

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**November 9, 2021**

5:35 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>5:43 p.m.</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>

III.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of November 9, 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 shared photos with the Board related to the progress of the abatement being completed at Veterans Middle School gymnasium. He said that everything was going according to schedule.
2. The Superintendent handed out graphs to the Board demonstrating the projected increased enrollment of students in the High School. He discussed the possibility of an expansion of the High School.
3. The Superintendent discussed unofficial Start Strong results with the Board. He handed out a print out of graphs for the Board to review and discuss.
4. The Superintendent said that he invited Ethel Freeman, who donated her high school ring and yearbook to the school district, to come to our next Board Meeting to officially place her ring in the showcase at the High School.
5. The Superintendent discussed a survey he sent out to teachers regarding an afterschool extended instructional support program with the Board.
6. The Superintendent updated the Board with the progress of the CTE room at the High School.
7. The Superintendent informed the Board that CarePlus has started district wide.
8. Mr. Smith asked if we were still doing random drug testing at the schools. The Superintendent said that we were and that support is being provided to students who need help.

9. The Superintendent discussed the weight room donation and the School Business Administrator said that she should have a proposal of the cost for the expansion of the weight room out to the current paper storage room by the end of the week.
10. The Superintendent stated that there would be a presentation regarding ARP-ESSER allowable usages at the public meeting tonight. The public would also have a chance to comment and provide feedback towards the development of the plan.
11. The School Business Administrator handed out a draft of the proposed calendar year Schedule of Board Meetings to the Board for review and discussion.
12. The School Business Administrator informed the Board that a facility request for Roosevelt Elementary School field usage came in just before the Board Meeting. The request was on the agenda for approval.
13. The School Business Administrator discussed the IWF wrestling event to benefit former student Michael Commett with the Board. This event will take place on November 20, 2021 at the High School.
14. The School Business Administrator discussed registration for NJASA TECHSPO with the Board.
15. Samantha Rodriguez, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave the Board a thorough explanation of diagnostic reports regarding LinkIt! Forms A & B, in reference to after-school instructional support programming.
16. Mr. McDermott discussed applying as a Board Member to the NJDOE State Professional Learning Committee and the NJSBA Board Delegate Assembly. The Board supported his efforts.
17. Mrs. Higgins inquired about when the asbestos abatement in the central offices would be completed. The School Business Administration said that it would be done during spring break the earliest.
18. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the purchase of Promethean Boards. The School Business Administrator said that the students would start out with the Promethean Boards in the PreK classrooms and that this purchase was being funded through PEA Aid.
19. The Superintendent discussed expanding PEA to one additional classroom at Sunshine Clubhouse ChildCare Center for the 22/23 school year with the Board.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. made by Mrs. Higgins, 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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