

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

December 16, 2024

5:30 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u> – 5:48 p.m.
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>
Student Board Member	<u>Present</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of December 16, 2024, 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 4, 2024 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 School Business Administrator identified all Board Members who will be attending the 2025 Techspo Convention in January.
2. The Superintendent discussed the District's demographic study and the need to have it completed once every five years. He stated that the item was on tonight's agenda.
3. The Superintendent stated that he received confirmation from the NJDOH that the CRDSS report does not need to be completed over breaks.
4. The Superintendent and Board discussed the graduation rates and alternative assessment in relation to children with special needs. The Superintendent stated that he would be having a meeting with Kim Murray, the Department of Education Director of Special Education on Thursday, December 19th to discuss it further.

Mrs. Higgins inquired about what other districts have done that also had an 18-21 transition program?

The Superintendent said that it has been brought up and the State has not changed their stance in relation to the formula that calculates graduation rates.

5. The School Business Administrator discussed the revised school calendar with the Board for review. The Superintendent stated that three extended PD ½ days were added to align with the new contract.
6. Mr. Dorsett inquired about two programs at Stockton/Ramapo having implementation at North Arlington High School. The Superintendent said that one was to support our new future teacher's program with 3 college credits as well as a Holocaust program offering 3 college credits. The Superintendent explained the programs further and the benefits to offer to our students.

7. Mrs. Higgins asked if the Washington School gym was completed. The School Business Administrator said that it was completed, and the company was in the process of finishing their ending punch list.
8. Mr. McDermott stated that there was a leak in the Roosevelt School gym. The School Business Administrator said that she would look into the issue further and make sure the company was called to address it.
9. Mr. McDermott discussed a leak in a classroom at Veterans Middle School. The School Business Administrator explained that this was an ongoing issue and the roofers were called in to look at the problem.
10. Mrs. Higgins said that it was sad that Frank Abbate was retiring. The School Business Administrator agreed and commended Frank on his 20+ years of service.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 5:53 p.m. made by Mrs. Higgins, 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.

Open Session reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

11. The Superintendent said he would like to have a Curriculum Meeting with Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Gilgallon. Mrs. Higgins suggested a virtual meeting at 1:00 p.m. on January 6th, 9th, or 13th as possible days. The Superintendent said that he would share those dates with the administrators and get back to them.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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