

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

PUBLIC MEETING

February 16, 2022

7:30 p.m.

High School Cafeteria

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of February 16, 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 Editors of the following newspaper: the Bergen RECORD of Hackensack and the Newark STAR LEDGER.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent's Statement

This meeting is open to the public for the purpose of addressing any subject matter that is pertinent to and/or directly related to the operation of the North Arlington Public School District. Residents wishing to speak on such items are required to state their names, addresses and subject matter. Pursuant to Board Bylaw 0167, Public Participation in Board Meetings, comments are limited to 5 minutes duration.

The Board may (or may not) respond to issues raised by members of the public at the time they are raised, but will provide a response if and when appropriate. However, the Board cannot directly respond to the issues regarding personnel, in order to protect the privacy rights of the individual.

Please be advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board. What this means is that while you are certainly free to exercise your right to comment on issues before the Board, such comments are considered public statements, and may be responded to or acted upon by any individuals affected by them. The Board will, of course, consider your comments as they relate to its obligations to effectively govern the North Arlington School District, but cannot offer protection from any action that a third-party may elect to pursue as a result of any statements offered during public session.

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VI. MINUTES

The following Minutes have been given to the Board for approval:

- A. Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Work Session of January 24, 2022.
- B. Motion to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of January 24, 2022, as amended.
- C. Motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of January 24, 2022.

On Motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

VII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Any members of the public wishing to be heard please stand, state your name and address for the record.

Ruth Hayes, 629 New Jersey Avenue – N.A. Ms. Hayes said that she has four children in the school district. She read a prepared speech on her disapproval with students wearing masks in school. She said that she sent the Superintendent multiple emails which he did not respond to. Ms. Hayes also cited that 160 districts have moved to “masks optional” and cited four school districts: Clifton, Lyndhurst, Nutley, and Rutherford. She urged the Superintendent to make masks optional for children.

The Superintendent asked Ms. Hayes to please provide him with the emails that she says he did not respond to because he has responded to every email. She then stated that he did respond, but her questions were not answered. The Superintendent also said that there are approximately 675 school districts and that those districts are in the minority and that North Arlington is one of the districts in the majority who are adhering to Governor Murphy’s Executive Order 251.

Victor Furtado, 140 Riverview Avenue, N.A. – Mr. Furtado said that North Arlington is in the minority and that masking in schools is not a law, that it was a masking mandate. The Superintendent stated that for all intent purposes it is law, and we will continue to follow the law.

Diana Furtado, 140 Riverview Avenue, N.A. – Ms. Furtado said that her son followed all the guidelines and mandates for masks, had a medical excuse, but stated that the school denied it because they followed Governor Murphy’s mandates. She said that they had to leave the school district because of this.

The Superintendent said that the Board is aware of the case and will not discuss it publicly due to student privacy.

Donald O’Neill, 13 Williams Street, N.A. – Mr. O’Neill said that the district received ESSER funding and asked what is being done with the money.

The Superintendent said that the School Business Administrator would be able to provide you information of how the grant is structured. He also said that it is public information and that it had to be used for certain areas such as mental wellness of students.

The School Business Administrator asked Mr. O’Neill if he would like a full run down of all grant funding.

Mr. O’Neill responded that he would just OPRA the information.

Motion to close the Hearing of Citizens made by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

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PERSONNEL

A. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF A CUSTODIAN FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the employment of the following Custodians for the 2021-2022 school year:

Sergio Espolita, as a twelve month **Night Custodian** (new position) at North Arlington High School at Step 5 on the North Arlington Custodial Salary Guide or \$52,320.00, prorated, and payment of a Night Shift Differential stipend in the amount of \$512.05, for a total annual salary of \$52,832.05 for the period beginning on or about February 17, 2022 through on or about June 30, 2022, *pending criminal history clearance and completion of all required employment paperwork.*

BE IT RESOLVED that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the employment of a Custodian, for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth above.

B. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF A CERTIFICATED STAFF MEMBER FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the employment of the following certificated staff member, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Lidia Wrobel, full-time, **School Counselor** at Roosevelt Elementary School and Washington Elementary School (replacing Krista Rambala) for the period beginning on or about February 17, 2022 through June 30, 2022, at Step 1, MA on the North Arlington Teachers' Salary Guide or \$55,650.00, pro-rated, *pending criminal history clearance and completion of all required employment paperwork.*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the employment of a certificated staff member, for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth above.

C. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF A LEAVE REPLACEMENT ATHLETIC TRAINER FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the employment of the following leave replacement Athletic Trainer, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Daniel DeShong, full-time, **Leave Replacement Athletic Trainer** at North Arlington Public Schools, (temporarily replacing Joanna Salway) for the period beginning on or about March 31, 2022 through June 30, 2022, at an annual salary of **\$50,000.00**, *pending criminal history clearance and completion of all required employment paperwork.*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the employment of a leave replacement Athletic Trainer for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth above.

D. RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education accept the following resignations:

Jessica Bond, full-time, **Student Assistance Coordinator/ School Counselor** (District-wide) effective on or about March 4, 2022.

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Matthew Faussette, part-time **Two-to-One Special Education Aide** at Veterans Middle School effective on or about February 17, 2022.

Bridgit Morin, part-time **Two-to-One Special Education Aide** at North Arlington High School effective on or about February 25, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby accepts the resignations, set forth above.

E. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REVISED SALARY RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC CREDITS FOR CERTIFICATED STAFF MEMBERS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the revised salary recognition of academic credits for certified staff members, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Jessica Sadej, Teacher at Washington Elementary School going from Step 9 BA+15 to Step 9 MA on the North Arlington Teachers' Salary Guide, adding **\$3,850.00** to her annual salary, retroactively effective February 1, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education approved the revised salary recognition of academic credits for a certified staff member, for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth above.

F. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A VOLUNTEER COACH AT NORTH ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the appointment of the following Volunteer Coach at North Arlington High School, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Softball Volunteer Coach

John Cristiano, Softball Volunteer Coach, for the 2022 Spring season, returning coach.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of a Volunteer Coach at North Arlington High School, for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth above.

G. RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE SUSPENSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF A STAFF MEMBER.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education affirm the suspension with pay of an employee whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office that took place on or about February 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education affirm the reinstatement of the employee whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office effective February 3, 2022; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education affirms the suspension with pay of an employee whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office that took place on or about February 1, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education affirms the reinstatement of the employee whose name is on file in the Superintendent's Office effective February 3, 2022.

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H. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN INTERNSHIP AT NORTH ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve a **School Psychologist Internship** for Ms. Abigail Cataneo in the North Arlington Public Schools, as a requirement of Ms. Cataneo’s School Psychology Program at Brooklyn College, from the period beginning on September 2022 to on or about May 2023 (total of 240 hours), *pending criminal history clearance and completion of all required paperwork*. Ms. Cataneo will be assigned to Dr. Bianca Aceti, School Psychologist at Veterans Middle School and under the direct supervision of Director of Special Education, Michael Burke.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approve a **School Psychologist Internship** for Ms. Abigail Cataneo in the North Arlington Public Schools, as a requirement of Ms. Cataneo’s School Psychology Program at Brooklyn College, from the period beginning on September 2022 to on or about May 2023 (total of 240 hours), *pending criminal history clearance and completion of all required paperwork*. Ms. Cataneo will be assigned to Dr. Bianca Aceti, School Psychologist at Veterans Middle School and under the direct supervision of Director of Special Education, Michael Burke.

I. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A HOME INSTRUCTOR FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the following Home Instructor, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Staff	Rate
Marilyn Martinez	\$40.00/hour

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the following Home Instructor, for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth above.

J. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE TERMS OF THE COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE NORTH ARLINGTON ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, the North Arlington Board of Education (the “Board”) and the North Arlington Administrator’s Association (the “Association”) have negotiated a successor Collective Negotiations Agreement for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 (the “CNA”); and

WHEREAS, the Association has, by majority vote to its membership, ratified the CNA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the terms of the CNA for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to execute, on behalf of the Board, the Agreement by and between the Board and the Association.

K. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF A LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the employment of the following long-term Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year:

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Katelyn Callaghan, as a **Long-term Substitute Teacher** at Washington Elementary School, at the per diem rate of \$100.00 (temporarily replacing Heather Prinzo) for the period beginning on or about February 17, 2022 through on or about March 7, 2022.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the employment of a long-term Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth above.

On Motion 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.

OPERATIONS

A. RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DECISION IN HARASSMENT/INTIMIDATION/BULLYING INVESTIGATIONS.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision on the following HIB Investigations for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's decision to the students' parents, and directs the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith. HIB Investigation Numbers:

226862_FDR_01122022
226581_NAH_12212021

B. MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDICAID INITIATIVE (SEMI) ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED, the North Arlington Board of Education approves the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action plan for the 2021- 2022 school year.

C. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED LIST OF NEIGHBORHOOD ZONES FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, Board Policy No. 5120 provides that elementary school students generally attend the elementary school located in the attendance area of their residence; and

WHEREAS, the addition of Susan B. Anthony Elementary School requires the creation of new attendance areas for the District's elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended that the Board adopt the attached list of proposed neighborhood zones as the attendance areas for the District's elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 empowers the Board to make and amend rules for the management of the public schools of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the revised list of neighborhood zones which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as the attendance areas for the District's elementary schools effective February 16, 2022.

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D. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SCHOOL ANTI-BULLYING SPECIALISTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve School Anti-Bullying Specialists for the 2021-2022 school year, as follows:

Bianca Aceti	District-wide Anti-Bully Specialist
Kaitlyn Austin	District-wide Anti-Bully Specialist
Erika Caceres	District-wide Anti-Bullying Specialist
Jordan Cavallaro	District-wide Anti-Bully Specialist
Dawn Fuller	District-wide Anti-Bully Specialist
Lauren Johnson	District-wide Anti-Bully Specialist
Addison Keim	District-wide Anti-Bully Specialist
Carolyn Kropp	District-wide Anti-Bullying Specialist
Lidia Wrobel	District-wide Anti-Bullying Specialist

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves School Anti-Bullying Specialists for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth above.

On Motion by Mr. Dorsett, 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.

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

A. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, THE LIST OF TRAVEL AND RELATED COSTS WHICH ARE EDUCATIONALLY NECESSARY, FISCALLY PRUDENT, IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES, ARE RELATED TO AND WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE EMPLOYEE’S CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROMOTE THE DELIVERY OF INSTRUCTION OR FURTHER THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the attendance of staff members at the following Professional Development Workshops.

Name	Date	Title of Workshop	Cost
Samantha Rodriguez	02/14/2022	NJSLA General Admin Policy	No Cost
Samantha Rodriguez	02/14/2022	NJSLA General Admin Platform and Technology	No Cost
Samantha Rodriguez	02/15/2022	Scheduling Q & A – NJSLA	No Cost
Samantha Rodriguez	02/15/2022	NJGPA Overview	No Cost
Samantha Rodriguez	02/16/2022	NJSLA/NJGPA Testing Requirements	No Cost
Cristina Rodriguez	02/17/2022 to 02/24/2022	AP Spanish Language and Culture Online Workshop	Registration Fee: \$175.00
Sara Megletti	03/01/2022	Lunch & Learn with Frontline Education	Mileage Cost only: \$26:04
Kelly Peck	03/02/2022 to 03/20/2022	IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training	Registration Fee: \$1,275.00
Alyssa Kahwaty	03/02/2022 to 03/30/2022	IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training	Registration Fee: \$1,275.00
Steve Tobar	03/03/2022	Best Practices Gifted and Talented Education	Registration Fee: \$100.00
Bianca Aceti	03/14/2022 to 03/16/2022	CPI Instructor Training	Registration Fee: \$3,899.00 and Mileage Cost: \$1.05

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Tanya Gaborow	03/15/2022 to 03/30/2022	Phonological Awareness: Essential Skills for all Readers.	Registration Fee: \$ 249.00
John Daco	03/29/2022	Training to address Child Study Team Evaluations for Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing	No Cost
Patrick Bott	04/08/2022	2022 Education Career Fair	Registration Fee: \$125.00 Mileage Cost: \$4.90
Marilyn Martinez	06-03-2022	NJTESOL NJBE Spring Conference	Registration Fee: \$234.00 and Mileage Cost: \$24.50

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the attendance of staff members at Professional Development Workshops.

On Motion by Mr. Dorsett, 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.

INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM

A. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FIELD TRIPS.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve field trips on file in the Superintendent's office.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves field trips on file in the Superintendent's office.

On Motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

GOVERNANCE

A. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF POLICIES AND REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the first reading of the following revised/new Policies and Regulations:

Policies	
2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment (M) (Revised)
2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M) (Revised)
2622	Student Assessment (M) (Revised)
3233	Political Activities (Revised)
5460	High School Graduation (M) (Revised)
5541	Anti-Hazing (M) (New)
8465	Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts (M) (Revised)
9560	Administration of School Surveys (M) (Revised)

Regulations	
2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M) (Revised)
2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (M) (New)
2622	Student Assessment (M) (New)
8465	Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts (M) (Revised)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education approved the first reading of revised/new Policies and Regulations, as set forth above.

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On Motion by Mr. McDermott, 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.

STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY

The Superintendent announced that we would be honoring the teachers of the year. He congratulated everyone and invited each one up to receive a certificate of recognition. He said that at the end of the meeting there would be photos with the Administration, Board, family and friends.

A. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING TEACHER OF THE YEAR ROBERT ENG.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Teacher, **Robert Eng**; and

WHEREAS, a school-wide Teacher of the Year selection committee reviewed the accomplishments of **Robert Eng**; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned selection committee recognized his selfless devotion to the students, parents, and staff of Susan B. Anthony Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the same selection committee at Susan B. Anthony Elementary School elected to name **Robert Eng** as the **2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Arlington Board of Education honors and congratulates **Robert Eng** on being recognized as **Susan B. Anthony Elementary School's 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this expression of appreciation and gratitude is made a part of the permanent records of North Arlington Public Schools.

B. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING TEACHER OF THE YEAR KATHRYN ROUSKI.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Teacher, **Kathryn Rouski**; and

WHEREAS, a school-wide Teacher of the Year selection committee reviewed the accomplishments of ~~Kathryn~~ **Kathryn Rouski**; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned selection committee recognized her selfless devotion to the students, parents, and staff of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the same selection committee at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School elected to name ~~Kathryn~~ **Kathryn Rouski** as the **2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Arlington Board of Education honors and congratulates ~~Kathryn~~ **Kathryn Rouski** on being recognized as **Thomas Jefferson Elementary School's 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this expression of appreciation and gratitude is made a part of the permanent records of North Arlington Public Schools.

C. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING TEACHER OF THE YEAR NATALIE WEI.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Teacher, **Natalie Wei**; and

WHEREAS, a school-wide Teacher of the Year selection committee reviewed the accomplishments of **Natalie Wei**; and

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WHEREAS, the aforementioned selection committee recognized her selfless devotion to the students, parents, and staff of Franklin D. Roosevelt Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the same selection committee at Franklin D. Roosevelt Elementary School elected to name **Natalie Wei** as the **2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Arlington Board of Education honors and congratulates **Natalie Wei** on being recognized as **Franklin D. Roosevelt Elementary School's 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this expression of appreciation and gratitude is made a part of the permanent records of North Arlington Public Schools.

D. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING TEACHER OF THE YEAR ROSEMARY DROZDOWSKI.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Teacher, **Rosemary Drozdowski**; and

WHEREAS, a school-wide Teacher of the Year selection committee reviewed the accomplishments of **Rosemary Drozdowski**; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned selection committee recognized her selfless devotion to the students, parents, and staff of George Washington Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the same selection committee at George Washington Elementary School elected to name **Rosemary Drozdowski** as the **2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Arlington Board of Education honors and congratulates **Rosemary Drozdowski** on being recognized as **George Washington Elementary School's 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this expression of appreciation and gratitude is made a part of the permanent records of North Arlington Public Schools.

E. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING TEACHER OF THE YEAR CHRISTINA RINZIVILLO.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Teacher, **Christina Rinzivillo**; and

WHEREAS, a school-wide Teacher of the Year selection committee reviewed the accomplishments of **Christina Rinzivillo**; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned selection committee recognized her selfless devotion to the students, parents, and staff of Veterans Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the same selection committee at Veterans Middle School elected to name **Christina Rinzivillo** as the **2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Arlington Board of Education honors and congratulates **Christina Rinzivillo** on being recognized as **Veterans Middle School's 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this expression of appreciation and gratitude is made a part of the permanent records of North Arlington Public Schools.

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F. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING TEACHER OF THE YEAR KEVIN BLACKFORD.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Teacher, **Kevin Blackford**; and

WHEREAS, a school-wide Teacher of the Year selection committee reviewed the accomplishments of **Kevin Blackford**; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned selection committee recognized his selfless devotion to the students, parents, and staff of North Arlington High School; and

WHEREAS, the same selection committee at North Arlington High School elected to name **Kevin Blackford** as the **2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Arlington Board of Education honors and congratulates **Kevin Blackford** on being recognized as **North Arlington High School's 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this expression of appreciation and gratitude is made a part of the permanent records of North Arlington Public Schools.

The Superintendent congratulated Mr. Blackford for representing North Arlington Public Schools at the Knights of Columbus Shields Award ceremony.

G. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR CHRISTINA BANCROFT.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools acknowledges the hard work and dedication of School Nurse, **Christina Bancroft**; and

WHEREAS, a district-wide Educational Services Professional of the Year selection committee reviewed the accomplishments of **Christina Bancroft**; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned selection committee recognized her selfless devotion to the students, parents, and staff of North Arlington Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the same selection committee elected to name **Christina Bancroft** as the **2021-2022 Educational Services Professional of the Year**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the North Arlington Board of Education honors and congratulates **Christina Bancroft** on being recognized as the district-wide **2021-2022 Educational Services Professional of the Year**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this expression of appreciation and gratitude is made a part of the permanent records of North Arlington Public Schools.

H. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A CERTIFICATED STAFF MEMBER TO THE INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL SERVICES (I&RS) COMMITTEE FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the North Arlington Board of Education approve the appointment of the following certificated staff member to the School Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) Committee for the 2021-2022 school year.

Lidia Wrobel Roosevelt Elementary School and Washington Elementary School,
School Counselor

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of a certificated staff member to the Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) Committee for the 2021-2022 school year, as set forth above.

On Motion by Mr. Dorsett, second by Mr. Smith. Discussion: Mr. Dorsett and Mrs. Gilgallon both congratulated the teachers of the year for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Dorsett reminded everyone that this recognition was based on nominations and a selection committee of their colleagues. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Dorsett, Chairman
George McDermott, Co-Chairman

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the North Arlington Board of Education that the Finance Resolutions as per the attached reports are approved (1A, 1B, 1C, 1D):
 - A. The budget transfers be approved for January 2022.
 - B. The Board approves the Board Secretary’s Report of January 2022 “Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20A 10(e)” and certify that as of January 2022 the Board Secretary’s monthly financial report did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds, and based on the appropriation balances reflected on these reports and the advice of district officials, we have no reason to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
 - C. The Board accepts the report of the Treasurer of School Monies for January 2022.
 - D. The bills and claims for February 2022 as per the attached are approved. The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the bills and claims to include payroll account and agency account checks for January 30, 2022 (actual), February 15, 2022 (actual), February 28, 2022 (estimated).

Date	Amount
January 30, 2022	\$ 878,316.89 (actual)
February 15, 2022	\$ 945,570.41 (actual)
February 28, 2022	\$ 880,000.00 (estimated)
Total	\$2,703,887.30

On Motion by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

2. MOTION TO APPROVE MANUAL CHECKS

February 2022		Amount
Acct.#11-000-291-270-22-0507		
Ck. # G 08781	Delta Dental Plan of NJ	11,744.42
Ck. # G 08588	Benecard	53,650.76
Ck. # G 08589	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ	216,582.11
Ck. # G 08590	Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ	3,023.20
	Total	\$285,000.49

3. MOTION TO APPROVE HAND CHECKS

February 2022	Description	Amount
Ck. # 020639	Sunshine Clubhouse Childcare Center – January 2022 Tuition	\$20,032.50

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4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED FINAL CALCULATED TUITION RATES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve the revised final calculated tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Preschool/Kindergarten	\$11,805
Grades 1-5	\$11,648
Grades 6-8	\$11,255
Grades 9-12	\$12,658

Revised Final Calculated Tuition Rate for Special Education

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Tuition *</u>
MD	\$46,178
Pre-School Disabled/Part Time	\$18,978
Pre-School Disabled/Full Time	\$ 6,567

*Special Education tuition does not include additional charges for full-time aide(s), benefits, related services, additional highly specialized supplies, and equipment.

On Motion by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

CONTRACTS/MEMBERSHIPS

5. MOTION TO APPROVE OUT OF DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION CONTRACTS/TRANSPORTATION

DESCRIPTION	COST
Silvergate Prep Homebound Instruction Agreement Student's Name is on File at the Board Office.	\$22.00/hr. for a total of 10 hours/week
Bergen County Special Services 2021-2022 Tuition Contract Student's Name is on File at the Board Office.	\$64,980.00

6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT & SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the North Arlington Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1977 for the time period 2022-2023 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission.

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7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDENDUM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOUTH BERGEN JOINTURE COMMISSION AND THE NORTH ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the South Bergen Jointure Commission (SBJC) and the North Arlington Board of Education (NABOE) are parties to a 2022-2023 agreement for SBJC, an approved Coordinated Transportation Service Agency, to coordinate transportation services for the NABOE's students; and

WHEREAS, due to the current public health emergency, school districts may be required to close for health-related reasons; and

WHEREAS, under N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, if a school district is subject to a health-related closure for a period longer than three consecutive school days, a jointure commission shall continue to make payments under the terms of a contract with a contracted service provider as if the school facilities remained open, and

WHEREAS, if there are health-related school closures, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, the SBJC will be obligated to continue payments to its transportation service providers during the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, SBJC's commitment to continue payment to those contracted transportation service providers is contingent upon the NABOE's continued payment to SBJC; and

WHEREAS, the SBJC is desirous of amending the terms of the agreement to memorialize the NABOE's responsibility to continue its payment obligations to the SBJC in the event of school closures due to health-related reasons to ensure full compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9.

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE as follows:

1. For the term of the 2022-2023 school year, if schools are closed and/or operating under virtual or remote instruction as a result of the current public health emergency, thereby, the NABOE shall continue to make payments under its agreement with the SBJC, as if the school facilities remained open, for the SBJC to pay its contracted transportation service providers in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9.

2. All Other terms and conditions of the agreement not addressed herein shall remain in full force and effect.

On Motion by Mr. McDermott, 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.

FACILITIES

8. MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Superintendent recommends that the Board approve facility applications 2003-0026 to 2202-0007.

On Motion by Mr. Dorsett, 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.

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9. MOTION TO APPROVE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, CONTRACTS, ADDENDA, BIDS, AND PROPOSALS

Motion to approve/reject:

A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 36, 75” PROMETHEAN BOARDS FOR NORTH ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that they North Arlington Board of Education approve the purchase of the following from Keyboard Consultants:

EDS Bid#8572

HCESC Co-Op NJ State Approved #34HUNCCP

36 Promethean V7 Titanium ActivPanel 75” 4K Interactive Display	\$140,572.00
36 Promethean Chromebox – Google Certified	\$10,404.00
36 Extended Warranties – 5-year support	\$7,056.00
30 Professional Installation and configuration	\$20,700.00
Mounts, Wall Plates, Cable Connectors, Cable Concealing, Wireless Connectivity, Wall Tracks	\$17,136.00
Total	\$203,868.00

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Arlington Board of Education approves the purchase of 36, 75” Promethean Boards for North Arlington High School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this purchase was part of the 3-year Technology Plan and will be budgeted in the 22/23 general operating budget.

On Motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

LIAISON TO INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

Anthony School	Edward Smith/Robert Dorsett
Jefferson School	Robert Dorsett/George McDermott
Roosevelt School	George McDermott/Heather Gilgallon
Washington School	Michele Higgins/Edward Smith
Veterans Middle School	Edward Smith/Michele Higgins
High School	Heather Gilgallon/George McDermott

INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM

Michele Higgins, Chairman
Heather Gilgallon, Co-Chairman

OPERATIONS

George McDermott, Chairman
Heather Gilgallon, Co-Chairman

GOVERNANCE

Michele Higgins, Chairman
Heather Gilgallon, Co-Chairman

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FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Robert Dorsett, Chairman
George McDermott, Co-Chairman

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY

Robert Dorsett, Chairman
Edward Smith, Co-Chairman

PERSONNEL

George McDermott, Chairman
Edward Smith, Co-Chairman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education of the Borough of North Arlington, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, this Public Meeting of February 16, 2022 adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

On Motion by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

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