

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**January 24, 2022**

5:36 p.m.

**Board of Education Office**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

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| Mr. Smith      | <u>Present</u>   |
| Mr. McDermott  | <u>5:54 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 January 24, 2022, 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 6, 2022 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 reported the 2021 Start Strong participation rates.
2. The Superintendent stated that on Wednesday, January 26, all principals will send out an email to all families for those students who are participating in extracurricular activities. They will have the option of being tested weekly, in relation to NJDOH recommendations.
3. The Superintendent announced that the second round of vaccination sites have been established for February 4<sup>th</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup> and said that he was told that the supplies to these sites would not be delayed.
4. The Superintendent said that the small group LinkIt! meetings with the teachers were going well. He said that he, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and the principals will continue meeting in small groups with teachers after Form B and Form C are administered. He said that he would give the Board an update in the next few weeks.
5. The Superintendent discussed the idea of expanding the High School parking lot and the costs involved with the Board. The Board unanimously decided to hold off on this project at this time.
6. The Superintendent and Board discussed fans at games and the capacity of spectators at each game. Everyone agreed to have students 3 ft. apart to match classroom protocols, 2 parents per game and no away fans. Everyone also reviewed the parameters put in place by neighboring towns.

Mr. McDermott entered the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Mrs. Gilgallon left the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Mrs. Gilgallon re-entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

7. The Superintendent stated that the Governor's Executive Order regarding masks was extended for another 30 days. The Superintendent and Board discussed potential masking beyond the 30-day expiration date.
8. The Superintendent stated that they were, once again, looking to partner with Conquer Math as our classes are slated to departmentalize for grades 2&3 and 4&5 next school year.
9. The Superintendent updated the Board on the status of the Middle Grades Career Awareness Exploration Grant for Veterans Middle School and possibly rescinding the grant due to untimely guidance from the NJDOH.
10. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the student who was hit by a car. The Superintendent said that the student's leg was broken and that he is on bedside home instruction.
11. The Superintendent discussed renovations to the High School weight room. The Superintendent and Board discussed the possibility of starting the process in the spring rather than in the summer. The School Business Administrator said that she would get in touch with the Borough Construction Official to see if that was possible and then send an update to the Board.
12. The Board discussed and assigned the committees.

Mr. Dorsett left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

Mr. Dorsett re-entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

13. Mr. Dorsett inquired about storage space for all the equipment he saw at Washington School. The Superintendent said that half of the equipment is school equipment and half of the equipment is lunch equipment. The School Business Administrator also stated that cheer equipment is housed in the Washington gym.
14. The Board inquired about potential exit interviews. The Superintendent stated that they are completed, in some cases, but completed informally.
15. The Superintendent stated that he asked Mr. Bott to respond to a company inquiry called NICHE regarding school rankings.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:33 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.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski  
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