

JERICO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
6:00 P.M.*

CANTIAGUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009

Present:

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

Also Present:

Henry L. Grishman, Superintendent
Joan L. Colvin
Barbara Bauer

Absent:

Claire Hochheiser
Ben Ciuffo

I. CALL TO ORDER

Barbara Krieger called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

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

Motion carried 4, 0.

Board moved out of executive session at 7:40 PM.

Board of Education Letter

Barbara Krieger read a letter from the Board of Education, signed by all Board Members, apologizing to Mr. Grishman for the handling of a situation at the February 11, 2009 Budget Workshop.

See Attached

II. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Cantiague Student Council

Matt Herzog - President, Rachel Hirschheimer - Vice President, Lauren Orr – Treasurer and Tyler Blitz – Secretary, reported on activities in the Cantiague Elementary School.

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III. BOARD ACTIONS

Approval of Minutes

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Shawn Gladstone "That the Board of Education make any necessary corrections and move approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated February 11, 2009."

Motion carried 4, 0.

Tenure Recipient

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "That the Board of Education move Schedule J-143 tenure appointment of Anne Frischer."

Motion carried 4, 0.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

National Merit Scholarship Finalists

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joseph Lorintz "That the Board of Education congratulate the following National Merit Scholarship Finalists":

Michael Tischler	Zachary Levine
Chelsea Zhou	Joshua Kornberg
Jacob Roberts	Joseph Kim
Haixiang Belle Peng	John Hwang

Motion carried 4, 0.

Swimming Team - NYS Championship

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joseph Lorintz "That the Board of Education congratulate the following students for their distinction as New York State Swimming Team Champions and recognize the associated staff members below":

Alex Wu
Jordan Solomon

Curriculum Associate: Nancy Sammis
Coach: Richard Stern

Motion carried 4, 0.

IV. RECOGNITIONS (continued)

Wrestling Team

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joseph Lorintz "That the Board of Education recognize the following students and staff from the Wrestling Team Winners of N.I.T. Dual Meet Championship":

Max Blumencranz
Matthew Bernstein
Joseph Chamish
Richard Frisenda
Barrington Mitchell II
Zachary Rosenthal
Nicholas Tuccillo
Matthew Zakian
Michael Camhi
Martin Lecher
Kevin Tzeng

Dustin Sheinberg
Jonathan Reisman
Sean Condon
Steven Garziano
Joshua Montazeri
Michael Tuccillo
Robert Wu
Stephen Ackerman
James Corcoran
Frank Modica

Curriculum Associate: Nancy Sammis
Coaches: Kevin Brodsky
Jim Shotter

Motion carried 4, 0.

Long Island Presidents Council (LIPC) Contest

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "That the Board of Education the following students for their distinctions in the LIPC Essay Contest and recognize the associated staff members below":

Winner: Isaac Zamost
Teacher: Michael Zarett
Favorite Class: Science with Laurie Oddo

Winner: Shruthi Shekar
Teacher: Rande Siper
Favorite Class: Art with Jeff Shanzer

Winner: Bari Britvan
Teacher: Janice Garfinkel
Favorite Class: Community Service with Trisha Taylor

Winner: Irene Hsiung
Teacher: Mellene Hederian Reilly
Favorite Class: Math with Jennifer Carbone

Runner Up: Sun Ha Shin
Teacher: Donna Patron
Favorite Class: ESL with Jill Spechler

Runner Up: Sydney Herzog
Teacher: Rande Siper
Favorite Class: Library with Lorraine Tedesco

Runner Up: Amanda Damon
Teacher: Janice Garfinkel
Favorite Class: ELA with Janice Garfinkel

Runner Up: Anjeli Song
Teacher: Patricia Gulitti
Favorite Class: Art with Susan Menkes

Curriculum Associate: Dan Salzman
JTA President: Maryann Risi

Motion carried 4, 0.

V. **REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

Middle School Student Council

Danielle Gerome and Nicole Wilkow – 8th Graders reported on activities in the Middle School

High School Student Council

Jennifer Bell and Jaycee Gruszecki – Student Council Co-Presidents reported on activities in the High School.

PTA Council

Nancy Weiss, PTA President read the attached statement and reported on PTA activities.

See Attached

Enrollment Report

Mr. Grishman reported that the enrollment as of March 13, 2009 is 3,142.

See Enclosure # 2

High School Principal

Joseph Prisinzano presented a power point presentation outlining the High School initiatives.

See attached

Executive Session

The Board discussed personnel and contract issues at their last Executive Session.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Grishman reported:

- **Metropolitan Transit Authority Tax (MTA)**

Our local Legislators are now supporting a .25 Metropolitan Transit Authority payroll tax that could impact the district by as much as \$250,000. He urged community members to call our legislators and state our opposition to pushing down the funding of the MTA to the local school tax levy.

- **Arrow Security**

Mr. Grishman stated that we like many other school districts have contracted with Arrow Security for our security guards. Arrow Security has assured the school district that all their guards have been processed through the NYS clearinghouse. Arrow Security has also increased their processing of security guards and will voluntarily step up their review by checking every employee and applicant through the NYS Sex Offender Registry.

See Attached

V. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Miscellaneous

- **Fund Raiser**

Mr. Grishman announced a fund raiser "An Evening for Lucas" a vibrant 12 year old from East Meadow who has a brain tumor. Sunday May 3, 2009 from 3-7 pm at Mulcahy's in Wantagh. Admission \$30. Tickets may be obtained from Mary Marks.

See Attached

VI. 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.

Deborah Pepper has a 3rd grade student at Cantiague where the third grade is currently splint into four (4) sections and asked the Board to consider the same four (4) sections for 4th grade next year.

Ira Checkla asked to have the statement re-read. The Board indicated that it would be part of the minutes. Mr. Checkla went on to state that kids are losing program, teachers are losing jobs, etc. Barbara Krieger interrupted him and stated that Administration and the Board have worked harder on this budget than any of the other 18 years that she has been involved with the Board of Education. We have to make compromises and changes and the proposed budget was established with the goal of upholding our strong academic program within the parameter of less than 4% budget to budget increase and a less than 4% tax levy increase.

Mark Basile, Board of Education member, commented on the competing interests for our communities resources. He urged the members of the community to view our budget with an understanding of the financial challenges we face in today's economic times while realizing our district's responsibility for the education of all of our children.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Adoption of Board Policies

Second Reading

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "That the Board of Education approve and adopt Board Policies as shown in Enclosure #11:

#7121 Diagnostic Screening of Students
#7513 Administration of Medication

NOTE: See Enclosure # 11

Motion carried 4, 0.

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Proposed 2009-2010 School Budget

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the proposed budget of \$105,232,204 for the 2009-2010 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voting machines appropriately reflect that amount."

NOTE: See Enclosure # 12

Mark Basile affirmed Claire Hochheiser's support of the budget indicating that she stated so at the last budget workshop.

Motion carried 4, 0.

Jericho Public Library

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "That the Board of Education authorize the 2009-2010 Jericho Public Library proposed budget in the amount of \$4,499,600 and the amount to be raised by taxes for 2009-2010 to be \$4,393,400 as approved by the Jericho Public Library Board of Trustees on February 10, 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the voting machines appropriately reflect these amounts."

NOTE: See Enclosure # 13

Motion carried 4, 0.

Adoption of 2001-2012 School Calendar

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Shawn Gladstone "That the Board of Education adopt the calendar for the 2001-2012 school year as shown in Enclosure # 14".

NOTE: See Enclosure # 14

Motion carried 4, 0.

Nomination to BOCES Board of Education

- Barbara Krieger made the motion seconded by Joseph Lorintz "BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education nominate Iris Wolfson, Susan Bergtraum and Michael Weinick as candidates for the position of Board Member for Nassau BOCES."

NOTE: See Enclosure # 15

Motion carried 4, 0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Adoption of Board Policy

First Reading

- Joseph Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile "That the Board of Education approve and adopt the following board policy:

#6551 Family and Medical Leave Act

NOTE: See Enclosure # 16

Motion carried 4,0.

IX. BOARD ACTIONS

Approval of Schedules

- Shawn Gladstone made the motion seconded by Joseph Lorintz "That the Board of Education approves the following schedules for appropriate action:

A-540	Treasurer's Report
B-GF-502	General Fund
B-FF-469	Federal Fund
B-CAF-499	Cafeteria Fund
D-GF-24	General Fund
D-GF-25	General Fund
D-GF-26	General Fund
D-FF-19	Federal Fund
D-FF-20	Federal Fund
D-FF-21	Federal Fund
D-CF-21	Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-22	Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-24	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-25	Trust & Agency Fund
D-SA-26	Trust & Agency Fund
K-16	Construction Fund
D-GF-06	Conference Expense
E-1579	Agreement – Preparation of Financial Statements
E-1580	Award of Bid – Out of District & Special Transportation
E-1581	Award of Contract – Tel/Logic Inc.
G-2635 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2636 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2637 (rev)	Appointments, Extracurricular Coaches
G-2640 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Intramural Activities
G-2650 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2658 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers
G-2668 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2670 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute
G-2672 (rev)	Appointments, Instructional, Regular Substitute

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IX. BOARD ACTIONS (continued)

Approval of Schedules

G-2674	Appointments, Instructional, Substitute Teachers
G-2675	Appointments, Instructional
GG-1061	Appointments, Non-instructional, Substitutes
H-677	Resignations and Terminations of Employment
I-450 (rev)	Setting Salary and Benefits – Confidential Secretarial Directors Instructional Directors Non-instructional
K-366 (rev)	Leave of Absence - Instructional
L-450	Use of School Facilities
O-599	Services/Consultants
S-651 (rev)	Educational Programs and Projects
U-115	Approval of Services for Children with Special Education Needs
U-116	Approval of Services for Children with Special Education Needs

Motion carried 4, 0.

X. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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