

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

February 26, 2018

5:33 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>

Also Present:

Amy Canning, Esq. of Fogarty & Hara, Esqs.

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of February 26, 2018, 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 9, 2018, 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 shared with the Board documentation regarding school shootings in the United States over the last 20 years. The Board and Superintendent discussed current safety protocols, anticipated upgrades, and upcoming meetings with the NAPD.
2. The Superintendent presented the district-wide School Performance Report, highlighting strengths and noting areas of focus. Strategies and initiatives were also reviewed. Parents were provided with a letter regarding the School Performance Reports.
3. The Superintendent discussed the possibility of the softball team having to relocate some, if not all home games scheduled at Allen Field depending on Borough plans to correct drainage issues.
4. The Superintendent provided an overview of Parent Information Night held on 2/21/18, which reminded parents of the supplemental online resources for students and opportunities for extra help.
5. The Superintendent discussed the possibility of departmentalizing grades four and five.
6. Mr. Dorsett questioned agenda items related to cheerleading and longevity.
7. Mrs. Higgins asked for clarification regarding coaches in various sports as well as retirements for this year.

8. Mr. Smith questioned the drop off process at Jefferson Elementary School. The Superintendent praised the NAPD for providing support on Hedden Terrace.

Amy Canning, Esq. entered Public Work Session at 5:54 pm.

9. Discussion regarding tabling Item #6A from the Agenda until further notice.

10. The Board President questioned the engineering and architectural survey for Queen of Peace. The Superintendent explained the rationale for the survey. It is anticipated that the survey will be filed with the DOE Facilities, Department of Education.

11. The Superintendent discussed the Addendum to the Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement with the North Arlington Police Department.

Motion to move to Executive Session made at 6:10 pm by Mrs. Higgins, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

Open Session reconvened at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully,

Kathleen McEwin-Marano

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