

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

December 17, 2018

5:40 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>5:41 pm</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of December 17, 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: the Bergen RECORD of Hackensack and the Newark Star Ledger.

1. Mr. Dorsett inquired about School Board Recognition month. The Superintendent said that it was established to recognize the dedication and efforts of our Board Members.
2. Mrs. Higgins inquired about having surround cameras on new school buses. The School Business Administrator said that she would make an inquiry.
3. Mr. Dorsett inquired about Temporary Emergency Impact Aid Grant Award. The Assistant School Business Administrator provided information and is currently waiting for more specific numbers.
4. The Board President discussed “vaping” and the dangers. The Superintendent acknowledged that “vaping” is an issue among teens and reviewed several steps the district is taking to better inform students and parents.
5. The Superintendent relayed a message to the Board regarding a call he received from the President of the Bergen County School Board, Bruce Young for Senator Sarlo. The Budget Committee is looking for representation from each School Board on January 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Wood-Ridge Borough Hall.
6. The Superintendent announced that the North Arlington High School was awarded the “Most Improved Percent of Back Seatbelt Usage” by Hackensack Meridian Health in Bergen County. The Board offered their congratulations to North Arlington High School.
7. The Superintendent announced that the Early College Program is now expanding to approximately a dozen new districts. North Arlington School District is being noted in Bergen County College’s new pamphlet for mailings. North Arlington High School currently has 19 students on pace to graduate with a high school diploma and associate degree.

8. The Superintendent informed the Board that we did not receive the Lowe's Grant regarding the 1:1 initiative.
9. The Superintendent discussed the Green Ribbon application as a very prestigious award for "green" efforts throughout schools. Carolyn Kropp is the lead applicant in pursuing "Green Ribbon" status, as part of her administrative internship, for our district. The Superintendent complimented Mrs. Kropp and stated that everyone is optimistic and hopeful about our application.
10. The Superintendent discussed a parent who reached out to him regarding "vaping" issues throughout the town and inquired about random drug testing for athletes. The Superintendent acknowledged the "vaping" issue and said that he had recently sent letters and informative packets to parents about this issue. The Superintendent and Board discussed developing a policy regarding random drug testing throughout North Arlington High School for students involved in athletics, competitions, and activities.
11. Mr. Dorsett commended Karin Kusher and our National Honor Society inductees after recently attending the induction ceremony.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:05 pm made by Mr. Dorsett, 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.

Respectfully,

Kathleen McEwin-Marano
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