

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**November 12, 2020**

5:37 p.m.

**High School Gymnasium**

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 November 12, 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 stakeholders meeting held with the Restart & Recovery Committee. All Members of the Committee felt that it would be best for Phase II to be extended instead of increasing the number of in-person days for students. Phase II will be extended through January 29, 2021. Mrs. Higgins was concerned about the increasing COVID19 numbers throughout North Arlington in November.
2. Mrs. Higgins inquired about coding in Realtime for students who are present but working remotely. The Superintendent said that he just recently spoke to the Supervisor of Guidance regarding this topic and would revisit it again.
3. Mrs. Higgins inquired about shields being placed in classrooms. The Superintendent explained that shields are recommended only if you cannot safely social distance. The Superintendent also stated that he would review in-person numbers, conduct an inventory of shields, and review cleaning timelines if implemented district-wide.
4. The Recreation Department recently held meetings regarding winter sports and are considering a possible delay of all winter sports. The Superintendent stated that all facilities have been offered to them and the same will apply if the season is delayed.
5. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator updated the Board regarding push-down faucets at every school and touchless water fountains.
6. The Superintendent discussed the possible implementation of "Warm Line," which would provide counseling support to students, parents, and the community 24/7.
7. Mrs. Higgins inquired about an update on the sensory room. The Superintendent said that all equipment has been delivered. The School Business Administrator explained that we are on the install list but that the company is still doing installs back from March when they shut down. She stated that she will ask our Director of Special Education to follow up.

8. Mrs. Higgins discussed her phone call with Matt Lee regarding committee structures within the Board. She said that she would report back once they spoke.
9. Mr. Dorsett shared ideas regarding a potential CTE curriculum connected with Bergen Community College. The Superintendent stated that Mrs. Dembowski has already contacted our County Business Administrator and the earliest a program could start was within a year and a half to two years from now. The Superintendent said that they will continue to review and keep everyone posted.
10. Mrs. Higgins asked if we could promote the Early Career Program more. She said that the community is unaware. The Superintendent stated that the program has its own tab on our website, but he will review with the Supervisor of Guidance.
11. The School Business Administrator reviewed the 2021 Schedule of Board Meetings Calendar with the Board and asked for feedback. Mrs. Gilgallon said she could not attend on Wednesdays on approximately 8 of the 12 meetings. The School Board Administrator said that she would revise the 2021 Schedule of Board Meetings Calendar for the Board's review.
12. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the Residency Officer. Mr. McDermott stated that he came very highly recommend and saved Lyndhurst Public Schools a lot of money.
13. Mr. McDermott announced his reward for top attendance at the School Boards. He was congratulated by all.
14. Mrs. Higgins announced that the American Dream was running a special for Educators to get 30% off all attractions.
15. The Superintendent and Board had a discussion regarding the tax levy for calendar year 2022. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator said that they would review during budget preparation and once the district's 2021-2022 revenues were released.
16. The Superintendent and Board discussed donations of school plaques for the Susan B. Anthony School and Veterans Middle School.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. made by Mr. Smith, 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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