

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**January 23, 2022**

5:33 p.m.

**Board of Education Office**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. McDermott	<u>5:37 p.m.</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>
Student Board Member	<u>Present</u>

III.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of January 23, 2023, 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 5, 2023 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 regarding the school calendar. He stated that the majority of Bergen County public schools will be open on June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 19<sup>th</sup> based on a recent survey. Everyone discussed possible graduation dates for the High School and Middle School.
2. The Superintendent discussed the millennium project, which was the fiber connections that were installed at all schools a few years ago with the Board. He said that the district and borough were both using the same internet carriers so the redundancy was not fully functional. The Superintendent discussed scheduling a date and time to meet with the borough to discuss further.
3. The Superintendent stated that the current rates were low for North Arlington substitute teachers. The Board discussed a substitute rate increase for the 23/24 school year.
4. The Superintendent stated that the athletic director had a meeting with the 12 students who had interest in crew and that all but three will be joining other sports. The athletic director followed up with two crew organizations for possible membership but learned that they would not be offered in spring at this moment and that adult supervision is required for the other program. He said that there were approximately 50 students interested in boys volleyball and a strong interest in girls flag football. Mrs. Higgins inquired about why the girls flag football coach stipends were less than the other coach stipends for other sports. The Superintendent said that the girls flag football sport is being introduced as an entry-level sport that will not be practicing or competing as much as other sports. It is also not recognized as an official sport by the NJSIAA, so girls can still participate in all other sports.

5. The Superintendent said that there was a need for the .6 Spanish teacher position at North Arlington High School to move to a full-time position. He asked the Board if they agreed to move forward with the request for a full-time Spanish teacher position. The Board agreed.
6. The Superintendent said that he asked the school nurse if she would look into getting quotes for Stop the Bleed kits since the prior quote we had was for \$74,000. He said that she was able to get two lower quotes. He said that we will be ordering samples to see if they are worth the purchase.
7. The Superintendent discussed school security. He and the Board discussed waiting for the ROD Grants to be released. He said that he will follow up with the Board when we have more information on the ROD Grant allowable uses.
8. The Superintendent had a meeting with the LinkIt! representative regarding data review with IXL and LinkIt!. He said that everything discussed in previous meetings is possible. He said that we are making progress and will need 4-6 weeks to get back to the Board regarding a plan of action

Motion to move to Executive Session at 5:52 p.m. made by Mr. Smith second by Mrs. Higgins. 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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