

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

February 12, 2024

5:42 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of February 12, 2024, 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 4, 2024 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.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 5:42 p.m. made by Mrs. Higgins, 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.

Open Session reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

1. Mr. Smith inquired about LinkIt! being used as test/quiz grades. The Superintendent said that they are not utilized as a quiz grade or a test grade. He called in Mrs. Rodriguez-Torrento, Director of Curriculum & Instruction PK-12 to discuss further.

Mrs. Rodriguez-Torrento entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Mrs. Rodriguez-Torrento discussed LinkIt! with the Board and confirmed that LinkIt! is not being used as a test/quiz grade. She explained the overall progress that our students are making.

2. The Superintendent handed out folders to the Board Members for review regarding NJSLA and NJGPA. The Board discussed preparations for the upcoming Spring Triathlon. Mr. Dorsett questioned why NJSLA reviews are not happening on a regular basis. The Superintendent explained that we have expanded from 1 month to 3 months and also encouraged this to be included in Do Nows. Mrs. Higgins supported the efforts and stated that we are not looking to become a district that focuses just on test prep all year long.
3. The School Business Administrator reviewed and discussed the school budget with the Board. The Superintendent discussed potential new positions.
4. The Superintendent updated the Board on the Field House 18-21 Program. He said that he asked for the athletic director call a company familiar with NJSIAA specifications to get specs on the area before work gets started on the Field House.

5. The Superintendent said that the high school field trip to Spain will be April 11th through April 18th.
6. The School Business Administrator continued discussion on the school budget with the Board.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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