

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

August 10, 2021

5:35 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Absent</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 August 10, 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 stated that the North Arlington Borough will be having NA Day on Saturday, September 25, 2021 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. He said that the Borough was requesting to use the Veterans Middle School field and parking lot along with the High School parking lot. The Superintendent said that the Board of Education would have a table at the event.
2. The Superintendent discussed the opening of the school year. He said that there are no dedication dates yet for Veterans Middle School and Susan B. Anthony Schools. He suggested cutting the ribbon for Veterans Middle School on Veterans Day, November 11th. The Superintendent also suggested cutting the ribbon for Susan B. Anthony School on February 15, which will be the 201st birthday for Susan B. Anthony. The Board agreed.
3. Mrs. Higgins inquired about if the Back-to-School Night would be virtual. The Superintendent stated that if the students are in person that the parents should be able to come in-person as well. He suggested allowing one parent per child and the times are TBA based on contractual terms. The Board agreed.
4. The Superintendent discussed the school calendar with the Board and reviewed potential 4-hour sessions for all students during the first two days of school. The Superintendent and Board also discussed an additional two 4-hour sessions for PreK and Kindergarten classes to complete screenings. The Board agreed.
5. The Superintendent discussed the Safe Return Plan and user friendly guidance packet scheduled to go out to parents on Thursday, August 19th.
6. The Superintendent discussed Linkit! He showed a sample data snap-shot and said that we were working to get more data included within the snap-shot for each child.

7. Mrs. Higgins inquired about a prior flooding at Veterans Middle School. She asked if everything was taken care of. The Superintendent discussed issues with the work that was being done to resolve other water problems near the wrestling room and discussed a potential fix to the parking lot that was recommended by both the contractor and the architect.
8. Mrs. Higgins expressed her sadness over the resignation of an employee.
9. Mrs. Higgins inquired about increased class sizes waiver for kindergarten. The Superintendent stated that based on our revised policy of 25 students per class, our hope is that kindergarten classes will not exceed that amount and that the waiver is being submitted as a precautionary measure.
10. Mr. Smith inquired about Room 106 at the High School. The Superintendent said that they were re-vamping the office for the CarePlus program.
11. Mrs. Higgins inquired about using PreK funds for a Susan B. Anthony playground. The School Business Administrator said that this project was next on the list to be quoted.
12. The School Business Administrator discussed the contract timeline regarding the elevator replacement at Veterans Middle School with the Board.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:02 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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