

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

December 16, 2019

5:30 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 December 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.

The Superintendent discussed:

1. The Superintendent updated the Board regarding the New Middle School parking lot being closed to all unauthorized vehicles now that construction has begun. Mr. McDermott offered concerns of an overhanging roof of a neighboring property. The Superintendent stated that he will review with the Board Attorney.
2. Mr. Dorsett inquired as to who was taking the lead on the renaming of the new elementary school. The Superintendent responded that a committee would be formed with two Board Members and community stakeholders. Mr. McDermott nominated Mr. Dorsett and Mr. Smith to take part in this committee.
3. The Board discussed the impact of the voting in the Special Election.
4. Mr. Dorsett inquired about forming a committee with the Mayor and Council. The Board provided feedback.
5. The Board discussed different forums to reach the public including an updated newsletter. The Superintendent responded that he would be moving the Viking Saga onto the main page of our website.
6. Mr. Smith inquired about maternity replacements. The Superintendent stated that all positions are either accounted for or posted.
7. Mrs. Higgins inquired about any potential federal grants for schools. She also suggested a company Millennium Strategies (Grant writing). The Superintendent stated that he was unaware of any current opportunities but would review and contact the company.

8. The School Business Administrator updated the Board with news of the commencement of construction at the New Middle School and its progress.
9. The School Business Administrator reviewed the Schedule of Board Meetings for calendar year 2020 with the Board.
10. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator discussed toilet room renovations at Jefferson School and the current Middle School.
11. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the Memorandum of Agreement between the North Arlington Board of Education and the North Arlington Police Department. The Superintendent stated that it is required to be completed annually and is confidential. He stated that no major changes were made in previous years.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. made by Mrs. Higgins, second by Mrs. Gilgallon. 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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