

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

February 24, 2020

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>
Mr. McDermott	<u>5:53 p.m.</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of February 24, 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.

The Superintendent discussed:

1. Mr. Dorsett inquired about an item on the agenda regarding saving the district a large sum of money. He also inquired about energy costs throughout the district. The Superintendent responded that we were saving \$25,000 and that we were beginning the ground work with Tony Catana to see if an ESIP audit should be performed.
2. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the employment of a new special education teacher. The Superintendent provided rationale on the appointment.
3. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the girls' soccer coach hire and about the cost of a new crew coach. The Superintendent stated that the girls' soccer coach had high school and college level coaching experience and he reviewed all costs associated with the crew program.
4. The Superintendent updated the Board on Charter Schools and discussed the costs involved with Charter Schools. The Superintendent also stated that our principals will be contacting the Charter School families to inform them of our programs as a district.
5. The Superintendent discussed working with two Queen of Peace alumni through the QP Alumni Association to take and disseminate Queen of Peace memorabilia items.
6. The Superintendent discussed Residency issues with the Board and possible solutions in utilizing a residency officer since the NAPD no longer provides that service. Mrs. Gilgallon suggested a "community outreach officer" be hired. The Superintendent stated that he will work on establishing a job description and potential resolution to the Board after reviewing the school budget.
7. The Board reviewed the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year and discussed Fall Break and other challenges with where Labor Day falls.

8. The Superintendent discussed positive relations with the Borough and recreation. He reached out to our insurance company, School Alliance Insurance Fund, for guidelines for safely hosting basketball games for younger students at Washington Elementary School.
9. The Board discussed AED machines for the New Middle School. The district received two quotes and the Board Vice President explained the differences in the quality of the products and cost effectiveness. The Board agreed.
10. The Superintendent informed the Board that co-teacher training took place on 2/10/2020 at the high school with representatives from the Department of Education.

The Superintendent and Mr. Dorsett left the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

11. The School Business Administrator reviewed and discussed the tentative budget binders with the Board and went through each cost center.

The Superintendent and Mr. Dorsett re-entered the meeting 6:30 p.m.

The Superintendent left the meeting at 6:31 p.m.
The Superintendent re-entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the tentative budget.

12. The Superintendent announced the possible implementation for a period zero at the High School to focus on Math. The Superintendent and the Board then discussed the feasibility of having an early morning or afterschool remedial sessions for ELA and Math at the High School and Middle School. Mr. Smith inquired about the process in which data is analyzed. The Superintendent provided an update to the data review process.
13. The Superintendent stated he will be meeting with the High School and Middle School staff regarding students in need of remediation and intervention for ELA and Math.
14. The Superintendent informed the Board that the MOA contracts were coming up for renewal for the Early College Program and Early Career Program through Bergen Community College, as well as Recreation, SACC, and NAPD.

The School Business Administrator left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
The School Business Administrator re-entered the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Mrs. Gilgallon left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.
Mr. Dorsett left the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Mrs. Gilgallon re-entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.
Mr. Dorsett re-entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

15. The Superintendent discussed survey results in regards to the current 4th grade population. Under the current redistricting plan, 65% of families will be accommodated.
16. The School Business Administrator informed the Board that we purchased 150 desks from Brigantine School District, which are in pristine condition, for only \$625.
17. The School Business Administrator discussed applying for a grant in the amount of \$20,000 for Physical Education Child Nutrition.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. made by Mr. McDermott, 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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