

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**April 26, 2022**

5:37 p.m.

**Board of Education Office**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</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 April 26, 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 and Board discussed ideas on possible speakers for the High School Graduation ceremony. Mr. Dorsett suggested former graduates. The Superintendent and Board liked the idea.
2. The Superintendent updated the Board on Conquer Math training for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders. He said that the Middle School had previously trained with Nancy Schultz and that he wanted to make sure that the High School staff was trained as well. Mrs. Higgins offered insight on scheduling. The Superintendent said that he'll relay the information to Mrs. Rodriguez.
3. The Superintendent discussed the new comprehensive health standards and shared resources and unit samples for grades K-5 on "The Great Body Shop" to the Board to review. He said that it will be reviewed further with the PTOC and DEAC prior to any recommendations to the Board. He added that parents would also receive information regarding lessons.
4. The Superintendent stated that there will be a meeting regarding PDPs and District-wide goals and asked the Board if there were any questions which he could bring up at the meeting. Mrs. Higgins said a continued focus on Math and differentiation across all curricula could be a topic of discussion. The Superintendent said that there is also a continued need for cross-curricular writing.
5. The Superintendent stated that we would not be moving forward with the Rutgers University Computer Science Education hub. This information was also indicated as no longer applicable in all staff PDPs due to lack of professional development opportunities provided by Rutgers.
6. The Superintendent and Board discussed the Teacher of the Year Dinner. The Superintendent said that we will be honoring staff and retirees from the past three years.

7. Mrs. Higgins asked to Board to reconsider the Suspension Alternative Placement (SAP) program in Hackensack as an alternate placement instead of a traditional out-of-school suspension. She said that the cost is \$750.00 a year and that there is a five-day minimum for up to 25 days. A \$125 fee would be for each additional week. She said that the program is for age 12 and older. The Board discussed the program further and the Superintendent said that he would review with Mr. Bott before making a recommendation to the Board.
8. The Superintendent and the School Business Administrator discussed being contacted by Mr. Zhu who was interested in renting out space in one of our schools for the Northern Huaxia Chinese School. The Board asked the School Business Administrator to gather more information regarding the specifics of the program for them to review.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:06 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.

Public Work Session reconvened at 6:51 p.m.

9. The Superintendent discussed possible recreational use of Jefferson Elementary School for a summer camp and licensing requirements. The Board was supportive of the summer camp; however, they all agreed that more information was needed, specifically on licensing requirements. The Superintendent stated that he'll work with the Board Attorney to draft a response to the Borough.
10. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the MOA with the Borough. The Superintendent and Board further discussed this topic. Everyone agreed that revisions were needed.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski  
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