

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

March 10, 2025

5:33 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. McDermott	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>
Student Board Member	<u>Present</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of March 10, 2025, 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, 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. Auditor, Mr. Bobby Bedara, of Donohue, Girona, Doria, and Tompkins presented the North Arlington 2023-2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) to the Board.
2. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator asked the Student Board Member if she had anything to share with the Board. She did not.

The Student Board Member left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
The Auditor left the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 5:46 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 7:18 p.m.

3. The Superintendent discussed the revised 2024-2025 school calendar with the Board. He said that he will send a message on blackboard this week. He also stated that unless there is a snowstorm that would change the 2024-2025 school calendar that the high school graduation will be held on Thursday, June 19th and middle school graduation on Tuesday, June 17th.
4. The Superintendent reviewed the 2025-2026 school calendar and potential school days off during next school year with the Board. The Board suggested some edits in regards to some proposed half days. The Superintendent said that we would adjust accordingly.
5. The Superintendent conducted a survey given to high school students regarding possible programs they would like to see offered. The Superintendent is reviewing survey results with the administrative team.

6. The Superintendent stated that Extended Instructional Support (EIS) is on the agenda tonight. He handed out EIS attendance data from Fall sessions for the Board to review.
7. The Superintendent stated that a survey was sent to high school and middle school parents today regarding programs they would like to see offered at the high school. He said that they have already started to receive feedback.
8. The Superintendent updated the Board on Summer Reading programming for all grade levels, which will include participation grades and incentives. Students who do not complete summer reading will not be penalized; however, honor students & AP students will be required to do so to keep pace with the rigorous coursework.
9. The Superintendent informed the Board that the Principal and Assistant Principal of Veterans Middle School applied for and received a PBIS grant with Rutgers and the NJDOE, which will provide guidance and assistance on proactive behavioral initiatives and restoration proactives.
10. The Superintendent said that he has a meeting coming up with the Assistant Commissioner and NJASA Executive Director regarding the special education graduation rates, which will take place at the end of the month.
11. The School Business Administrator discussed the PBA use of “RIP” Collins for the softball program with the Board. The Board agreed to maintain its existing practice in regards to this facility request.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 8:19 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.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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