

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

July 28, 2020

5:38 p.m.

High School Gymnasium

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Absent</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 July 28, 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 discussed a survey that was sent to Jefferson School parents regarding overcrowding at schools and the class limits allowable with the Board. The Board discussed all options regarding classroom movement and social distancing.
2. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator updated the Board on the drainpipe at Veterans Middle School and said that we would have a full update by tomorrow's construction meeting.
3. The Superintendent stated that August 3rd would be day one of a four-day process for the movers to begin the various moves through the district.
4. Mr. McDermott suggested having a custodian available to make sure that stairways are clear for when the movers arrive. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator assured the Board that all head custodians are ready for the moves.
5. Mr. McDermott suggested having a report completed on a weekly basis for the current toilet renovation project. The School Business Administrator said she will request weekly reports from the architect.
6. The Superintendent discussed Special Education transportation with the Board as well as aid in lieu.
7. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the cost of transportation for our district. The School Business Administrator discussed what percentage our transportation costs may be for the remainder for 2019-2020 with the SBJC after their contract negotiations are complete with the transportation companies.
8. Mrs. Higgins inquired about policies regarding heating/temperatures. The Superintendent stated that the NJDOE made an error in this report and that all wording will be reviewed.
9. The Superintendent discussed the updated school calendar with the Board.

10. The Superintendent discussed getting a second quote for paving at Veterans Middle School with the Board. The School Business Administrator shared both quotes received.
11. The Superintendent discussed 3 different signage quotes for the district with the Board. The Board was supportive of the lowest quote.
12. Mrs. Higgins inquired about face coverings for the staff. Everyone agreed to move forward with obtaining a quote for face coverings and fitters for staff.
13. The School Business Administrator updated the Board regarding the costs for plexiglass for staff desks and PPE. She also provided an update on the process for FEMA reimbursements on PPE items.
14. The Superintendent discussed a grant we are applying for called "Digital Divide," which will be used to purchase chromebooks and various other tech-related platforms if funding is received. The initial total funds available was approximately \$178,000.
15. The Superintendent discussed the results of a Technology Survey with the Board and that we would be scheduling another Chromebook Lending Day.
16. The Superintendent discussed scheduling an additional survey and memo to be sent out to households for all families (Hybrid or fully Virtual).
17. The Superintendent updated the Board on the "Restart and Recovery Plan."
18. Mrs. Higgins inquired about students utilizing their lockers. The Superintendent stated that no lockers will be used.
19. Mr. Dorsett inquired about how teachers are handling their in-school teaching and virtual teaching schedules. The Superintendent explained that once we review data from an upcoming survey, we'll be able to finalize schedules. The Superintendent stated that all Board Members will be kept informed of progress.
20. The Superintendent discussed the possibility of starting up sports, social distancing, and the results of a poll taken by the Athletic Director regarding as to if other surrounding school districts have started their fall sports program. The Superintendent asked the Board for their opinion on whether to begin phase one of sports. The Board had mixed feelings on the beginning of phase one; however, everyone agreed to allow Phase 1 since it was "voluntary" for the parents and coaches.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:00 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.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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