

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**March 16, 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>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>

III. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of March 16, 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. The Superintendent confirmed that custodians have been informed of unplugging all unneeded technology and turning the heat down in all buildings during this period of shut down to save on costs. He said that he'll reconfirm with our Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.
2. The School Business Administrator reported to the Board that there was an item in February's Minutes that needed to be announced as amended at the Board Meeting due to a typo.
3. The Superintendent updated the Board on school policies and regulations noted on the agenda.
4. Mr. Dorsett inquired as to why the assistant crew coach was also listed as a volunteer. The Superintendent explained that his involvement as a volunteer could begin as soon as the criminal background check is completed, while other paperwork still needed to be processed.
5. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the EIS 7<sup>th</sup> period stipends. The Superintendent explained that he would like the board to pass this resolution; however, the EIS would be put on hold until further notice due to the ordered school closure.
6. Mrs. Higgins inquired about two change orders on the March Agenda. The School Business Administrator explained the allowance vs. the contingency allotted for the project. Mr. McDermott explained some of the work being done at the New Middle School and expressed the importance of having the job done right.
7. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the assistant girls' soccer coach position. The Superintendent expressed that the recommended candidate has a strong background in coaching.
8. Mr. Smith inquired about paying half-time hourly aides and bus aides during the shutdown. The School Business Administrator discussed employee payroll disbursements with the Board.

The Board would like to pay the aides through a two week window and then reassess. The Superintendent said that he would confer with the Board Attorney.

Mr. McDermott left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

9. The Superintendent discussed OT/PT comparison costs with the Board. Everyone was in agreement to move forward with a job description and posting for a full-time occupational therapist for the 2020-2021 school year.
10. The Superintendent reviewed energy costs with the Board and that the district was looking into conducting a Local Government Energy Audit in conjunction with the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP). The School Business Administrator explained that a government agency will come in to review and give recommendations on how we can save costs on energy.
11. The Superintendent discussed the 2020-2021 SEMI Action Plan with the Board. The School Business Administrator explained that the actions submitted to the SEMI platform determined the schools eligibility for reimbursement.

Mr. McDermott re-entered the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Mr. Smith left the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Mr. Smith re-entered the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

12. The Superintendent discussed the School Performance Reports with the Board. He stated that we met the State standards in most areas; however, math at the secondary level is a strong area of focus for everyone. The Superintendent explained that all information will be available online. The Board further discussed the data. The Superintendent discussed meeting with the Board to put together a three-year plan targeting growth for areas of focus.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. made by Mrs. Gilgallon, 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.

The board reconvened in Public Work Session at 6:45 p.m.

13. The Superintendent discussed the donation of Queen of Peace memorabilia with the Queen of Peace Alumni Association and reviewed the Board's donation policy.
14. The Superintendent discussed the neighborhood zones and the enrollment issues associated with the different options with the Board. The overall consensus was to move forward with a full realignment regarding neighborhood zones.

The School Business Administrator left the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

The School Business Administrator re-entered the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

15. The Superintendent debriefed the Board on a future meeting with Mayor and Council regarding the "hut" and recreation. The Board agreed that with the schools being shut down due to COVID-19, we would make plans for the meeting at a later date.

Mrs. Gilgallon left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Mrs. Gilgallon re-entered the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski

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