

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

August 27, 2020

5:35 p.m.

High School Gymnasium

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

III. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of August 27, 2020, 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, 2020 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 the NJSIAA postponed the Volleyball fall season to late February.
2. The Superintendent said that he received an email from NJIC who decided that the band and cheerleaders will only participate in home games and limited half-time performances.
3. Mr. Dorsett inquired about how many fans might be attending these events. The Superintendent said that it depended on the Executive Order that is in place at the time of the event.
4. The Superintendent credited Patrick Bott, High School Principal and Josh Aronowitz, Athletic Director for two projects: Contract with Ticket Spicket for contactless, advanced ticket purchasing and contract with All Abilities Live for live streaming varsity games.
5. The Superintendent discussed Simple Start, which will hold a showcase for all soccer athletes at "RIP" Athletic Complex on September 12, 2020.
6. Mr. Dorsett suggested the possibility of hiring a company long term for live streaming varsity games or possibly having the capability of doing it in house.
7. Mrs. Higgins inquired about what the cost would be for live streaming events and if it was included in the budget. The School Business Administrator explained where the funds were budgeted.
8. Mr. McDermott asked the Superintendent to explain to the public and taxpayers at the public meeting why school parks are not open. The Superintendent explained that there are not enough resources to monitor and sanitize the playgrounds at this time, which is needed to adhere to the Executive Orders.

9. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the technology obtained from the Little Ferry Board of Education. The Superintendent responded that they donated 30 Smart Boards as well as 30 projectors to us, all in very good condition; estimated value around \$90,000.00.
10. Mrs. Higgins wanted to thank the Superintendent and Administration who worked to bring the new ABA Program to North Arlington. She thanked them for their hard work.
11. Mr. Dorsett inquired about how many we have enrolled this year. The Superintendent said that we have three different levels: K-2 and 3-5 at Jefferson School and Pre-K (1/2 Days) at Washington School, Pre-K (ABA) at Roosevelt School. He said that we have approximately 11 students enrolled. The Board discussed getting the word out about the program to the communities.
12. Mrs. Higgins inquired about how much we would be receiving from the Digital Divide Grant. The School Business Administrator said that we just received word that the application was successfully submitted and now begin the pre-award process. The School Business Administrator and Superintendent also discussed with the Board the reality of how much money the school may actually receive from this grant, which may be as high as approximately \$178,000.
13. Mrs. Higgins discussed the frustration in process of trying to open the schools and that the Government and State have not given precise information such as the health checklist. She explained that she understood the frustrations the community has but the information is not coming to the district in a timely manner. The Superintendent discussed delays in getting checklists from the State and that there is no official guidance to compare the remote plans.
14. The Superintendent discussed results of surveys taken for Phase 1 and a new survey for Phase 2. He reviewed the challenges of readjusting the schedules and rearranging staff each time the survey data changes.
15. The Superintendent said that it was a pleasure working with our NAEA and how fantastic they have been during this process. He said that some other districts are having issues working with their unions, but we are working cohesively with the safety of students and staff always as the number one priority.
16. Mr. McDermott spoke about the utilization of "RIP" Collins Athletic Complex. He said that people have mentioned that it needed to be cleaned up, because people were leaving garbage on the field.
17. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the Side Bar Agreement with the coaches. The Superintendent stated that this will allow fair payments for all of our coaches.
18. The School Business Administrator discussed the district move that took place. She explained weather and elevator issues that occurred, and the willingness of All Seasons to stay on budget to what was quoted.
19. The Superintendent discussed meeting with the Queen of Peace High School Alumni Association regarding Queen of Peace High school memorabilia and that everyone was happy that the QPHSAA was now in possession of these items.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:23 p.m. made by Mr. McDermott, second by Mrs. Gilgallon. 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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