

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

December 19, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Martin	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Titterington	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Blanco	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Ricciardelli	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of December 19, 2016, 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 4, 2016, 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.

Matt Donahue from Donahue, Gironda, Doria, & Tomkins, LLC, presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Mr. Donahue reviewed the status of fund balance, excess fund balance, Capital Reserve, Exhibit B1, C1 and I (series Bonds). There were no audit recommendations. At the conclusion of the audit, Mr. Donahue discussed that due to impending retirements, he recommended replacing the payroll and benefit coordinator with a staff accountant to allow the new Assistant Business Administrator to be mentored by Mrs. Marano. The Board supported the hiring of a staff accountant and directed the Superintendent to post for this position.

The Superintendent shared the District Newsletter with the Board and his plans for a seasonal newsletter.

The Superintendent discussed his review of available grants for capital projects (i.e. Regular Operating District [ROD] Grants); however, the NJDOE is no longer accepting new ROD Grant applications. Other grants currently available apply to “federally connected children,” which does not meet our criteria.

Roosevelt School: The Facilities Committee amended the drawings to include approximately 12 classrooms at Roosevelt School, instead of approximately 8 classrooms. The Superintendent’s Office and Business Office will remain at 222 Ridge Road.

The Superintendent reviewed the impact of inclement weather and the need to transport special education students via bus, if assigned. The Superintendent acknowledged Tony Alho, Supervisor of Building and Grounds for working with the Borough’s Department of Public Works to devise a plan where troublesome areas can be addressed in hopes of limiting the needs to close schools due to inclement weather.

Motion to go into Closed Session made at 6:55 p.m. by Mrs. Martin, 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.

PUBLIC MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2016

Public Work Session reconvenes at 7:13 p.m.

The Superintendent notified the Board that Bergen County Special Services identified an error in their records and will be reimbursing the district \$1100. They are continuing to review specific records from the 2015-2016 school year as well.

The Superintendent informed the Board that he met with Mayor Joseph Bianchi and Borough Business Administrator, Stephen LoLacono to review two pieces of Borough-owned property that could be made available if needed for temporary expansion of classroom space. The Superintendent also informed the Board that he has a meeting scheduled with the Superintendent of Lyndhurst to view their modular classrooms.

Motion to convene into closed session at 7:17 p.m. by Mr. Titterington, seconded 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 order.

Respectfully,

Kathleen McEwin-Marano

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