

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION
February 24, 2014**

6:00 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of February 24, 2014, 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 6, 2014, 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 Editors of the following newspapers: Bergen RECORD of Hackensack, and the Newark STAR-LEDGER.

Invited guests: Scott Rekant, Esq, Special Counsel, and Todd Hay of Pennoni Associates

Discussion regarding:

Mr. Rekant provided an update to the Board with reference to the Tidelands Grant Application. The application, originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2014, had been rescheduled due to the severe weather storms. The application will be considered by the Tidelands Resource Council on Wednesday, March 5, 2014. Mr. Rekant will attend the meeting. Mr. Rekant was optimistic about the cost of the Riparian easement. He is hopeful that the State has identified the litigation risk at a 75% discount. The Waterfront development permit has been approved and sent to Pennoni Associates. A flood hazard permit is required prior to undertaking any activity within the flood hazard area or riparian zone on site.

Mr. Rekant left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Mr. Hay reviewed questions pertaining to the time schedule for reconstruction at Rip Collins Field. Mr. Ricciardelli inquired if the buildings were being fabricated. Dr. Stringham will review this with Tony Catana of Spiezle Architectural Group.

Mr. Rosko inquired if the Board is allowed to turf the right field. Mr. Hay answered definitely not. The DEP confirmed that the entire site is within the tidal flood plan and waterfront development area of the Passaic River, and located within a 50 foot riparian zone of the river. Mr. Rosko then inquired if we can transfer easements. Mr. Hay answered no.

The Board discussed Mr. Hay's proposal for professional services for Rip Collins Field in the amount of \$35,500 as follows:

Pre-construction phase	Lump sum	\$ 5,000
Construction phase	NTE	\$27,500
Post-construction phase	Lump sum	\$ 3,000

Mr. Ricciardelli indicated that the Board will not make any decision this evening and will wait to discuss the proposal with the full board present.

Mr. Hay left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Rosko asked that the minutes reflect zero confidence in the Architect.

The Board discussed the following issues:

Full agenda discussion:

Diamond four conflict

Resolution 5, Application for Use of Public School Facilities

Authorization for equipment use and snow plowing by Board of Education personnel. These Board employees are paid by the Borough directly. The Business Administrator requested authorization from the Borough for workers' compensation claims and equipment damage. A certificate of insurance from the Borough is on file. The attorney recommended a formal shared service agreement. Dr. Stringham will review.

Administrators' contract

Graduation location at Zadroga field

Biology teacher returning from medical leave

Full time position for the athletic trainer

Withdraw of item F on the agenda

Full time technology staff member to work with the Director of Technology. The Board requested a job description and meeting with the Director of Technology at a future board meeting.

Motion to go into closed session made at 7:10 p.m. by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Rosko. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative it was so ordered.

This Open Session reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Motion to close to attend the Public meeting made at 7:20 p.m. by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Rosko. 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 submitted,

Kathleen McEwin-Marano

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