

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

April 29, 2021

5:42 p.m.

High School Gymnasium

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>5:43 p.m.</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>

III.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of April 29, 2021, 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 7, 2021 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 announced that the Restart and Recovery meeting was held on April 28th. He stated that we will be moving to 5 days per week on May 17th with a four-hour session and that there will be three full days, including lunch services on May 29th, June 2nd, and June 9th. Mr. Dorsett asked if people were happy with the decision. The Superintendent said that almost everyone was happy and appreciative.
2. The Superintendent informed the Board that the Senior Prom is booked at The Brownstone on Tuesday, June 1st. He said that the Brownstone has a 250-capacity limit and that we booked it at 150 capacity considering the necessity for social distancing. He said that the high school administration will be having another committee meeting to get all feedback regarding using “RIP” Collins Athletic Complex instead. The Superintendent said that our high school principal and assistant principal will be meeting with two advisors to discuss having a casual Junior Prom night at “RIP” Collins Athletic Complex. The Superintendent said that he sent a list of all upcoming year-end events to the Board Members and invited them to attend any of the events if they were available. Mr. Dorsett thanked the Superintendent for planning all events well in advance.
3. The Superintendent recapped a PTOC meeting he attended and updated the Board on yearbooks/memory books in the elementary schools. He said that he suggested the elementary PTOs contact our high school principal for a possible donation from the high school’s former classes to cover some of the costs, with former class approval. The Superintendent discussed a school dance which Washington School is planning at a venue which would be funded by their school PTO. The Superintendent said that a joint 5th grade get-together at “RIP” Collins Athletic Complex is being discussed by all PTOs and elementary school principals.
4. The Superintendent said that the 8th grade PTO will be putting together a year-end event at VMS field.

5. The Superintendent said that Veterans Middle School graduates will have the option to purchase a traditional lawn sign. He said that high school graduates will have the option to purchase a traditional lawn sign or one with a portrait. Elementary school students will not have the option to purchase lawn signs and was reviewed by the PTOC.
6. The Superintendent updated the Board on Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI). He thanked the Board for allowing the district to move forward with the program. He said that the start-up training has begun at Jefferson School and will begin with self-contained and resource classes.
7. The Superintendent updated the Board on CTE Program application and credited our high school principal for working on this project. The Superintendent said that we're hoping to bring "Entrepreneurship" to North Arlington High School next school year followed by accounting, marketing, and a vocational CTE program.
8. The Superintendent stated that we're planning on ESY taking place in-person and our Director of Special Education will be working out the logistics.
9. The Superintendent said that we will have a Summer Extension Program, which is similar to the Sumer Bridge Program we had last year. He said that we may implement a software program and have a teacher monitor it behind the scenes, however we are still working on aspects of this project.

Mr. Smith suggested having teachers in person. The Board agreed. The Superintendent said that he would further look into the logistics of a full in-person program. The Superintendent asked for two Board Members to take part in the development of this program. Mrs. Higgins and Mr. McDermott agreed.

10. The Superintendent suggested instead of a district-wide Facebook account that we have a district-wide Twitter account for next school year. The Board agreed.
11. The Superintendent stated that a resident reached out and inquired about having dog-training on school property. The Board agreed to the facility usage with the proper documentation and insurance coverage.
12. The School Business Administrator stated that a resident inquired about having a men's basketball league on school premises approximately 6-9 pm for a few nights in May. The Board agreed to the facility usage with the proper documentation and insurance coverage.
13. The Superintendent announced that the weekly activity report in the State of New Jersey is now at moderate level for the first time in months.
14. The Superintendent discussed two quotes received for paving at the Veterans Middle School Field. The Board agreed to open Veterans Middle School Field to the public as long as appropriate signs are in place. The Board will review repaving at another time.

Mrs. Gilgallon left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Gilgallon re-entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

15. Mr. McDermott announced that PSE&G is changing the gas lines in town and that there will be traffic problems. He will keep us updated.
16. The Superintendent announced that School Performance Reports have been released, and that the community has already been provided with information. A presentation of the School Performance Reports will take place at the next Public Work Session.
17. Mrs. Higgins inquired about an equipment donation. The Superintendent explained that it was a donation from a nearby business that was now working remotely.
18. Mrs. Higgins inquired about an issue with Sunshine Clubhouse Childcare. The Superintendent explained there were some concerns that have been resolved with the support of the NJDOE.
19. The Superintendent announced the plans for two Pre-K rooms at Susan B. Anthony School. He said that we will have five (5) Pre-K classes next year in total.

20. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the role of the Supervisor of Early Childhood. The Superintendent explained that it is geared towards (P-3); however, part of the role will be towards monitoring the transition of students to the 4th and 5th grades.
21. The Superintendent announced that block scheduling at the high school for next year was close to being completed.
22. The School Business Administrator reviewed key points of the Budget and Tax Levy presentation.

The Superintendent left the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

The Superintendent re-entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. made by Mr. Smith, 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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