

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**June 15, 2021**

5:30 p.m.

**High School Gymnasium**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</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 June 15, 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. Mrs. Higgins stated that she was happy with the idea of hiring a math coach and the Board discussed the job description. The Superintendent said that the person will be reporting back to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Mrs. Higgins inquired if the elementary teachers would be going for math training. Mr. Smith inquired if the math coach would be able to model lessons? The Superintendent replied “yes” to both inquiries.
2. Mrs. Higgins inquired about Item D.D. regarding aides with or without benefits. The Superintendent said that Item D.D. will be amended in the June Minutes to reflect the proper description of each aide.
3. Mrs. Higgins inquired about Item M.M. regarding the certificated staff member for an in-person graduation ceremony. The Superintendent said that it was to assist with and oversee ceremonial music for both graduations.
4. Mrs. Higgins inquired about an agenda item regarding an estimated project of \$200,000.00 for preschool classes at Susan B. Anthony School and if the money was coming out of the grant. The School Business Administrator said that the money was for dividing the media center into two classrooms and for bathrooms at Susan B. Anthony School and that it would come out of the preschool expansion aid.
5. Mrs. Higgins asked if the truck being purchased was to replace another one we had. The School Business Administrator said that the purchase was for the replacement of an older truck that is past its useful life and that she had photos of the old truck that was no longer functioning. The School Business Administrator also stated that this purchase was budgeted in the 2021/2022 general fund budget.

6. The Superintendent discussed the Twitter stipend with the Board. The Board agreed on the amount of \$5,100.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. The Superintendent and Board decided not to move forward with the Technology Coach position for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. The Superintendent discussed the Summer Learning Academy and how they are utilizing Linkit! data. He said that each subject academy has been broken up into one-week segments with both a.m. and p.m. sessions. The School Business Administrator said that we would be using money from Care Funds to fund the Summer Learning Academy.
9. Mr. McDermott inquired if we had any percentages on savings with special needs classes now that we brought back some of our students with special needs into our school district. The School Business Administrator explained the different areas where we were saving money for the school district. The Superintendent stated that he will review further and provide the Board with an update.
10. The Board discussed and agreed upon the necessity of cancelling the July 20, 2021 Board Meeting due to lack of quorum.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. made by Mr. Smith, second by Mrs. Higgins. 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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