

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

January 27, 2020

5:38 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>

Also present: Matthew Donohue, Donohue, Gironda, Doria, & Tomkins, LLC
Robert Bedara, Donohue, Gironda, Doria & Tomkins, LLC

III. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of January 27, 2020, 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 6, 2020 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.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 5:38 p.m. made by Mrs. Higgins, second by Mr. McDermott. 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 6:31 p.m.

The Superintendent discussed:

1. Mrs. Higgins discussed the yearbook ad with the Board.

Mr. Donohue and Mr. Bedara entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Donohue and Mr. Bedara of Donohue, Gironda, Doria, & Tomkins, LLC reviewed the fiscal year 2019 Certified Annual Financial Report (CAFR) with the Board.

Mr. Donohue and Mr. Bedara left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

2. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the transfer of a Math teacher. The Superintendent provided an explanation.
3. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the Education Leadership Internship at the Middle School. The Superintendent stated that he met with the intern and all background check protocol will be conducted. He also stated that confidentiality of students will be monitored.

4. Mr. Smith inquired about maternity leave replacement for a Resource Room teacher. The Superintendent explained that a teacher has not yet been secured, but the position has been posted.
5. Mr. Smith inquired about the appointment of a teacher-in-charge. The Superintendent stated that other teachers-in-charge and administrators-in-charge were previously appointed.
6. Mr. Smith inquired about resumes coming in for positions. The Superintendent stated that committees will be formed. The Superintendent established interview dates and worked with the Board to identify those available to partake in the interviewing process.
7. Mr. Smith inquired about the Junior Network Assistant position. The Superintendent cited increased technology and an expansion of schools to support the recommendation. Mr. McDermott and the School Business Administrator stated the same rationale.
8. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the night time custodian at Roosevelt School in regards to recreation. The Superintendent stated that recreation had inquired about the custodian monitoring the door. Recreation never responded to the School Business Administrator's email providing clarification and asking for specific times.
9. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the removal of chemicals from the Science Labs at the New Middle School. The School Business Administrator stated that Billy Contracting would be subbing out to a company for the removal. Monies for this change order would be coming out of the contingency.
10. Mrs. Higgins inquired about kitchen renovations at the New Middle School. The School Business Administrator explained the bid process for this project.
11. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the change orders on the Agenda. The School Business Administrator explained the change orders to the Board.

The Superintendent left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

The Superintendent re-entered the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

12. The Board discussed and identified the Committee placements.
13. The Superintendent reviewed a proposal from Mayor Pronti, which included a recreation-based program at the New Middle School. The Superintendent also provided a history of SACC open to expanding to the New Middle School. The Superintendent will review with SACC. The Superintendent will update Mr. Dorsett as the point person for this endeavor.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 8:02 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.

Open Session reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

14. Mr. Dorsett and Mr. McDermott discussed their meeting with the Borough Council members. The Board and Superintendent requested additional communication in the future.
15. The Superintendent reviewed the need for additional ballards at the New Middle School parking lot. The Board requested that the School Business Administrator get a quote for a rolling fence. The Board will revisit this issue.
16. The Superintendent stated that he is working with our Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds to obtain quotes on potential age-appropriate playground revisions at the new elementary school for 2020-2021.
17. The Superintendent reviewed the progress of neighborhood zones with the Board.
18. The Superintendent discussed the NAEF and requested that a liaison be identified. Mrs. Gilgallon will be the primary liaison and Mr. McDermott will serve when needed.

19. The Superintendent reviewed the school calendar for 2020-2021 with the Board and the unique challenges with Labor Day beginning almost a full week into September.
20. The Board discussed possible solutions regarding Crew. The Superintendent will continue working with our Athletic Director, but stressed the program may be discontinued if appropriate staff cannot be secured.
21. The Board reviewed use of the New Middle School parking lot during weekend hours. Any future requests for the parking lot for recreation over weekend days will be reviewed and considered.
22. The Superintendent updated the Board on the staff's and students' efforts to acknowledge a local armed service member injured while serving our Country.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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