

**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	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present via Telephone</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present via Telephone</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>

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.

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.

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VI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Any members of the public wishing to be heard please stand, state your name and address for the record.

Motion to close the Hearing of Citizens made by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. McDermott. There was no discussion. On Roll all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

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.

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 Mr. McDermott, second by Mrs. Higgins. Discussion: Mr. McDermott stated that he was in full support of this decision. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

VIII. 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 5:00 pm.

On Motion by Mr. McDermott, 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.

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