

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

February 16, 2022

5:40 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>5:45 p.m.</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Absent</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 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 Editor of the following newspapers: the Bergen RECORD of Hackensack and the Newark Star Ledger.

1. The Superintendent discussed the need to restructure the playground area at Washington and Susan B. Anthony Elementary Schools using PEA funds. The set up will be similar to the High School playground area.
2. The Superintendent stated that the Teacher of the Year dinner, which was possibly being held at "RIP" Collins Athletic Complex, may now be held at another venue if the mask mandates are lifted.

Mr. McDermott entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

3. The Superintendent stated that the Governor's Executive Order regarding masks is expiring on March 7th. The Superintendent and Board discussed masking mandates and updated policies by the NJDOH that have not yet been released.
4. The Superintendent discussed the need for restructuring the administrative roles in regards to the Extended Instructional Support (EIS) Program. Mr. Dorsett inquired about a coordinator in-charge and administrator in-charge at each building. The Superintendent and Board discussed the coordinator's role, which will only be one position. The Superintendent stated that he would have the LinkIt! results within the next week or two.
5. The Superintendent stated that the Director of Special Education reached out to Uncommon Thread in regards to increasing staff (BCBA/Behaviorist). The Board was supportive due to the needs of our students.
6. The Superintendent and Board discussed having a plaque dedication for Susan B. Anthony Elementary School in March (Women's History Month) and Veterans Middle School the Thursday before Memorial Day 2022.

7. The Superintendent discussed the (SEMI) Action Plan and the process to submit services for SEMI eligible students and maximize SEMI participation and reimbursement.
8. The Superintendent stated that the gym at Veterans Middle School will re-open on February 22nd.
9. The Superintendent stated that a necessary part to the Veterans Middle School intercom system finally arrived from ADT. The district no longer has to replace the entire intercom system at the school.
10. The Superintendent announced that during the second round of vaccination sites, 134 people were vaccinated. He stated that this was a great service to the community.
11. The School Business Administrator stated that we needed to reschedule our Board Meeting date for March 7th due to Governor Murphy's State of the Union Address and the release of our state aid numbers. The Board discussed rescheduling to Wednesday, March 16th.

The Superintendent left the Meeting at 6:19 p.m.

The Superintendent re-entered the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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

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

12. The School Business Administrator discussed an engineering project that will be going out to bid in March regarding the drainage issues at Veterans Middle School.
13. The School Business Administrator explained the certified tuition rates from 2020/2021 to the Board.
14. The Board had a discussion regarding various sports programs at North Arlington High School.
15. Mr. McDermott stated that the Committee for Governance was incorrectly posted and offered the correction. The Board discussed and reassigned the Governance Committee.
16. The School Business Administration reviewed key points of the Budget with the Board.
17. The Superintendent informed the Board that members of the NAEF ad SACC will be retiring in the near future. He stated that he had met with them and the School Business Administrator to review a plan to transition into the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:40 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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