I. CALL TO ORDER

Barbara Krieger called the meeting to order at 7:42.

Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Shawn Gladstone “That the Board of Education move to Executive Session”.

Motion carried 5, 0.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Mr. Grishman introduced new staff members and indicated that a reception in their honor had taken place prior to the meeting.

II. BOARD ACTIONS

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 14 and the Special Meeting dated September 4, 2007 as amended”.

Motion carried 5, 0.

III. REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Enrollment Report

Mr. Grishman reported that the enrollment as of September 19, 2007 is 3,218 and stated that this figure was 19 students less than 2006-2007.

(See Enclosure)

Middle School Student Council

Brea Weinreb and Ben Lazarus – 8th Graders reported on activities at the Middle School.
III. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

High School Student Council

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

PTA Council

Michelle Gruszecki, PTA President reported on PTA activities and read a prepared statement.

See Attached

Jericho Educational Foundation (JEF)

Jeff Ratner gave an update on the activities of the Jericho Educational Foundation and read a prepared statement.

See Attached

Jericho High School 2006-2007 Scholar/Athlete School of Distinction

Jericho is one of eight (8) schools in New York State to receive this honor. To receive this award every varsity team member must have an average of 90 or better. Jericho has 29 varsity teams who have achieved a GPA of 90 or better.

Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile “That the Board of Education congratulate the New York Scholar Athlete Team”.

Motion carried 5, 0.

PRIDE Committee

Mr. Grishman reported on the PRIDE Committee meeting which had taken place the week prior.

George Batjiaka Memorial

Mr. Grishman indicated that a bronze bench was offered as a donation in the memory of George Batjiaka, former High School Principal.

Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Shawn Gladstone “That the Board of Education accept the donation of a bronze bench in memory of George Batjiaka”.

Motion carried 5, 0.

Dedication of Marissa Lanzarro Bishop Memorial

Pat Bany, Middle School Assistant Principal unveiled a plaque honoring the memory of Marissa Lanzarro Bishop, Middle School Learning Center instructor who passed away in June 2006 after a long battle with cystic fibrosis.
III. REPORTS/DISCUSSION (continued)

Guidance Curriculum Associate Presentation

Lois Smith, Guidance Curriculum Associate gave a presentation explaining the functions of the Guidance Department.

See Attached

Review of Board Policies

The following policies were reviewed by the Board and no changes were made:
- 6460 Jury Duty
- 6510 Health Insurance
- 6520 Workers’ Compensation
- 6530 Payroll Deductions
- 6540 Defense and Indemnification of Board Members and Employees
- 6560 Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

The following policies are to be reviewed further:
- 7110 Comprehensive Student Attendance Policy
- 7111 Class Attendance and Course Completion
- 6470 Staff Use of Computerized Information Resources

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

- 6550 Leaves of Absence
- 6551 Family and Medical Leave Act
- 7112 Released Time of Students

Motion carried 5, 0.


Rhonda Meserole and Jamie Papas of Pappas & Company, Certified Public Accountants reviewed the comments from the management letter related to W-2 forms, invoice approval and budget transfers. None of the comments are considered to be a significant deficiency or a material weakness under the new definitions of SAS 112. They reported that the district is in sound fiscal structure. The good fiscal health of the school district is a result of the community support, the leadership of the Board of Education and the effective management of the school district’s resources.

Executive Session

The Board discussed personnel and legal matters at our last Executive Session.
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 asked for an explanation of the Physical Education exemption Policy.
Toni Meliambro raised several concerns with regard to the NYS Comptrollers Audit and the audit report prepared by Pappas & Company in 2005-06.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Auditor’s Report

Joe Lorintz made the motion seconded by Mark Basile “That the Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the report of the school auditor Pappas & Company, for the year ending June 30, 2007.”

NOTE: See Enclosure #17

VI. PREVIEW FOR FUTURE ACTION

Important Dates

The Board of Education noted dates listed by administration.

VII. 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-522 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-CF-02 Cafeteria Fund
D-CF-03 Cafeteria Fund
D-SA-02 Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-03 Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-04 Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-05 Trust and Agency Fund
D-SA-06 Trust and Agency Fund
E-1497 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
E-1498 Contract – Safety-Kleen Systems
K-02 Construction Fund
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.*
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

VII. BOARD ACTIONS (continued)

Approval of Schedules (continued)

Motion carried 5, 0.
 Claire Hochheiser made the motion seconded by Mark Basile. That the Board of Education approves the following schedule for appropriate action:

GG-1010 Appointments, Non-instructional, Swim Program

Motion carried 3, 0, 2 abstentions, Shawn Gladstone and Joe Lorintz.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan L. Colvin, Ed.D.
District Clerk