

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**July 18, 2022**

5:39 p.m.

**Board of Education Office**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

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| Mr. McDermott                | <u>Present</u>   |
| Mrs. Higgins                 | <u>Present</u>   |
| Mr. Dorsett                  | <u>6:57 p.m.</u> |
| Mr. Smith                    | <u>Present</u>   |
| Mrs. Gilgallon               | <u>Present</u>   |
| Ms. Kajo, Student BOE Member | <u>Absent</u>    |

III.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of July 18, 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 School Business Administrator announced that as part of new law signed by Governor Murphy there will be a non-voting student member of the Board of Education in attendance at Public Meetings, which was previously outlined in student bylaws and Board Policy 0143.2.
2. The Superintendent stated that Mr. McDermott had inquired about AED machines in the district. The Superintendent said that they are all in compliance and that there is one on each floor of every building. He said that approximately five of them will expire in August. Mr. McDermott inquired if the newer AED machines were the bilingual ones. The Superintendent noted that he would find out that information from our Athletic Director.

The Superintendent left the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

The Superintendent re-entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

3. The Superintendent explained the increased rate for site managers for football games and 3 basketball games to \$75.00 due to the amount of time an employee would be site managing the game in comparison to other events.
4. Mr. Smith inquired about the qualifications of a leave replacement candidate. The Superintendent provided background information. The Board further discussed this topic.
5. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the purchases of Food Service items on the Agenda. The School Business Administrator explained the Food Service operating budget and the need to replace some old equipment.

6. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the purchase of snow plows for the district. The School Business Administrator explained that the plows we currently have are faulty, old and rusty, and need to be replaced.
7. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the Food Service Van repairs. There was unanimous consent for three Board Members to leave the meeting to go outside to review the status of current vehicle. Meeting resumed with all Board Members at 6: 13 p.m.

The Superintendent, Mrs. Gilgallon, Mrs. Higgins, and Mr. Smith left the meeting at 6:07 p.m.  
The Superintendent, Mrs. Gilgallon, Mrs. Higgins, and Mr. Smith re-entered the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

The School Business Administrator explained the list of repairs needed on the van. The Board offered their concerns of the food service driver(s). The School Business Administrator stated that she will contact the new Food Service Director to discuss proper usage of the vehicle.

Mrs. Gilgallon left the meeting at 6:13 p.m.  
Mrs. Gilgallon re-entered the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

8. The Superintendent informed the Board that the administrative team would like to separate the Veterans Middle School and the North Arlington High School Twitter handles to avoid confusion. The Board supported this change.
9. The Superintendent discussed scheduling a date for a security meeting with the Borough. The Board discussed possible dates (August 29, 2022 or August 30, 2022).

The Superintendent left the meeting at 6:21 p.m.  
The Superintendent re-entered the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

10. The Superintendent discussed the need for a date change related to the November Board Meeting. The meeting will be changed from Tuesday, November 15, 2022 to Monday, November 14, 2022 due to the submission of the District Performance Review (DPR) for QSAC.
11. The Superintendent stated that the weight room in the High School is cleared out and the renovation of the area is underway. The School Business Administrator stated that it is slated to be completed by the end of August.
12. The Superintendent reviewed comparative data with the Board: Start Strong Linkit! Form C, NJSLA (18-19), and NJSLA preliminary results in ELA Math.

Mrs. Rodriguez entered the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Mrs. Rodriguez, Director of Curriculum & Instruction reviewed the data with the Board.

The School Business Administrator left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.  
The School business Administrator re-entered the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The Superintendent and the Director of Curriculum & Instruction explained the Early Childhood Literacy Grant to the Board along with other initiatives to help drive instruction based on data.

Mr. Dorsett entered the meeting at 6:57 p.m.  
Mr. McDermott left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Rodriguez further reviewed the data and brought Mr. Dorsett up to speed.

Mr. McDermott re-entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m.  
Mrs. Rodriguez left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Mrs. Gilgallon left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.  
Mrs. Gilgallon re-entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

13. Mr. Smith inquired about summer AP course work being assigned to students. The Superintendent said that he would speak to the High School Principal and provide the Board with an update.

Mrs. Higgins left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.  
Mrs. Higgins re-entered the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

14. The Superintendent updated Mr. Dorsett with the previous points of tonight's Board Meeting.
15. Mr. Dorsett inquired about if there was any recourse for someone who falsely claims an HIB case. The Superintendent stated that a reverse HIB could be filed if a distinguishing characteristic was believed to have been targeted. The Board further discussed this topic.
16. Mr. Smith inquired about the process of families obtaining the drug testing results. The Superintendent stated that the nurse calls the family before the drug test and emails from the Principal are sent out to the family once the results have been sent.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. made by Mrs. Higgins, 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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