

**NORTH ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

July 16, 2020

10:10 a.m.

High School Media Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Dorsett	Called in prior obligation – was present via computer
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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that in accordance with the provision of Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, the “Open Public Meetings Act,” notice is hereby given that the North Arlington Board of Education scheduled a Special Public Works Session, Executive Session, and Public Board Meeting on Thursday, July 16, 2020 to begin at 10:00 a.m., for the sole purpose of North Arlington’s Reopening Plan, school calendar, policies, district personnel and Veterans Middle School legal matters. In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, the discussion of district personnel and Veterans Middle School legal matters, which requires confidentiality, shall occur in closed executive session. Action regarding the approval of North Arlington’s Reopening Plan, revisions to the school calendar, and policy approval will be taken at the Special Public Meeting to begin immediately following the Special Executive Session Board Meeting. The meeting will take place at the Board Office, 222 Ridge Road, No. Arlington, NJ. The meeting will open to the public at 10:00 a.m. solely for the purpose of immediately moving into closed executive session as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. Action may subsequently be taken in public session. The North Arlington Board of Education website will post the full agenda for the July 16, 2020 meeting in advance of the meeting.

1. The Superintendent explained the reason for the public meeting and a revision to the due date of the reopening plan.
2. The Superintendent stated that Mrs. Higgins and Mr. Smith, who sit on the district-wide reopening committee, held two meetings with all the stakeholders as set forth in the guidelines and made significant progress. The Superintendent thanked all people who are volunteering for this committee.
3. The Superintendent discussed the revised school calendar with the Board and possibly changing the reopening days. The Superintendent discussed tabling the school calendar resolution for revisions and sending a message out to the community once a decision has been made.
4. The Superintendent discussed minor school policy edits in place and the implementation of FFCRA (Families First Coronavirus Response Act.)
5. The Superintendent reviewed the QSAC results just received this morning. He said that the results showed that we were, again, a high performing district with an increase in our instruction and programming score from 84% to 86%. He thanked Samantha Rodriguez for taking a lead in QSAC.

6. Mr. Dorsett asked to post for more substitutes for the upcoming school year. The Superintendent said that he would do that.
7. Mr. McDermott inquired about how we screen substitutes for COVID. Mrs. Higgins shared how her school district has been doing a pre-contact tracing. The Superintendent stated that a protocol will be in place.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 10:23 a.m. made by Mrs. Higgins, second by Mr. Smith. 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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