

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

May 12, 2025

5:52 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<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 May 12, 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, 2025, 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 lightning rods at the field will be ready and activated starting this summer. He stated that for safety purposes, we are waiting on proper signage to be installed. He handed out sample signage language for the Board to review. The language will be reviewed further.
2. The Superintendent said that Mr. Dorsett brought to his attention that students are sneaking through a small opening in the fence at Jefferson School. He stated that we received a quote to correct this problem.
3. Mrs. Higgins said that a parent asked if it was possible to get a portable dugout at the field for inclement weather during the games. The Superintendent said that he would ask the athletic director to look into the purchase.
4. Mr. McDermott said that he received an inquiry from a parent asking if home schooled children could play in school sports. The Superintendent said that it is board policy that a student must be enrolled in school to participate in sports. The School Business Administrator also mentioned insurance liability associated with this. The Board agreed to follow the existing policy.
5. The Superintendent handed out the 24-25 school performance reports and reviewed them with the Board.
6. The Superintendent re-reviewed the 24-25 district goals and Board goals. He also reviewed 25-26 district goals and Board goals with the Board.
7. The Superintendent asked the student Board Member if there was anything from the student body that she would like to share; however, there was nothing to share.
8. Mr. Dorsett complimented the elementary joint spring concert and suggested combining only grades 4 and 5 for next year. The Superintendent said that he'd review with the principals and music department.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. made by Mr. McDermott, 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.

Respectfully,

Samantha Dembowski
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