

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

**PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

**September 14, 2020**

5:32 p.m.

**Virtual**

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 September 14, 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 discussed the ability to purchase additional Chromebooks for the district with the Digital Divide Grant money that we have been allocated. The Board discussed the 1:1 ratio of Chromebooks.
2. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator updated the Board on the PPE items and estimated delivery dates.
3. The Board discussed the possibility of getting the K-2 students into the schools sooner than planned. The Superintendent said that he would meet with the Principals tomorrow to discuss and report to the Board by Thursday.
4. The Superintendent discussed the Random Drug Test Policy with the Board. He felt it would be difficult to adhere to while the students were doing full remote instruction. The Board discussed and unanimously agreed that both hybrid and virtual students should be tested when we commence hybrid instruction. The Superintendent agreed.
5. Mrs. Higgins inquired about inviting someone in from School Boards to discuss committee formats at our next Board Meeting. Mrs. Gilgallon said that due to a prior commitment she could not be present, so the invitation was tentatively planned for the November Board Meeting.
6. Mrs. Higgins reminded the Superintendent to update the goals on the website to reflect 2020-2021. The Superintendent said that he would take care of that.
7. Mr. Dorsett inquired if there was anything set up for school violence week. He asked if there were any virtual presenters planned so that everyone can take part. The Superintendent said that he met with Ms. Lauren Buckley, Supervisor of Guidance PreK-12, regarding some presenters and that Friday afternoons would be an ideal time. Mr. McDermott suggested doing a DARE presentation as well.

8. Mr. Dorsett inquired about the recreational use of our gym. The Superintendent said that he worked with the recreation director and that the first event coming up was indoor volleyball with strict protocols in place with no more than 25 people in the gymnasium. Mr. McDermott asked that the Board be mindful of the clean up and having enough supplies to properly disinfect. The School Business Administrator said that she spoke with the recreation director and that they agreed to reimburse us for the disinfectant Spray and they will be paying for the custodial overtime as well.
9. Mr. Dorsett inquired if SACC would be in every building after school. The Superintendent said that it depended on the enrollment. The Board was concerned about overlapping with the recreation. Mrs. Higgins said that the childcare has to come first. It's a safe place for the children to be after school and that the recreational games may have to start later in the evening. The entire Board was in agreement.
10. Mr. Dorsett inquired on when the Chromebooks would be in. The Superintendent said that they were on backorder until November or December.
11. Mr. Dorsett asked if we had enough Chromebooks to hand out. The Superintendent said that the survey data received did not represent the actual need, but all students currently in need of a device were provided a school issued Chromebook or laptop.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. made by Mr. McDermott, 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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