

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**December 11, 2023**

5:36 p.m.

**Board of Education Office**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Student Board Member	<u>Present</u>

**III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of December 11, 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, as amended, 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 stated that NJSIAA was looking to make Girl's Flag Football an official sport. He said that this may pose a problem with softball and other sports programs. He stated that North Arlington and many other Bergen County districts would be voting no on the proposal.
2. The Superintendent said that Father Anthony from Queen of Peace approached us asking if we were interested in leasing the La Salle Center. The Superintendent stated that he and the School Business Administrator would set up a meeting in the new year to discuss all future plans.
3. The Superintendent stated that we have a meeting scheduled with the Borough on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. He shared a cost analysis of custodial and police overtime for events with the Board. The Superintendent, School Business Administrator, and Board also discussed potentially implementing site managers at certain after-school/weekend events.
4. The School Business Administrator reviewed the 2024 Schedule of Board Meetings with the Board.
5. The School Business Administrator and Board discussed dates and plans for Techspo 2024.
6. The Superintendent asked the Student Board Member if she had anything to discuss from the student body. She said that she did not have anything to share.
7. Mr. Smith inquired about additional EIS hours. The Superintendent stated that these would allow existing staff members on the agenda to also serve as subs for other classes.

8. Mrs. Higgins inquired about a resolution on the agenda regarding bringing books home. The Superintendent said that some schools were not sending the leveled readers home with the students because there were not enough books at appropriate levels. He said that we ordered more leveled readers so that there would be enough for all students to bring home.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. made by Mr. Dorsett, second by Mr. Smith. 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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