

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**September 13, 2021**

5:40 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</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 September 13, 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 informed the Board on the number of Chromebooks and WiFi devices still outstanding in the school district. The Superintendent and Board further discussed the issue and how to go about retrieving our technology. Letters will be sent out to families as a final reminder.
2. The Superintendent discussed revalidation of residency for grades 2, 6, and 9. He said that he sent out letters in May and August with a deadline of September 3<sup>rd</sup>. He said that 25 students are being recommended for disenrollment on tonight's agenda for non-response. He further explained the disenrollment process.
3. The Superintendent updated the Board regarding COVID-19 and quarantine cases in the school district.
4. The Superintendent discussed live streaming vs. asynchronous learning in school. The Board further discussed and explored all options. The Superintendent will hold another administrative meeting and report back to the Board.
5. Mr. Dorsett inquired about how the elementary recesses were being conducted. The Superintendent stated that the students should have fun and moving around if they wish. The Superintendent stated that he will remind administration.
6. Mr. Smith inquired about the morning drop-off line at Susan B. Anthony Elementary School and a police notice. The Superintendent said that he wasn't aware of a recent police notice, however, provided a background on the topic. The Superintendent stated that he will update the Board after reviewing further.

7. Mr. Dorsett inquired if “RIP” Collins football field was open. The Superintendent said that it was opened as of today.
8. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the process of obtaining use of one of our facilities. The School Business Administrator explained that insurance coverage must be obtained by the persons using the facility and that the organization is able to request usage through our online system.
9. Mrs. Higgins inquired if the damage to the gym at Veterans Middle School was covered by our insurance. The School Business Administrator said that the replacement was covered.
10. The Superintendent stated that the dedication opening of Veterans Middle School is still scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2021, which is Veterans Day. The Administrators will be reaching out to local veterans.
11. Mr. Smith inquired about summer hours for the assistant principals. The Superintendent provided a justification and stated that he will request documentation in the future to justify the hours.
12. The Superintendent and Board discussed school uniforms and the opening of a store at Veterans Middle School utilizing the new grant that was obtained. The current idea is for the store to sell school shirts and patches.

Mrs. Gilgallon left the meeting at 6:55 p.m. and returned at 6:56 p.m.

13. The School Business Administrator discussed the gym floor damage at Veterans Middle School with the Board.
14. The School Business Administrator discussed work that needs to be completed for the gym floor at Veterans Middle School due to Hurricane Ida damage.
15. The School Business Administrator informed the Board about a meeting with Pennoni Engineers regarding water drainage at Veterans Middle School.

Robert Dorsett left the meeting at 7:13 p.m. and returned at 7:14 p.m.

Motion to close Public Work Session at 7:18 p.m. made by Mr. Dorsett, 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.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski  
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