

JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

Middle School Library
Thursday, September 18, 2008

Present:

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

Also Present:

Henry L. Grishman, Superintendent
Ben Ciuffo
Barbara Bauer
Nancy J. Saviano

Absent:

Joan L. Colvin

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Shawn Gladstone "That the Board of Education move to Executive Session."

Motion carried 5, 0.

Board moved out of executive session at 6:30 PM.

Tennis Court - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Board of Education attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Tennis Courts.

II. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

External Auditor – Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP

Barbara Krieger introduced the external auditors Vincent D. Cullen and Alan Yu of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP; Mr. Cullen gave a brief report on New York State Education Law auditing standards and indicated that the Audit was presented in draft form in accordance with mandated guidelines he also stated that the actual Audit Report and Financial Statement will be submitted after Board approval. The Jericho School District's financial position is solvent, the fund balance and reserves were within the framework of a high credit rating. Mr. Cullen thanked the staff for their patience and cooperation throughout the painfully thorough audit.

Mr. Grishman indicated that the board will vote later in the meeting and the final reports, when available, will be sent to the New York State Education Department and be posted on the district's website.

High School Student Council

Jaycee Gruszecki, Student Council Co-President reported on activities in the High School.

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III. **Board Actions**

Approval of Minutes

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "That the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated August 4, 2008, the Special Meetings dated August 15, 2008 and September 4, 2008".

Motion carried 5, 0.

IV. **REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Introduction – New Staff Members

Barbara Krieger introduced the following new staff members and indicated that a reception had taken place prior to the meeting:

John Castronova	Lindsay Thompson
Antony Sinanis	Debra Moger
Roberta Becker	Dominick Capozzi
Lori DiPrisco	Lauryn Fischer
Aristea Kakounis	Serena McCalla
Karen Riley	Karen VanNostrand
Jeanne O'Brien	Jacqueline Palumbo
Brooke Schnittman	Joseph Aniello
Andrew Verdino	Denise Daniels
Anne Frischer	Toni Marie Uckar
Brittney-Ann Cundari	Linda Ferriola
Jennifer Kopascka	Denise Lennart
Amy Ferry	Allison Laufer
Gavin Donahue	Kathleen Quinn
Daniel McKillen	Lindsay Thompson

Enrollment Report

Mr. Grishman reported that the enrollment as of September 12, 2008 was 3,134.

See enclosure # 4.

Middle School Student Council

Justin Dennett and Adam Birbach Graders reported on activities in the Middle School.

PTA Council

Nancy Weiss PTA President welcomed new staff members and reported on activities in the PTA .

See Attached

Jericho Educational Foundation

Jess Rudolph reported on the foundation's activities and indicated that they will be presenting the first student film festival on November 14, 2008 in the Little Theatre with special guest judges scheduled to appear. Mr. Rudolph also thanked everyone for their support.

Jericho Jayhawks Booster Association

Steve Brett wished everyone a great school year and indicated that the association is offering three scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year, criteria for applying is forthcoming.

Jericho Athletic Association

Barbara Krieger introduced Jack Schnitt and Harold Wanderman of the Jericho Athletic Association; Mr. Wanderman indicated that thirteen (13) Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) had been installed in bright orange lockboxes behind each backstop on our baseball fields along with First Aid equipment provided by the Jericho Fire Department. The inspiration for this project and names of others involved are noted in the attached statement.

See Attached

Traffic Safety Issue

Debbie Brody announced that a Brookville Safety Association will be conducting a meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at AHRC on Wheatley Road to address the traffic safety issues on Rte. 107. Senator Carl Marcellino, Rob Walker and a representative from the Department of Transportation are scheduled to attend.

Jericho High School – 2007/08 Scholar/Athlete Team School of Distinction

The Jericho UFSD achieved the School of Distinction Award from New York State Public High School Athletic Association; Nancy Sammis presented the award to Joe Prisinzano. Ms. Sammis indicated that this is the 4th year in a row Jericho has been so honored. All twenty nine (29) Jericho varsity teams achieved a 90% average or better and share this distinction with only 16 other districts statewide.

Middle School Principal

Don Gately gave a power point presentation on the Middle School and their new report card.

See Attached

Adoption of Board Policy

First Reading

The following policies were reviewed by the Board and tabled for further review by counsel:

- #7223 Provision of Special Education Services to Nonpublic School Students with Disabilities Who Are Parentally Placed
- #8281 Title I Parent Involvement Policy
- #8411 Emergency School Closings: Extraordinary Condition Days/Student Attendance

➤ Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Shawn Gladstone "That the Board of Education accept the first reading of the following policies:"

- #6480 Professional Certification: 175 Hours of Professional Development Requirement
- #8430 Coursework and Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation (*as amended*)

NOTE: See Enclosure # 19

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V. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS (continued)

Executive Session

The Board met with Vincent D. Cullen and Alan Yu of Coughlin Foundatos Cullen & Danowski, LLP to review the draft copy of the June 30, 2008 audit report at their last Executive Session.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Grishman discussed the possible impact Wall Street could have on school districts. He mentioned that the buzz is becoming more prevalent about mid year cuts. Discussions at the state level are ongoing and he will monitor all variables. The proposed 4% tax cap will fuel the impact the New York State Employees Retirement System (NYSERS) and the New York State Teachers Retirement System (NYSTRS) which recently went down 1.1%. Based on the stock exchange difficulties the retirement system may consume the cap, he will keep Board posted on discussions.

Barbara Krieger commented that Mr. Grishman was discussing the State's proposed tax cap not budget cap, Jericho UFSD received very little state aid and residents only have the opportunity to vote on school and library budgets. The fire department budget was increased by 23%. We need to rally opposition to the 4% cap on school tax levy by contacting our representatives Assemblyman Rob Walker and Senator Carl Marcellino.

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.

Ira Checkla requested that the Board review a Title IX issue, a 1972 law prohibits sex discrimination of students and employees. Athletics require gender equity for girl's teams, an athletic request was denied for a field request and they were told the field was too big for girls and he later received an email that girl's varsity homecoming game was moved to 9:00 am. Mr. Checkla emailed a request to receive the name of the Title IX compliance officer to predicate action necessary before further action. Mr. Checkla indicated that he had not taken any further action at this time.

Joe Lorintz stated that he thought it was inappropriate that Mr. Checkla brought this matter to the Board before meeting with the Title IX officer and Barbara Krieger stated that Mr. Checkla should proceed with the Title IX officer.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Gift

- Mark Basile made the motion seconded by Claire Hochheiser "That the Board of Education accepts a monetary gift in honor of the high school music department, said donation having been made by a district resident."

Motion carried 5, 0.

Acceptance of Gift

- Shawn Gladstone made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "That the Board of Education accepts a television on behalf of the Jericho High School, said donation having been made by a district resident."

Motion carried 5, 0.

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Auditor's Report

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of

Education acknowledges receipt of the report of the school auditor Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, for the year ending June 30, 2008.”

NOTE: Enclosure # 20

Motion carried 5, 0.

VII. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

Important Dates

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

VIII. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules

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

A-534	Treasurer’s Report
D-GF-02	General Fund
D-GF-03	General Fund
D-GF-04	General Fund
D-GF-05	General Fund
D-FF-02	Federal Fund
D-FF-03	Federal Fund
D-FF-04	Federal Fund
D-CF-02	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-03	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-04	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-02	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-03	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-04	Trust & Agency Fund
K-02	Construction Fund
K-03	Construction Fund
K-04	Construction Fund
D-GF-01	Conference Expense
E-1558 (rev)	Award of Bid - Out of District & Special Transportation
E-1559	Stipend – Deputy District Clerk
E-1560	Obsolete Equipment\
E-1561	Contract – Klobus Driving School
E-1562	Contract - Actuarial & Technical Solutions, Inc.
G-2624 (rev)	Probationary Appointments, Instructional
G-2636 (rev)	Appointments, Extra-curricular Coaches
G-2637 (rev)	Appointments, Extra-curricular Coaches
G-2639 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2640 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2643 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Elementary, Learning Center Instructors
G-2648 (rev)	Appointments, Elementary Schools 2008-2009 Service Function/Club Rates
G-2654	Instructional Inservice Course Participation

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G-2655	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers
G-2656	Appointments, Instructional, Part Time
G-2657	Probationary Appointments, Instructional

GG-1044	Non-instructional Inservice Course Participation
GG-1045	Appointments, Non-instructional
GG-1046	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitutes
H-671	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
HH-604	Resignations and Terminations of Employment of Non-instructional Employees
K-356 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-358 (rev)	Leaves of Absence, Instructional
K-359 (rev)	Curriculum Assignments, Instruction
L-444	Use of School Facilities
O-599	Services/Consultants
O-600 (rev)	Tuition/Consultant Services
O-601 (rev)	Services/Consultant Doctors
S-638 (rev)	Educational Programs and Projects
S-642 (rev)	Educational Programs and Projects
S-646	Educational Programs and Projects
U-109	Approval of Services for Children with Special Education Needs

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Shawn Gladstone "That the Board of Education move to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter".

Motion carried 5, 0.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:30

Respectfully Submitted,

**Nancy J. Saviano
Deputy District Clerk**