

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**April 29, 2019**

5:35 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>5:50 pm</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>

Also Present: Robert Lorfink, Esq. of Fogarty & Hara Esqs.

**III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of April 29, 2019, 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 3, 2019, 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.

The Superintendent discussed:

1. The Superintendent informed the Board that there will be a Uniform Committee Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. and that any two members are welcome to attend.
2. The Superintendent discussed the possibility of marching with the Board at the Memorial Day Parade.
3. The Superintendent informed the Board that the Community-Based Meetings were going well and that the meetings have been extended through August.
4. The Superintendent informed the Board that a survey had been completed regarding Chromebooks. Approximately ninety percent of staff respondents were in favor of Chromebooks. The overall consensus of Middle School Teachers was that it would be extremely helpful to have all teachers having their own personal Chromebook, after completing the 1:1 Chromebook/g-suite pilot in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
5. The Superintendent informed the Board that Gravity Goldberg had a carryover of two sessions and that there were four additional sessions being added. The teachers will be getting the same amount of PD provided this year for Reading and Writing Workshop.
6. The Superintendent discussed the 2019-2020 school calendar. The Board and Superintendent pointed out that we will have December 10, 2019 off for the special election in order to give the community the opportunity for a full day of voting.

7. The Superintendent discussed OT/PT services provided to our students by SBJC and the logistics of hiring an in-house OT/PT.
8. The Superintendent and Board discussed volunteer coaches. The Board agreed that volunteer coaches may continue, as recommended by appropriate staff, while adhering to code of conduct requirements.
9. The Superintendent discussed the Bergen Community College Program, guidelines, and AP classes with the Board. The Early College Program Packet is being revised to better guide our students.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. made by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Dorsett. 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 Session reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

10. Mr. Dorsett inquired about policies and regulations regarding random drug tests. The Superintendent stated that the final draft is currently being reviewed and should be ready for first reading at May's meeting.
11. Mr. Smith inquired about maternity leaves. The Assistant School Business Administrator referenced contract language and stated that two tenured teachers had requested extended maternity leaves for the 2019-2020 school year.
12. Mr. Smith inquired about the resignation and replacement of the Middle School counselor position. The Superintendent confirmed the public resolution of resignation and the newly appointed staff member taking over that role.
13. Mr. Smith inquired about the new law regarding the NJ paid sick leave act. The Assistant School Business Administrator reviewed the various components of the new law and how the district was complying with the new requirements.
14. Mr. Smith inquired about gang training for new administrators. The Superintendent stated that all first year administrators within district were required to attend.
15. Mr. Smith had questions regarding bills and claims. The Assistant School Business Administrator responded to his questions.
16. Mr. Smith inquired about the continuing of homework assignments regarding Go Math. The Superintendent stated that he'll review.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. made by Mr. Smith, second by Mrs. Higgins. 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 10:30 p.m.

17. The Superintendent presented the correlation between students' grades and PARCC test scores for each tested subject area from the 2017-2018 school year.
18. The Superintendent presented the overall results of the 2017-2018 school performance report and a redacted data comparison report.

Respectfully,

Kathleen McEwin-Marano  
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