

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

November 14, 2022

5:39 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. McDermott	<u>Present – 5:47 p.m.</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present – 5:41 p.m.</u>
Student Board Member	<u>Present</u>

III.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of November 14, 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 reviewed data specific to the attendance of students and staff for the Extended Instructional Support (EIS) - Spring of 2022.
2. The Superintendent discussed the ESL enrollment comparisons from last year and this year. He also discussed a 30-hour program that teachers could take for certification.
3. The Superintendent updated the Board regarding Stop the Bleed kits. He said that he spoke with the High School nurse who said that we would need approximately 250 spaces for the kits. The Superintendent said that the kits would cost approximately \$70.00 each. Mrs. Gilgallon recommended purchasing two kits per class each year. The School Business Administrator stated that this would be a budgeted expense for 23/24.
4. The Superintendent informed the Board of an anonymous donation of a camera for Veterans Middle School valued at approximately \$250.00. The Board was appreciative of this and thanked the anonymous donor.
5. The Superintendent updated the Board regarding QSAC. He said that we have a facilities walkthrough on Monday for Washington School, the High School and Veterans Middle School.

Preliminary results indicate four of the five categories are receiving 100 and Instruction and Programming around an 83.3, which is encouraging coming out of COVID-19.

6. The School Business Administrator informed the Board that we had plans to do an energy audit prior to COVID and that we were finally able to audit all the buildings and “RIP” Collins Athletic Complex. PSE&G will be funding approximately \$1.1 million in its Energy Conservation Program for new mechanical and lighting upgrades at our six schools and “RIP” Collins Athletic Complex. She was happy to announce as a result of this audit, that North Arlington has qualified for participation in the Energy Conservation Program through NJ Clean Energy and PSE&G.
7. The Superintendent stated that ROD grants are back and that approximately \$340 million is available to the State of New Jersey. The Superintendent said that we will be applying and hoping to use the grant money to fund security vestibules in all six schools, if awarded.
8. The Superintendent said that the Board had asked if 80% completion of IXL could be modified at our last meeting. It was believed that IXL could not be modified. He said that the Director of Curriculum and Instruction is waiting for full confirmation that IXL could not be modified. He said that he will keep everyone posted.
9. The Superintendent asked the Board for available dates and times for a security meeting with the Borough. The Board provided potential dates and times.
10. The Superintendent updated the Board on the drainage project at Veterans Middle School.
11. The Superintendent updated the Board regarding fall sports awards. He explained that attendance of student-athletes and staff was low when scheduled later on one night. He stated that the athletic department gave the coaches the direction of selecting times and days to honor their student-athletes with the intention of having as many student-athletes attend as possible. Everyone agreed that advanced notice of a single night and time for winter sports will be scheduled. Overall participation will be monitored. The Board inquired about the end of year ceremony and associated costs. The Superintendent explained that this event has presented challenges in relation to attendance, costs, and overall length. This topic will be discussed further in the coming months. The Student Board Member stated that she was unaware of any issues and only that she heard events could be cancelled.
12. The Superintendent said that rumors of the National Honor Society not taking place at a restaurant are false. He said that a new advisor was recently appointed and has been in the process of booking the San Carlo around March.
13. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the Promethean Boards. The Superintendent said that they were budgeted in the three year technology plan. The School Business Administrator said that the High School and Veterans Middle School are fully equipped with Promethean Boards. She said that they started at Susan B. Anthony School because of the PreK rooms. She said all of the elementary schools should have the boards installed by summer 2023.
14. Mr. Smith inquired about the tarp at “RIP” Collins. The Superintendent stated that he would speak to the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds regarding a potential sale and/or disposal.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:32 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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