

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

September 12, 2022

5:35 p.m.

Board of Education Office

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>
Student Board Member	<u>Absent</u>

III.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of September 12, 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 NA Day which is scheduled for October 1, 2022. He stated that he would ask the school principals and Board to rotate at the table. He said that the Borough liaison was supposed to provide updates; however, no one contacted him. He said that he would keep the Board posted on any details.
2. The Superintendent discussed the estimated cost for mantraps at all schools. He said that it would cost between \$50,000 to \$100,000 per school depending on what the individual school already had in place. The Superintendent said that we will discuss further after a meeting is scheduled with an OEM official.
3. The Superintendent stated that a special meeting needs to be scheduled to adopt the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instructional Plan that is due to the County by September 30th. He proposed September 19th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss and approve the plan. The Board was supportive.
4. The Superintendent updated the Board on the drainage project at Veterans Middle School. The School Business Administration discussed cosmetic repair work for the Veterans Middle School driveway. The School Business Administrator said she would be discussing a reduced price with the contractor and would update the Board on that. The Board agreed to move forward if the contractor agreed to come down in price.
5. The School Business Administrator updated the Board on the traffic issues at Veterans Middle School. Mr. McDermott suggested putting a full construction fence through the field to the parking lot. The School Business Administrator said that she would instruct the construction company to do so.

6. The Superintendent and Board briefly left the meeting at 5:57 p.m. to view the new high school weight room and returned at 6:03 p.m.
7. The Superintendent said that he sent a general email to all with anticipated health updates regarding COVID-19 requirements.
8. The Superintendent said that Back-to-School nights were coming up and announced the nights at each school.
9. The Superintendent reviewed potential Start Strong dates for the Board.
10. Mr. Dorsett re-voiced his opinion regarding issues in filling out the nurse emergency contact forms. The Board discussed pros and cons of hard-copy forms and completing them electronically. The Superintendent said that he would bring it up at the next Administrator's meeting and get back to the Board.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. made 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.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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