

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

June 15, 2022

5:34 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. McDermott	<u>Absent</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 June 15, 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 updated the Board on a previous question Mr. Dorsett had asked regarding chronic absences at Veterans Middle School. He said that the rate was approximately 3% in the 2018-2019 school year and went up to approximately 12% in the 2020-2021 school year, which was attributed to the pandemic.
2. The Superintendent stated that the Kindergarten placements should be out by next week.
3. The Superintendent stated that the PreK screenings will be moving from ASQ to ESI3 next school year. Mr. Dorsett inquired as to how many students have currently registered for PreK. The Superintendent stated almost all slots have been filled.
4. The Superintendent stated that the Kindergarten screenings have been completed for those students currently enrolled in our PreK4 program.
5. The Superintendent announced that Samantha Dembowski, Samantha Rodriguez and Melissa Cutrali worked on and submitted the NJ Tiered System of Support for Early Reading grant, which we received. Rutgers will be facilitating the grant.
6. The Superintendent discussed residency issues with the Board regarding out-of-district students that did not respond to the residency verification paperwork and approximately 50 students from grades 6-9 have not yet responded. He also stated that our residency officer identified at least 5 families that did not live in town over the course of the school year.
7. The Superintendent handed out LinkIt! A through C reports to the Board for review. The Superintendent said that there was a meeting this afternoon regarding LinkIt! The Board reviewed and discussed further.

8. The Superintendent handed out the Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan to the Board for review. He said that we will continue to follow guidance from the Department of Education, Department of Health, and the CDC.
9. Mrs. Higgins inquired if we are still doing contact tracing. The Superintendent said that we are to the best of our abilities.
10. The Superintendent and Board discussed having the option of skorts for part of the K-5 uniform choices for next school year. The Board agreed to this as an acceptable option. The Superintendent said that he will ask the Assistant Principal at the High School to have meeting with all Principals regarding this option.
11. The Superintendent stated that there will be a school uniform sale in the High School Cafeteria Tuesday through Friday from July 19 to July 22, 2022.
12. The Superintendent informed the Board that partial roofing material was arriving on June 16, 2022 at Veterans Middle School and being stored on the field. The Veterans Middle School field will be shut down until further notice.
13. The Superintendent congratulated Lauren Buckley for applying for and receiving a competitive grant for Mental Health First Aid High School Initiative.

The Superintendent left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The Superintendent re-entered the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:09 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.

The Public Work Session reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

14. The Board discussed a need for security officers present within all the buildings. The Superintendent reached out to a service for further guidance. He told the Board that he would be setting up a meeting with the Chief of Police to discuss all options. He said that he would also follow up with a joint meeting between the Mayor, Council, and Board.
15. The Superintendent informed the Board that the Borough will not be using our facilities for a summer camp program.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski

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