclusive of the change in Policy #1520."

NOTE: See Enclosure #12 as revised

Motion carried 5, 0.

III. **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Barbara Krieger "That the Board of Education accept the gift of benches and trees on behalf of the Cantiague Elementary School, said gift being donated by the Cantiague PTA."

Motion carried 5,0.

**VI. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION**

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz "That the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the report of the school auditor, Pappas & Company, for the year ending June 30, 2005."

Note: See Enclosure

Motion carried, 5,0.

**VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

**APPROVAL OF SCHEDULES**

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Ira Checkla "That the Board of Education approves the following schedules for appropriate action:

A-498	Treasurer's Report
B-GF-463	General Fund
B-FF-430	Federal Fund
B-CAF-460	Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-01	General Fund
D-GF-02	General Fund
D-GF-03	General Fund
D-GF-04	General Fund
D-GF-05	General Fund
D-FF-01	Federal Fund
D-FF-02	Federal Fund
D-FF-03	Federal Fund
D-CF-01	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-02	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-03	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-01	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-02	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-03	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-04	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-05	Trust & Agency Fund
F-02	Conference Expense
D-GF-03	Conference Expense
E-1362	Consultant Services - Psychologist
E-1370	Contract - Special Services
E-1371	Award of Bid - Out of District & Special Transportation School Year 2005-2006
E-1372	Award of Bid - Out of District & Special Transportation School Year 2005
E-1373	Disposition of Equipment
E-1374	Contract - Use of Pool Facilities
G-2424 (rev)	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities, High School
G-2456 (rev)	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2457 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2460 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2463 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Elementary
G-2466 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2469 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary
G-2472	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers

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**VII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS (continued)**

**APPROVAL OF SCHEDULES (continued)**

G-2473	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2474	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2475	Probationary Appointments, Instructional
G-2476	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
GG-936 (rev)	Non-instructional Inservice Course Participation
GG-939	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-940	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitute
H-630	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-567	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
K-324	Curriculum Assignments - Instruction
K-325	Leaves of Absence - Instructional
KK-57 (rev)	Leaves of Absence - Non-instructional
L-414	Use of School Facilities
O-539 (rev)	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-544 (rev)	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-548	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-549	Tuition/Consultant Services
S-579	Educational Programs and Projects
S-580	Services/Consultant
U-022	Approval of Placements of Children with Special Education Needs
U-181	Approval of Placements of Children with Special Education Needs

Motion carried 5,0.

**IX. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D.  
District Clerk**