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Board of Education Notes September 21, 2023 Meeting

In an effort to increase Board/Public Communications, after each Board of Education meeting an email will be sent to parents, staff, and anyone who requested to receive district e-mail communications, highlighting board discussions.

- The meeting opened with a recognition of eight Herricks seniors who were named National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists—meaning that they are counted amongst the top 1% of all high school seniors nationwide. Additionally, congratulations were made regarding Denton Avenue's recognition as a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Denton will be celebrated at the October 19th Board of Education Meeting.

- The Board took a moment to share news regarding the passing of a faculty member, as well as commenting on the recent Farmingdale bus accident.

- As a follow up to an email sent out earlier in the week on Tuesday, the Board and superintendent issued the following statement:

"After 9pm on Tuesday night we learned of a video that was circulating on the internet. Within minutes our Board of Education and leadership team mobilized and began investigating the matter. Later that night, you received my email updating you on this matter and informing you that the teacher was removed from the secondary classroom. The following morning, we informed legal authorities and continued investigating in an effort to ensure the safety of our students. We also took steps to ensure that our students and staff were supported and had access to counselors if necessary. At this point we can share that the teacher is no longer employed by the district."

Many members of the community came out to express their thoughts and ideas regarding this incident.

The Board proceeded to vote on the following new business:

1. Approval of Life Insurance Renewal Rates (**Approved**)
2. Approval of Rider to Agreement Between Herricks UFSD and Custom Tours, Inc. (**Approved**)
3. Approval of Special Education Contracts (**Approved**)
4. Nassau BOCES 2023-2024 Letter of Intent (**Approved**)
5. Approval of Professional Development Speaker 2023-2024 - Angelo Juliani (**Approved**)
6. Approval of NYSSMA Trips (**Approved**)
7. Approval to Dispose of Obsolete Science Textbooks (**Approved**)

- For more information on the above, see the full Agenda & Minutes here: <https://herricksufsd.igmm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

- The Board Meeting is available in its entirety at: <https://www.youtube.com/@herrickslivestream>

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for
October 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM in the Community Center.