

**NORTH ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

December 18, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Blanco	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Martin	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>

Also Present:

Matthew Donohue, CPA of Donohue, Gironda, Doria & Tomkins (7:15 pm)

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of December 18, 2017, of the Board of Education of the Borough of North Arlington, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, is called pursuant to a schedule of meetings adopted on January 2, 2017, as amended, and of notice given to the Clerk of the Borough of North Arlington and to the Librarian of the Free Public Library of North Arlington for posting therein as election notices are posted and of notice given to the Editor of the following newspapers: Bergen RECORD of Hackensack and the Newark Star Ledger.

The Superintendent discussed and reported the following:

1. The Board President reviewed and discussed the Board Agreement between the North Arlington Recreation and the North Arlington Board of Education.
2. The Superintendent reviewed a report on “Chronic Absenteeism” published by Advocates for Children of NJ. He discussed strategies that have already been implemented this year to address this issue.
3. The Superintendent updated the Board on the Bergen Community College Agreement and discussed his meeting with Berkeley College and Eastwick College regarding new opportunities.
4. The Superintendent discussed a proposed logo for football helmets. The Board asked for revisions to be made.
5. The Superintendent informed the Board that “Classroom Closeup” will be coming to North Arlington High School to film on January 18th regarding the Early College Programs, which will air in mid-February.
6. The Superintendent discussed vaping in the High School. Possible solutions were discussed such as metal detectors, metal detector wands, and increased staff support in hallway.
7. The Superintendent reviewed leasing and purchasing options of Chromebooks across several grade levels throughout the school district.

8. The Superintendent suggested condensing, restructuring, and revamping all board committees. All Board members were in agreement.
9. Mrs. Higgins inquired about possible training of PTO members and school chaperones through SafeSchools.
10. Mrs. Higgins questioned the removal of a Math Stipend.
11. Mrs. Higgins asked for further clarification on the Uniform State Memorandum Agreement.
12. Mrs. Higgins asked for clarification regarding the new implementation of the web hosting through Blackboard.
13. Mrs. Higgins asked for clarification regarding bathroom renovations at Roosevelt School.
14. Mrs. Higgins asked for clarification regarding the Jefferson School retaining wall.

Motion to move into Executive Session was made at 6:58 pm by Mr. Blanco, second by Mrs. Martin. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

Open Session reconvened at 7:15 pm. Motion by Mr. Blanco, second by Mrs. Gilgallon. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

Matthew Donohue, CPA of Donohue, Gironda, Doria & Tomkins entered the room at 7:15 pm

The auditor presented the Board with two Reports, the CAFR Report and the AMR Report and explained the different sections and financials in each report. There were no audit recommendations.

Mr. Donohue left the room at 7:30 pm.

Motion to move into Executive Session was made at 7:30 pm by Mrs. Gilgallon, second by Mrs. Higgins. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

Open Session reconvened at 7:32 pm. Motion by Mrs. Higgins, second by Mr. Blanco. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 pm by Mr. Blanco, second by Mrs. Higgins. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

Respectfully,

Kathleen McEwin-Marano

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