

# JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
6:00 P.M.\*

MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY  
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007

Present:

Barbara Krieger, President  
Joseph H. Lorintz, Vice President  
Mark R. Basile  
Shawn Gladstone  
Claire Hochheiser

Also Present:

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

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Barbara Krieger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- Mark Basile made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz "That the Board of Education move to Executive Session."

Motion carried 5, 0.

*6:50 Shawn Gladstone left the meeting.*

Board moved out of executive session at 7:35 PM.

## II. BOARD ACTIONS

- Mark Basile 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 May 17, 2007 and Special Meetings dated May 29, 2007 and June 7, 2007."

Motion carried 4, 0.

## III. RECOGNITIONS

### 2007 Retirees

#### Diane Antonucci

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile WHEREAS, Diane Antonucci first began service on September 1, 1986, and has had continuous service for the past twenty-one years and will retire on June 30, 2007, and

WHEREAS, she has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and

WHEREAS, she has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Diane Antonucci who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried 4, 0.

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III. **RECOGNITIONS (continued)**

**Diane Esgro**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile ΔWHEREAS, Diane Esgro first began service on September 23, 1985, and has had continuous service for the past twenty-two years and retired on April 11, 2007, and
- WHEREAS, she has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and
- WHEREAS, she has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Diane Esgro who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried 4, 0.

**Richele Hohl**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile ΔWHEREAS, Richele Hohl first began service on September 1, 1992, and has had continuous service for the past fifteen years and retired on April 25, 2007, and
- WHEREAS, she has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and
- WHEREAS, she has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Richele Hohl who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried 4, 0.

**Franci Parker**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile ΔWHEREAS, Franci Parker first began service on September 1, 1989, and has had continuous service for the past eighteen years and will retire on June 30, 2007, and
- WHEREAS, she has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and
- WHEREAS, she has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Franci Parker who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried 4, 0.

**III. RECOGNITIONS (continued)**

**Donald Otten**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile ΔWHEREAS, Donald Otten first began service on March 20, 2000, and has had continuous service for the past seven years and will retire on June 30, 2007, and

WHEREAS, he has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and

WHEREAS, he has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Donald Otten who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried 4, 0.

**Jeffrey Ratner**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile ΔWHEREAS, Jeffrey Ratner first began service on July 1, 1996, and has had continuous service for the past eleven years and will retire on July 13, 2007, and

WHEREAS, he has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and

WHEREAS, he has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Jeffrey Ratner who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried 4, 0.

**Jill Singer**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile ΔWHEREAS, Jill Singer first began service on August 30, 1996, and has had continuous service for the past eleven years and will retire on June 30, 2007, and

WHEREAS, she has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and

WHEREAS, she has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Jill Singer who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried 4, 0.

III. **RECOGNITIONS (continued)**

**Martin Weissman**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile ΔWHEREAS, Martin Weissman first began service on August 17, 1998, and has had continuous service for the past nine years and will retire on July 13, 2007, and
- WHEREAS, he has provided dedicated service to the children of Jericho, and
- WHEREAS, he has always been a capable, cooperative and loyal member of the staff,
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends the sincere appreciation on behalf of this community for a job well done, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends honor upon Martin Weissman who is, and has been, an important part of the history of this community.@

Motion carried 4, 0.

**Presentation of High School Yearbook**

Copies of the 2007 High School Yearbook were presented to the Board of Education by Joe Prisinzano, High School Principal, Joe Gansrow, Yearbook Advisor and the following students:

Matthew Sonnenfeld  
Willi Rechler  
Ethan Greenspan

**International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) Participants**

Frank Dimartino, Curriculum Associate  
Christopher Hoppner, Teacher

Students

Vikas Anand  
Adam Fields  
Brienne Kugler  
Esther Kwak

**Vietnam War Inc. & Veterans Coalition**

Morris Miller, Veterans of the Vietnam War Inc. & Veterans Coalition presented a plaque to Joe Prisinzano, Jericho High School Principal and Don Gately, Jericho Middle School Principal to acknowledge the fundraising efforts conducted in their respective buildings and that of Alex Berman, student and Middle School teachers, Spriondola Nikolopoulous and Maria Panayiotou.

**Foreign Language Students**

Dr. Elaine Margarita, Curriculum Associate

Teachers

Monika Bloom  
Josephine Langone  
Janice Raphan  
Rachael Hernandez  
Louise Bozzo

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**Foreign Language Students (continued)**

**National French Exam**

Samantha Ellner	Lindsey Lam
Meredith Nelson	Karina Condez
Courtney Safir	Steffano Chavez
Rhonda Wu	Eric Pesner
Shivani Shah	

**American Association of Teachers of French Poetry Contest**

Shivani Shah  
Annette Kiviat  
Kassandra Pae

**Spanish Students Award/Recognition from the AHRC**

Vikas Anand	Allison Rothstein
Adam Dennett	Anita Garg
Travis Stier	Justin Dorman
Rishi Chopra	Joshua Lampert

**Italian Poetry Competition**

Jessica Amodio	Alisa Cooke
Amanda Mondello	Melissa Hartman
Liana Mari	Jo-Ann Rosa
Joseph Bebry	Analisa Menduni
Karen Schuster	Maria Treglia

**Girls Varsity Golf Team**

Nancy Sammis, Curriculum Associate  
Coach: Larry Anderson

**NYS Scholar Athlete Team**

Catey Appel	Alice Fend
Blake Frank	Soo Hyun Park
Samantha Gordon	Jennifer Kim
Michelle Greenblatt	Diana Kim
Grace Han	Haley Greenfield
Danielle Koenigsberg	Hilary Brooks
Kathryn Landsman	Abigail Wank
Alana Rosenberg	

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joe Lorintz "That the Board of Education congratulate the above mentioned students, teachers and mentors".

Motion carried 4, 0.

**IV. REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**Enrollment Report**

Mr. Grishman reported that the enrollment as of June 8, 2007 is 3,280.

Note: See Enclosure # 4

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

**Middle School Student Council**

Joseph Na and Andy Quintero, 8<sup>th</sup> Graders reported on activities in the Middle School.

### **High School Student Council**

Melanie Motschwiller, Student Council President, and Jared Solomon, Student Council Vice President reported on activities in the High School.

### **PTA Council**

Michelle Gruszecki, PTA President reported on activities in the PTA and congratulated the students recognized for their accomplishments and congratulated the retirees.

### **MS Principal Presentation**

Don Gately provided a presentation of on the future of Jericho Middle School.

See Attached

### **Update – High School Principal**

Joe Priszano, High School Principal, conducted a follow-up discussion of the Senior Year Experience.

### **Review of Board Policies**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile “That the Board of Education accept the First Reading of the following policies as shown in Enclosure.”

6151	Drug-Free Workplace
6160	Professional Growth/Staff Development Programs
6161	Travel or Conference Claims
6170	Fingerprinting of Prospective School Employees
6210	Certified Personnel
6211	Recruitment
6212	Certification and Qualifications
6212.1	Incidental Teaching
6213	Probation and Tenure
6213.1	Disciplining of a Tenured Teacher or Certified Personnel
6214	Staff: Separation
6215	Employment of Relatives of Board of Education Members
6220	Temporary Personnel
6310	Appointment – Support Staff
6320	Employment of Teacher Aides
6410	Maintaining Discipline and Conduct
6420	Employee Personnel Records and Release of Information
6430	Employee Activities
6440	Negotiations
6450	Theft of Services or Property

Note: See Enclosure # 10

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## **IV. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)**

### **Safety Committee**

Ben Ciuffo and Ed Friedlander reported on the Safety Committee.

### **Executive Session**

The Board discussed personnel and legal matters at our last Executive Session.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Feit presented information on the equity of services for children based on the number of Holidays on Monday; Barbara Bauer chaired committee to look at days.

See Attachment

Mr. Grishman asked Nancy Sammis to look for back-up tennis courts for fall Old Westbury.

Mr. Grishman announced the implementation of JPAW-Jericho Project for Advancement of Women Program and provided the curriculum submitted by Marie Salerno, Nancy Saviano, Leigh-Anne Dunckley and Mike Rubino. Also involved with the program are Joanne Verdino, Dr. Joan Colvin, Dr. Ben Ciuffo, Dr. Elaine Margarita and Helene Kriegstein.

## **V. 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.

Shawn Gladstone and Barbara Krieger met with students regarding a variety of suggestions for the future.

Barbara Krieger indicated that former Board members were going to be allowed to present diplomas to their children if they choose to do so.

Board members received an email requesting that they participate in PTA Pre-Council meetings. Barbara Krieger read a letter written by Shawn Gladstone regarding Board of Education/PTA communication. Discussion ensued.

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## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Second Reading-Adoption of Board Policies**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "That the Board of Education adopt the board policies as shown in Enclosure #14:

- #5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use
- #6110 – Code of Ethics for All District Personnel
- #6120 – Equal Employment Opportunity
- #6121 – Sexual Harassment of District Personnel
- #6130 – Evaluation of Personnel: Purposes
- #6140 – Health Examinations
- #6150 – Alcohol, Drugs and Other Substances (School Personnel)

NOTE: See Enclosure #14

Motion carried 4, 0.

*10:53 PM Shawn Gladstone returned to the meeting.*

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Personnel Appointment**

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Mark Basile “That the Board of Education move schedule G-2572”.

Motion carried 5, 0.

### **Change in Date for July Board of Education Meeting**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile “That the Board of Education change the date of the July Reorganization and Regular Board of Education Meeting to Tuesday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Library.”

Motion carried 5, 0.

### **Setting of Date for August Board of Education Meeting**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile “That the Board of Education set the date of the August meeting as Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 7:30 in the Middle School Library.”

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## **VII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

### **Memorandum of Agreement with Jericho Tutors Association**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile “That the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement by and between the Jericho Learning Center Instructors and the Jericho Union Free School District, as shown in Enclosure #17, and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute

same on behalf of the District.”

NOTE: See Enclosure #17

Motion carried 5, 0.

### **Employee Retirement System (ERS) Reserve**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile “BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education establish an Employee Retirement System (ERS) Reserve effective this date for the purpose of funding future Employee Retirement System payments. This reserve fund is established in accordance with General Municipal Law 6R.”

NOTE: See Enclosure #18

Motion carried 5, 0.

## **VIII. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION**

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

## **IX. BOARD ACTIONS**

### **Approval of Schedules**

- Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile “That the Board of Education approves the following schedules for appropriate action:

A-519	Treasurer’s Report
B-GF-483	General Fund
B-FF-450	Federal Fund
B-CAF-480	Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-41	General Fund
D-GF-42	General Fund
D-GF-43	General Fund
D-GF-44	General Fund
D-GF-45	General Fund
D-FF-22	Federal Fund
D-FF-23	Federal Fund
D-FF-24	Federal Fund
D-CF-22	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-23	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-24	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-38	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-39	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-40	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-41	Trust and Agency Fund

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## **IX. BOARD ACTIONS (continued)**

### **Approval of Schedules (continued)**

D-SA-42	Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-43	Trust and Agency Fund
K-05	Construction Fund
D-GF-10	Conference Expense

E-1458	Award of Bid – Bread
E-1459	Award of Bid – Bagels
E-1460	Award of Bid – Milk
E-1461	Award of Bid – Cafeteria Canned Goods
E-1462	Award of Bid – Tree Maintenance
E-1463	Award of Bid – General Painting Repairs and Maintenance
E-1464	Award of Bid – Lumber & Masonry Supplies
E-1465	Award of Bid – Fire Extinguishers
E-1466	Award of Bid – Turf Maintenance, Infield Refurbishing, Clay Material
E-1467	Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
E-1469	Award of Bid – Technology and Lumber
E-1470	Agreement – TOBAY GeesePeace Program
E-1471	Award of Bid – Out of District and Special Transportation
G-2525 (rev)	Appointments, High School, 2006-2007 Service Function/ Club Rates
G-2526 (rev)	Appointments, Middle School, 2006-2007 Service Function/ Club Rates
G-2533 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Tutorial Services, Secondary
G-2540 (rev)	Appointments, Co-curricular Activities, Elementary
G-2555 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2563 (rev)	Probationary Appointments, Instructional
G-2570	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2571	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers
G-2573	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2574	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2575	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2576	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2577	Instructional Inservice Course Participation
G-2578	Appointments, Instructional, Cantiague Extended School Year Program
G-2579	Probationary Appointments Instructional
GG-988 (rev)	Appointments, Non-instructional, Regular Substitute
GG-1000	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-1001	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitutes
GG-1002	Non-instructional Inservice Course Participation
GG-1003	Appointments, Non-instructional, Summer Technology Workers
GG-1004	Appointments, Non-instructional
H-653	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-588	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
K-338 (rev)	Leaves of Absence – Instructional
K-341 (rev)	Leaves of Absence – Instructional
K-344 (rev)	Leaves of Absence – Instructional
K-345	Curriculum Assignments - Instructional
K-348	Leaves of Absence – Instructional

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**Approval of Schedules (continued)**

K-349	Curriculum Assignments - Instructional
KK-64 (rev)	Leave of Absence – Non-instructional
KK-68	Leave of Absence – Non-instructional
L-433	Use of School Facilities
O-576	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-577	Tuition/Consultant Services

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O-581	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-582	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-583	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-584	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-585	Tuition/Consultant Services
S-618	Educational Programs and Projects
T-212	Designation of Textbooks
U-064	Approval of Services for Children with Special Education Needs
U-065	Approval of Services for Children with Special Education Needs
U-066	Approval of Services for Children with Special Education Needs
U-067	Approval of Services for Children with Special Education Needs

Motion carried 5, 0.

**X. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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