

AGENDA, APRIL 14, 2021 SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

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

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**April 14, 2021**

4:30 p.m.

**Board of Education Office**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Smith	_____
Mr. McDermott	_____
Mrs. Higgins	_____
Mrs. Gilgallon	_____
Mr. Dorsett	_____

**III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Special Public Meeting of April 14, 2021, 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 7, 2021, as amended, 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 Editors of the following newspaper: the Bergen RECORD of Hackensack and the Newark STAR LEDGER.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT**

This meeting is open to the public for the purpose of addressing any subject matter that is pertinent to and/or directly related to the operation of the North Arlington Public School District. Residents wishing to speak on such items are required to state their names, addresses and subject matter. Pursuant to Board Bylaw 0167, Public Participation in Board Meetings, comments are limited to 5 minutes duration.

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The Board may (or may not) respond to issues raised by members of the public at the time they are raised, but will provide a response if and when appropriate. However, the Board cannot directly respond to the issues regarding personnel, in order to protect the privacy rights of the individual.

Please be advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board. What this means is that while you are certainly free to exercise your right to comment on issues before the Board, such comments are considered public statements, and may be responded to or acted upon by any individuals affected by them. The Board will, of course, consider your comments as they relate to its obligations to effectively govern the North Arlington School District, but cannot offer protection from any action that a third-party may elect to pursue as a result of any statements offered during public session.

## **VI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

On Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_.

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call:

Mr. Smith	_____
Mr. McDermott	_____
Mrs. Higgins	_____
Mrs. Gilgallon	_____
Mr. Dorsett	_____

## **VII. FINANCE**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, CONTRACTS, ADDENDA, BIDS, AND PROPOSALS**

Accept or Reject:

#### **A. MOTION TO REJECT BIDS FOR EXCEEDING THE COST ESTIMATE AND BUDGET OF A PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the North Arlington Board of Education advertised for bids for the elevator project at the Veterans Middle School (“the Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 9, 2021, the Board received a bid for the Project as reflected on the attached bid tabulation sheet; and

**WHEREAS**, the bid substantially exceeded the cost estimate and budget set forth for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board intends to reject the bid pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22 for exceeding the cost estimate and re-bid the project at a later date.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS** that the Board hereby rejects the bid received for the Project for exceeding the cost estimate and budget for the Project.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to re-advertise for the Project.

On Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_.

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call:

Mr. Smith	_____
Mr. McDermott	_____
Mrs. Higgins	_____
Mrs. Gilgallon	_____
Mr. Dorsett	_____

## **VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

## **IX. SUNSHINE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** this meeting is duly and properly called for a regular session meeting of this Body and adequate notice has been given as provided for by the “Open Public Meetings Act”; and

**WHEREAS** it is now necessary that the Board of Education consider the following matter:

which fall(s) within the exceptions as set forth in the “Open Public Meetings Act” and therefore are matters which this Body determines should be discussed at a closed meeting. It is anticipated that this closed session will last approximately \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the North Arlington Board of Education as follows:

That this body shall at this time recess this meeting and conduct a closed meeting concerning the above referenced matter(s), which involve exceptions this body hereby determines are of such a nature that they cannot be discussed at an open meeting and this body is at this time unable to determine when the matter(s) under discussion can be disclosed to the public. However, this body will make such a disclosure when circumstances permit.

On Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_.

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call:

Mr. Smith	_____
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Time recessed: \_\_\_\_\_ Time reconvened: \_\_\_\_\_

On Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_.

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call:

Mr. Smith	_____
Mr. McDermott	_____
Mrs. Higgins	_____
Mrs. Gilgallon	_____
Mr. Dorsett	_____

## X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education of the Borough of North Arlington, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, this Special Public Meeting of April 14, 2021 adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ pm.

On Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, second by \_\_\_\_\_.

Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Call:

Mr. Smith	_____
Mr. McDermott	_____
Mrs. Higgins	_____
Mrs. Gilgallon	_____
Mr. Dorsett	_____

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