

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

May 17, 2021

5:34 p.m.

High School Gymnasium

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>6:02 p.m.</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>

III.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of May 17, 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 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 presented the overall results of the 2019-2020 School Performance Report.
2. The Superintendent and Board discussed aspects of the School Performance Report in-need of improvement and the importance of support from parents and teachers. The Superintendent reviewed initiatives put in place over the past two years since the last round of NJSLA was administered. He also reviewed all initiatives in place for the upcoming school year.
3. The Superintendent and the Board reviewed and discussed the 2020-2021 Board and District goals.
4. The Superintendent and the Board established Board and District goals for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. The Superintendent updated the Board on the SACC Program. He said that the Director of the North Arlington Education Foundation conducted a survey and that only three families were interested in a summer program. The Superintendent said that they are interested in utilizing Susan B. Anthony School instead of Roosevelt School for after care next year. Morning sessions will still take place at all elementary schools.
6. The Superintendent updated the Board on the ESSER II Grant application. He also discussed what the ESSER II funds would be used for in order to address opening schools safely, learning loss, and mental health. The Board discussed the different programs that were going to be implemented.
7. Mr. Smith inquired about the times the extended day program will be starting each school. The Superintendent and Board further discussed this program.

Mrs. Gilgallon left the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Mrs. Gilgallon re-entered the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

8. Mr. Smith inquired about if LinkIt! is used as a percentage of the students' grades. The Superintendent responded that it is not counted as a grade.

Mrs. Higgins left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Mrs. Higgins re-entered the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Mrs. Higgins left the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Mrs. Higgins re-entered the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

9. Mr. Smith inquired about how we will be able to determine the placement of advanced students. The Superintendent said that we would use teacher recommendations and LinkIt! Form C.

Mr. McDermott entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

10. The Superintendent stated that the last week in May, the fifth graders will be invited to come to Veterans Middle School with their parents for an orientation. This will be done for all four elementary schools. The middle school and high school are working on a zoom session to reach the parents to discuss all the programs available at the high school.

11. The Superintendent announced that the elevator walkthrough for contractors interested in bidding on the project at the Veterans Middle School was today and that no potential bidders were present. The School Business Administrator discussed further with the Board. She said that the bid opening is on Thursday, June 3rd and that she would keep them updated.

12. The Superintendent stated that we received confirmation from St. Thomas Aquinas College regarding the articulation agreement as part of the CTE application process.

13. The Superintendent discussed the Professional Development Plan (PDP) with the Board. The Board suggested a revision to one of the goals.

14. The Superintendent discussed preschool registration with the Board and different ways to get the word out to the community that registration is currently open.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. made by Mrs. Higgins, 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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