

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

April 30, 2018

5:30 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> (5:38pm)
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u> (5:45pm)

Also Present:

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

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of April 30, 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.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:31 pm made by Mrs. Higgins, second by Mr. Smith. 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 7:05 pm

The Superintendent discussed and reported the following:

1. The Superintendent shared the news regarding the donation from NJ Audubon to fund our students' Science experiments on water testing.
2. The Superintendent discussed the Middle School Climate Project/ grant application designed to assist schools in building a positive school climate and culture through the NJSCS.
3. The Superintendent explained what a Green Ribbon School was and informed the Board that our school district had an application in the works for the North Arlington High School.
4. The Superintendent discussed a parent concern with the Board regarding self-contained classrooms at Roosevelt.
5. The Superintendent reviewed the Items Not Known with the Board.
6. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the continued enrollment of three students.
7. The Superintendent addressed the summer project of a Roosevelt School bathroom renovation.

8. Mr. Smith requested clarification regarding prior year cancellations. Mrs. Marano clarified by explaining the cancellation process once a final pay application has been submitted by the vendor.
9. Mr. Smith requested clarification regarding Bergen Community College tuition. Mrs. Dembowski addressed the difference between the amount paid for student textbooks versus the actual fall and spring tuition that was paid.
10. Mr. Smith requested clarification regarding renovations at “RIP” Collins Athletic Complex. Mrs. Marano and Mrs. Dembowski explained to the Board that we would be exhausting the funds in the Referendum Account to pay for the upgrades to the pitcher’s mound and the bull pen.
11. Ms. Higgins requested clarification regarding wireless access points and wanted open discussion regarding the three-year technology plan. Mrs. Dembowski explained the need for the access points with regard to our new wireless upgrade and core router upgrade. Mrs. Marano further explained the tentative three-year technology plan that was prepared by our Director of Technology.
12. The Superintendent discussed the school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 8:25 pm made by Ms. Higgins, second by Mr. Smith. 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 9:10 pm

Respectfully,

Kathleen McEwin-Marano

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