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# Board of Education Notes December 6, 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 began with a number of announcements, including: The high school recently hosted their annual wrestling tournament (athletic events can be watched live at: <https://www.herricks.org/Domain/11>). They also hosted a special event where English students had the opportunity to meet and speak with several veterans as part of their current unit of study. There will be many concerts held this month, including a recent middle school concert which was held on the 5th (a full schedule of concerts can be found at: <https://www.herricks.org/Page/10#calendar13935/20231207/month>). The Community Center Auditorium and second grade classroom renovations have been completed. A group of six middle school students also highlighted the various Flex classes and electives, such as Junior Chefs and the English Scholar Program. This was made possible as a result of the school's schedule change which was introduced 5 years ago.

- The Board held a Public Hearing on the updated Senior Citizen Tax Exemption, Disabled Veterans's Tax Exemption, and Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers Tax Exemption. Based on local legislation, senior citizens and disabled veterans may qualify for a tax exemption based on income. While a tax exemption is currently offered for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers with 5+ years of service, a new law has reduced the requirement to 2 years.

**The Board voted to approve all three updated tax exemption policies.** Further information can be found in the full Meeting Agenda: <https://herricksufsd.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>

- The Board presented their goals for the 2023-2024 school year, which are as follows:
  - Supporting the district-wide implementation of the NYS Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Framework to promote equity, inclusivity, and belonging.
  - Enhance systems of communications and information dissemination to provide easy and regular access.
  - Board seeks to promote district success by relying on its core values:
    - Collaborative Thinking
    - Students Personal Development
    - Passion for Herricks Community
    - Honesty/Respect
    - Growth Mindset

• **All Routine & New Business items were voted on and approved**—for a full list of items, please see the full Agenda & Minutes here: <https://herricksufsd.iqm2.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 January 11, 2024 at 7:30 PM in the Community Center.