

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

September 16, 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>Present</u>

III. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of September 16, 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 proposed to change the October and November Board Meeting dates to October 16th and November 13th for presentation and NJQSAC purposes. The Board agreed.
2. The Superintendent presented yearbooks from 1942–1945 that were donated by Leslie Bartner, granddaughter of Doris Krasner. The Superintendent informed the Board that he wrote Ms. Bartner a “thank you” note.
3. The Superintendent discussed North Arlington Day which will be held on Saturday, September 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. He asked for the Board members to determine time slots to represent North Arlington Public Schools throughout the day.
4. The Superintendent stated that approximately 350 families have agreed to the random drug test and only ten families have not agreed thus far. The Superintendent proposed to the Board amending the regulation to exclude “one-time events” such as semi-formal, graduation, and class night. The Board agreed.
5. The Superintendent updated the Board with the status of the former Queen of Peace parking lot and discussed his communication with a community member regarding the parking lot. The Superintendent reiterated the legality of securing the lot. He also stated that there has been an open line of communication with the NAPD regarding all traffic patterns around the area. The Board discussed further options for securing the lot.
6. The School Business Administrator updated the Board regarding the fire report for the former Queen of Peace HS building and discussed various dates that Queen of Peace parish is requesting for use of the gymnasium and field.

Tony Catana entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

7. Mr. Catana discussed the renovation of the gymnasium floor at Queen of Peace with the Board. He also went over the bid process and expected timeline on Phase I renovations.
8. Mr. Smith inquired about how to calculate 7th period stipends. The School Business Administrator explained that a full 7th period stipend constituted 1/6 of the employee's salary.
9. Mr. Smith inquired if teachers-in-charge had certificates or stipends. The Superintendent answered that all teachers-in-charge held a principal certificate of eligibility and must consult with him or other principals throughout the day when covering a school building.
10. Mr. Smith inquired about what the custodian transferring to Queen of Peace would be doing at the school. The Board President discussed the condition of the classrooms and school that he witnessed when he did his recent walk-through of the building. The custodian will also be gathering all memorabilia that was left throughout the building.
11. Mr. Smith inquired about the asbestos management fee. The School Business Administrator explained the necessary and mandated services that T&M Associates provides for the school district.
12. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the School Safety Checklist and questioned certain categories. The School Business Administrator stated that all concerns were fully addressed throughout the buildings.
13. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the status of hiring a new science teacher at the Middle School. The Superintendent said that it was a very difficult position to fill and that administration is still actively trying to fill the position.
14. Mrs. Higgins inquired about a parent transportation agreement. The School Business Administrator addressed her concern.
15. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the potential of new lockers at the Middle School. The Board decided to table that item from the Agenda and came up with alternative means.
16. Mr. Dorsett inquired about how many Chromebooks we had. The Superintendent stated that all teachers in district and all students grades 6-8 had Chromebooks.
17. The Board questioned the ability for parents to go online and certify that there were no changes to Emergency Contact information. The Superintendent informed the Board that emergency contact information must be filled out each year to ensure current and accurate information.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. 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.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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