

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**June 12, 2024**

7:31 p.m.

**Board of Education Office**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Absent</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 June 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.

1. Several dates were discussed for the July board meeting. July 8<sup>th</sup> was the date agreed upon. The time of the meeting was going to be discussed with all Board members and then notice would be placed in the paper.
2. The School Business Administrator discussed the low bid for the Field House project and items that can potentially be reduced from the project specs. The Board decided to continue and award the project based upon the fact that this program will pay for itself in tuition savings in the long run.
3. The Superintendent recommended tabling the second reading of the Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils (revised) policy until the next Board meeting. The reason the policy was recommended on being tabled is due to the fact that further discussion and clarification is needed regarding how the BCC shared services college program would be assessed with tuition-based students. The Board agreed to table this until further clarification was given.
4. The School Business Administrator shared a quote for new risers for High School gym. She also explained that the old risers would be recycled to one of the elementary schools for usage. The Board agreed with moving forward with the purchase.
5. The Board inquired about painting the High School gym. The School Business Administrator explained to the Board that this project was presented to the high school administration and due to the nostalgia of the gym setting the high school administration does not want to move forward with the gym painting. The Superintendent supported their decision.
6. Mr. McDermott brought up our TeeBall field behind the High School and the ability to upkeep that field for Recreation purposes. The Superintendent reminded the Board that a quote was presented to them a couple of years ago that was extremely over budget. The quote included leveling the back of the field with a retaining wall so the sanded/clay area did not drop off into the cemetery. At the time, the Board decided that amount was not feasible and the project was placed on hold until further notice. The Superintendent did state that he

met with the principal of North Arlington High School and head custodian earlier in the day. Garbage cans will be ordered and overgrown brush will be cleared.

7. Mr. Smith inquired about a Veterans Middle School Security Guard. The Superintendent discussed the job description of this position.
8. Mr. Smith inquired about sub-rate for ESY. The Superintendent agreed that the amount for the sub rate should be \$25 per hour and a note was made to correct Item MM in the minutes.
9. The Board discussed the concrete work at Susan B. Anthony School. The Superintendent explained the project to the Board and stated that we have been working with the Borough's code official.
10. The Board discussed the asbestos removal at the High School Main Office. The School Business Administrator explained that the abatement would be taking place during the month of July.
11. The Board discussed the justification for the padding for the middle school stage supplied by Bernadette Fash, Assistant Principal. The Board read the justification and understood updated padding was needed due to wear and tear.
12. Mr. Smith inquired about the fence at Washington Elementary School. The School Business Administrator explained the need for the replace of the fence due to the rodent problem on the resident's side and the brush being entangled in the old fence.
13. Mr. Smith inquired about summer assignments. The Superintendent stated that students will have until the end of September to complete the assignments, as noted within the packets.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski  
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