



### **VIRTUAL REALITY IS HERE!**

Christmas in April? It's true! Just ask Gene Homer, left, Rebecca Smith and Todd Jacobs, who took the White House Christmas Lights Tour without leaving their seats during Monday's Board of Education meeting.

Hancock Central School District's BOE members were introduced to the Google Expeditions virtual-reality teaching tool, which allows users to explore close to 500 scenarios. With Google Expeditions, it's possible to swim with sharks, visit outer space, walk through a museum – even tour the White House – without leaving the classroom.

HCSD purchased 30 student explorer units and one teacher/leader device. Staff members will be trained to use the devices Thursday, with students to follow in the very near future.

For more information on Google Expeditions, visit the website:

<https://support.google.com/edu/expeditions/answer/6335093?hl=en>