

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

July 29, 2019

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>Present</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of July 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.

1. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the new full-time Basis Skills teaching positions and about how the position was being split between the schools. The Superintendent stated that coverage will be similar and additional focus will be place on training linked to Reading and Writing Workshops.
2. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the expense to repair the fence at Jefferson School. The Superintendent explained that the district is seeking a portion of the total fence replacement through restitution and that Mrs. Rodriguez has been working with the family.
3. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the status of the change order for EACM regarding the Middle School HVAC Project. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator explained the need for the change order as per the architect.
4. Mrs. Higgins asked the Superintendent to update the uniform section on the school website. The Superintendent stated that it will be addressed.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:50 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 6:43 p.m.

Mr. Bott, Mr. Aronowitz, Mr. Savage, Mr. Witt, and Mr. Rotondo entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

5. The Superintendent provided a brief history of parent volunteers and the Board's concerns to continue this practice. The Superintendent also explained his knowledge of an incident that

occurred at a spring sporting event. The Superintendent explained that parent volunteers must follow policy and regulations related to the Code of Conduct. He also stated that depending on the Board's decision, further Code of Conduct review would be established. Mr. Bott and Mr. Aronowitz confirmed Dr. Yurchak's comments. Mr. Witt expressed his passion and commitment to the football program. He also reaffirmed his commitment to volunteer. Coach Savage stated that Mr. Witt and the other parent volunteers have helped create a bridge for incoming athletes. Coach Rotondo expressed his support for Mr. Witt and the other parent volunteers based on recommendations.

Mr. Bott, Mr. Aronowitz, Mr. Savage, Mr. Witt, and Mr. Rotondo left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

6. The Superintendent thanked Samantha Rodriguez, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction (9-12), Jennifer Rodriguez, Principal of Jefferson School, and Samantha Dembowski, School Business Administrator for their hard work and dedication in getting the Preschool Education Aide application completed on short notice and also thanked the local child care providers. The Superintendent also discussed and explained the different aspects of the application to the Board.
7. The Superintendent discussed the neighborhood reorganization and redistricting project. He stated that the Administration met as a team and are ultimately looking to draft neighborhood lines that will create four zones so that proper "Neighborhood Schools" can be established.
8. The Superintendent informed the Board that the Chromebooks for grades 6 and 8 were received and that the Director of Technology was working on getting them set up for the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. The Superintendent acknowledged the Director of Technology.
9. The Superintendent informed the Board that the subdivision for Queen of Peace property has been approved by the Borough Planning Board and that we are looking at a closing date of the last week in August.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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