

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

May 15, 2023

5:32 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>6:52 p.m.</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Student Board Member	<u>Present</u>

Also Present: Samantha Rodriguez-Torrento, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

III.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

This Public Meeting of May 15, 2023, 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 5, 2023, as amended, 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 and Board reviewed and discussed the 2022-2023 District goals. Mrs. Rodriguez-Torrento, Director of Curriculum and Instruction discussed Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and the differentiation associated with the goals. The Superintendent said that there is also consideration to develop joint lesson plans at certain grades and subjects to support a collaboration and an efficient approach. Mrs. Higgins stated that she sees the efficiency in it, but asked if it takes away from the teachers not planning themselves and understanding what the plan means. The Superintendent said that if we moved in this direction, support would be provided regularly. He also stated that the principals and teachers would be involved in the development of this approach.
2. The Superintendent and Board reviewed and discussed the 2022-2023 Board goals.
3. The Superintendent and Board established Board and District goals for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the consistency of summer reading assignments. The Superintendent said that the Director of Curriculum and Instruction would reach out to the administration regarding the matter and get back to her.
5. Mr. Smith inquired about the change order on the agenda for the Science Renovation Project by Northeastern Interior. The School Business Administrator said that the change order was for zero money since all would be paid out of the contingency. She explained that the code for the receptacles has changed and that we had to upgrade the receptacles to the new code.

6. Mrs. Higgins asked if the new phone system was for the district. The School Business Administrator said that it was for every school in the district and administrative offices.
7. The Superintendent updated the Board on a new PEA playground being placed at Roosevelt Elementary School. He said that he'd keep everyone updated.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. made by Mr. Smith, 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.

Open Session reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

Mrs. Gilgallon left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

8. Mr. Smith inquired about permission slips for the Baseball Cooperstown field trip. The Superintendent said that some may have gone out and that others are going out today or tomorrow.
9. The Board discussed student volunteers for the fire department. Everyone was supportive of any students interested.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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