

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

August 28, 2017

5:05 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>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of August 28, 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 Superintendent discussed the Queen of Peace Building and Land.
2. The Superintendent provided the Board with information regarding the AP Exams and the costs. The Board agreed that students who pass any AP Exam will be reimbursed by the Board.
3. The Superintendent updated the Board on the BCC Early College Program.
4. The Superintendent completed an Annual Review of Comprehensive Equity Plan.
5. Ms. Dembowski informed the Board on the outcome of hanging outside vendor flyers around the school buildings.
6. Mrs. Higgins inquired of the approximate sizes of Kindergarten classes. The Superintendent explained the waiver process to increase class sizes to 29 students.
7. Mrs. Martin inquired about the status of the High School roof repair. The School Business Administrator commented that the roof project has been completed with the exception of the metal trimming.
8. The Superintendent answered Mrs. Martin's questions regarding new personnel.
9. The Superintendent and Board discussed the Lunch Program and Pay-For-It.
10. The Superintendent discussed the Doctrine of Necessity for anticipated contract negotiations with the NAEA.

11. Mrs. Higgins reviewed the evaluation process of the Superintendent of Schools and the upcoming changes.
12. The Superintendent introduced our two new Supervisors of Curriculum and Instruction who reviewed the following for the Board:

Discussed previous curriculum:

- Reasons for change
- Cohesion and consistency for all teachers and students
- Framework (Needed and required by state)
- Compliance for all subjects and all grade levels

Discussed development of new curriculum:

- Teacher input and development throughout summer (formal and informal)
- Current curricular documents integrated into new framework
- Research-based techniques/ resources/ strategies
- State Mandates/ NJSLs/ NGSS/ SLOs/ WIDA
- Cross- Curricular Framework created to foster collaboration
- Provide Baseline/ Foundation for all teachers
- Common Benchmark Assessments to facilitate instructional refinement and best practices
- Addressed all populations of learners G&T/Spec. Ed./ ELL/ At-Risk Students

Discussed curriculum goals for 17/18 and beyond:

- Purpose of framework is solely to aide teacher development and best practice
- Development of curricula throughout school year
- “Living, Breathing” Document/ Teacher and Student Ownership
- Constant Communication/ Development are needed (*Articulation/ PLCs)
- Resources/Professional Development will entail this process

13. The Board President addressed the issue of air conditioning in classrooms throughout the school district.

Motion to move to Closed Session at 6:40 pm by Mr. Blanco, second by Mrs. Martin.

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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