

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**October 14, 2021**

5:35 p.m.

**Board of Education Office**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>5:38 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 October 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 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 new policies regarding vaccination requirements for unvaccinated employees, which were prepared in coordination with the high school nurse and approved by the Board Attorney. This was in response to the delay in vendors being accessible through the New Jersey Department of Health.
2. The Superintendent discussed moving the dedication date for Veterans Middle School due to the closure occurring in November for necessary school repairs due to the flooding from Hurricane Ida. The Board asked that dates prior to Memorial Day are explored.
3. The Superintendent stated that we started the initial round of Start Strong testing. He reported that very few students district-wide might not be able to test due to their quarantine status.
4. The Superintendent stated that we are finalizing the new CTE curriculum. He said that the course will be called Intro to Construction Technology and Carpentry. Mr. McDermott suggested having a photographer there for opening day. The Board discussed photos and possibly having the newspaper present as well.
5. The Superintendent updated the Board on the abatement at Veterans Middle School and said that it was all going as planned.
6. The Superintendent, School Business Administrator and Board discussed the distribution of meals for the students who will be remote at Veterans Middle School due to the closure. Everyone agreed to follow the Food Service Management Company and the Department of Agriculture's recommendations to provide frozen meals for each week.

7. The Superintendent discussed NJ Smart conflicts. He said that he would have a snapshot tomorrow, October 15<sup>th</sup> and that there were zero errors as of that day.
8. The Superintendent reviewed policies and regulations that were on the agenda with the Board.
9. The Superintendent said that we were still without an LDT-C and that our Director of Special Education identified other services for us. The funding is available via the vacant LDT-C position. The Board was supportive.
10. The Superintendent said that he received a phone call from Ethel Freeman who was a graduate of North Arlington High School. He said that she wanted to donate her yearbook from 1947 as well as her class ring. The Superintendent said that our high school art students would be making a nice display for our showcase at North Arlington High School. The board suggested inviting her back to see it at a Board Meeting. The Superintendent agreed.
11. The Superintendent discussed LinkIt! and monitoring of student data with the Board. He provided example reports to each Board Member and explained that the team would like to create an overall student portfolio for each child with the Start Strong data. The Board discussed the contents of the portfolio, upcoming meetings with teachers to review class data, and teachers having communication with students/family.
12. The Superintendent and School Business discussed the submission of the ARP-ESSER Grant and all sub-grant allocations with the Board. The Board also discussed the allowable uses of the ARP-ESSER funds.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 5:56 p.m. made by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. McDermott. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

Public Session reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

13. Mr. Smith discussed a possible donation to renovate the weight room in the High School. He previously reviewed timelines and ideas with the Superintendent and School Business Administrator.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski  
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