

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

August 19, 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>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Absent</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of August 19, 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. The Superintendent and Board President met with the Chief of Police regarding the potential use of a private roadway near the Queen of Peace Rectory as a drop off and pick up for students. The police did not approve due to safety reasons. There will be more discussions to come up with a new plan. The North Arlington Board of Education and the North Arlington Police Department will work closely to establish the safest and most efficient pick up/drop off zones.
2. The Superintendent discussed Volunteer letters that were drafted by the Athletic Director and handed out to volunteers. The Athletic Director had the volunteers also sign a Code of Ethics.
3. The Superintendent informed the Board of the new Staff Orientation which will take place on Tuesday, August 27th in the High School Cafeteria at 9:00 a.m.
4. The Superintendent updated the Board on the tentative closing date of September 5, 2019 for the Queen of Peace High School and field purchase.
5. Mr. Dorsett inquired if the parent portal was properly running. The Superintendent said that he would look into it.
6. Mr. Dorsett inquired about Chromebooks this year for the 5, 6, 7, and 8 grades. The Superintendent said that grades 6, 7, and 8 will have Chromebooks this year, but Grade 5 will have an increased use of laptop carts.
7. Mrs. Higgins questioned whether or not we currently had any open positions. The Superintendent said that we have a Science opening for a Middle School Teacher and .6 School Counselor opening.

8. Mrs. Higgins questioned the 7th period stipends at the High School. The Superintendent responded that the stipends were needed due to the fact that a position from last school year has still not been filled. The high school principal is actively looking to fill the position.
9. Mrs. Higgins asked the Board if they were interested in taking out an ad for North Arlington Boosters. All Board Members agreed.
10. Mrs. Higgins asked for unification regarding how we inform elementary school families of their child's teacher for the upcoming school year. The Superintendent said that he would look into it.
11. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the process of internal transfers within all the buildings. The Superintendent explained that internal transfers within a school can be completed by the principal, in consultation with him. External transfers from school to school must ultimately be recommended to the Board for consideration.
12. Mr. Dorsett inquired about how the process of redistricting will work. The Superintendent stated that the administrative team met for initial steps of creating "neighborhood zones." Once established, a presentation will be made publicly.
13. Mrs. Higgins inquired about obtaining new LCD interactive boards for the new Middle School, as opposed to SmartBoards. The Superintendent stated that the administrative team recently took part in a presentation on LCD interactive boards and are leaning towards that option.
14. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the PreK question on the ballot and the Preschool Education Aid Application. The Superintendent and Board discussed possible scenarios.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:55 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.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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