

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

October 17, 2022

5:38 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. McDermott	<u>Present -5:54 p.m.</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	Called in Prior Obligation – was present via telephone
Student Board Member	<u>Present</u>

III.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of October 17, 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 EIS (Extended Instructional Support) Program. He reminded the Board that last year the district worked on refining job positions and rates. He said that LinkIt! Form A was completed. The Superintendent said that the first round of EIS would start around November 15, 2022 to approximately February 3, 2023 and that Form B would be administered in early February. The second round of EIS would then start in March 2023 following the results of Form B.
2. The Superintendent stated that our ESL population has grown by approximately 20-30 more students and that we may need to open another position to support this. He also asked the Board for permission to create another position for Pre-K SWD due to growing enrollment. The Board further discussed this topic and were all in agreement to create and post the new positions.
3. The Superintendent stated that OEM recommended 3D signs for Stop the Bleed kits and to also consider placing kits in the classrooms. The Superintendent said that the kits would have to be replaced every three to five years depending on the expiration dates. The Board further discussed training teachers, pricing on kits, and getting a quote. The Superintendent said that he would get a quote and discuss at the next meeting.
4. The Superintendent discussed an upcoming football game with Lyndhurst. He said that the NJSIAA had a meeting with all athletic directors and stated that the home teams have to do a better job at accommodating the band, cheer, and parents of away teams and suggested renting bleachers or having them permanently placed at the fields. He said that we have a quote for temporary bleachers in the amount of \$2,000.00/night. The School Business Administrator will contact Lyndhurst's School Business Administrator to inquire about shared costs and police presence. The Board supported all safety aspects of this request.

5. The Superintendent informed the Board that all the AEDs in the district have been checked. They are all functional and within the appropriate expiration dates. The Board further discussed this topic, specifically related to upcoming orders.
6. The Board inquired about removing the tarp at “RIP” that is showing wear and tear. The School Business Administrator will review and provide an update.
7. The Board discussed summer reading assignments and test scores. The Superintendent stated that he’ll review and provide an update.
8. The Superintendent and Board discussed scheduling a joint meeting with the Borough to discuss School Security and Personnel. The Superintendent said that he would keep everyone updated.
9. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the Math online textbooks. The Board compared and discussed the use of physical textbooks versus online textbooks. The Board discussed the pros and cons of IXL Learning Platform. Mrs. Higgins inquired about a math program Investigations at the elementary level. The Superintendent stated that it is a pilot program and being reviewed by our curriculum team for all fourth and fifth grades.

The Superintendent left the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

The Superintendent re-entered the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Samantha Rodriguez-Torrento, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, entered the room at 6:29 p.m.

The topic continued. Mrs. Rodriguez discussed the benefits of IXL and the use of textbooks and moving forward with digital learning. The Board discussed alternatives to IXL and streamlining. The Superintendent stated that he’ll keep everyone posted.

Mrs. Rodriguez-Torrento left the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

The student Board Member left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:46 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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