

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

August 14, 2023

5:38 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>Absent</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Student Board Member	<u>Absent</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of August 14, 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 said that the technology handbook was on hold because we are waiting for all new phone lines to be installed. He said that the handbook should be ready for September or October.
2. The Superintendent said that the Board would be voting on the elementary handbooks at tonight's public meeting, which included updates to the student dress code. The Board discussed the school handbooks.
3. The Superintendent and Board discussed standards-based grading versus numerical grading for grades 4 and 5. Grades 4 and 5 will have numerical grading this year to align with being departmentalized.
4. Mr. Smith inquired about IXL homework assignments. The Superintendent said that parents have access to IXL reports in ELA and Math Diagnostic. The Supervisor of Planning, Research and Evaluations will be providing updates in the coming months.
5. The Superintendent discussed a resident complaint regarding the lights at Washington School with the Board and all the ways we were moving to fix the issue without jeopardizing the safety of the building at night.
6. The Superintendent discussed the need for a special meeting regarding adopting two new school policies. The Board agreed to a mutual date and time.
7. The Superintendent said that the school calendar was revised to reflect updated Back-to-School Night dates.
8. The School Business Administrator updated the Board on construction projects at Jefferson School – roof; Washington School – new boiler, abatement, and lighting; High School – new Science Lab, flooring, HVAC, and cabinetry; Veterans Middle School – new boiler, parking lot, and gym ceiling; and Roosevelt School – new boiler and gym floor.

9. The School Business Administrator discussed a recent meeting she had with the Borough grant writer, Borough Engineer, and Borough Administrator regarding sidewalk safety and possible new stoplights at the intersection at “RIP” Collins Athletic Field.
10. The Superintendent reviewed HIB predetermination annual reports (2022-2023) with the Board.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. made by Mr. Dorsett, second by Mr. Smith. 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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