

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**May 21, 2020**

3:35 p.m.

**Online**

**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 May 21, 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.

1. The Superintendent updated the Board on graduation plans. He said that the Governor may be offering guidance tomorrow. Mr. Dorsett said that we have multiple plans ready to move forward and inquired as to when we would make a final decision. The Superintendent stated that if we are able to do an in-person graduation, we will do it, but no final decision can be made yet.
2. Mr. Dorsett inquired about when the last day of school was. The Superintendent stated the last day of school was June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. Mrs. Higgins inquired about ordering chair rentals for graduation. The Superintendent said that he would have the High School principal reach out to them. He said that there is normally a one to two day turnaround.
4. Mrs. Higgins inquired about how many students received the seal of biliteracy. The Superintendent said that there were 18 students. He credited Mr. Bott for bringing the program to the High School. The Superintendent acknowledged the Bergen Community College graduates as well.
5. Mr. Dorsett inquired about if the staff transfers were voluntary. The Superintendent said that we honored 75% of the staff that put in for transfers.
6. Mr. Dorsett inquired about how the Superintendent would handle two teachers of the same grade level and asked if the transfers were by seniority. The Superintendent said that it was by the discretion of the Principal and making sure there was experienced leadership in all buildings.
7. Mr. Smith inquired about how the other 25% of staff transfers were notified and how they were responded to. The Superintendent informed the Board that he believes these staff members were personally notified by the Principal, but he will inquire further.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 3:48 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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