

**NORTH ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC WORK SESSION**

June 10, 2025

5:41 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Dr. Hughes	<u>Present</u>
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 June 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, 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 and Board discussed the lightning signage for posting at “RIP” Collins Athletic Complex. The Superintendent explained that the verbiage on the sign had been reviewed with Captain Rui of the NAPD. The Board approved the sign verbiage.
2. The Superintendent discussed graduation rates for the 18-21 transition students with the Board. There will be a meeting in Trenton in September. He further explained the situation to bring our new Board Member up-to-date.
3. The Superintendent discussed the comparison on the teacher salary guide for 2024-2025 with other Bergen County districts. The Superintendent explained that with the new CNA we are now much more competitive.
4. The Superintendent stated that Lauren Buckley, Supervisor of Guidance is promoting a free summer camp for ML students through BCC.
5. The Superintendent stated that the speaker for the high school graduation will be Nancy Kajo, our former Student Board member and 2023 graduate.
6. The Superintendent discussed the length of the Year End Sports Awards Ceremony. The student board member agreed that the ceremony was too long and that we were losing the audience’s interest. The Superintendent suggested honoring students during the Fall, Winter and Spring and then recognizing them at the annual ceremony along with the three major awards and letter winners. He stated that he would discuss revamping the ceremony with the Athletic Director. The Board agreed.
7. The Superintendent stated that we are working on trifold brochures for Honors offerings. He showed the Board a sample of the work in progress.
8. The Superintendent discuss district-wide math incentives. The Superintendent shared interventions and PD that have taken place throughout the year.

9. The Superintendent said that the Athletic Director and the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds recommended that dugouts should not be placed at “RIP” Collins Athletic Complex. The Superintendent reviewed all of these reasons. Mrs. Higgins said that she would like to have announcers at varsity games. The Superintendent said that he already spoke to the athletic director and that will be implemented. The Board suggested student volunteers. The Superintendent said he would bring that up to the athletic director as well.
10. Mr. Dorsett stated that we have students enrolled in a college program and working toward earning an associates degree, and inquired why these students can’t also be recognized for honor roll. The Superintendent said that this has been going on for eight years and that the semesters do not coincide. When it was previously attempted, a student received honor roll that did not qualify after the fact. The Board requested for the Superintendent to include grades available at the time honor roll is being determined. The Superintendent agreed. Mr. Dorsett inquired about 5th grade honor roll. The Superintendent stated this was already an initiative he was putting in place for next school year, and that 4th grade will also be included.
11. The Superintendent discussed summer reading K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 with the Board.
12. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the Accounts Payable cancellations on the agenda. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator explained that these projects all came in under budget and now that projects are complete any remaining encumbered funds can be reallocated to Fund balance and used in the subsequent budget funds year.

The student board member was asked if she had anything to share with the Board. She said she did not. The Board wished her well, thanked her for her service throughout the year, and told her they would see her at graduation.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:06 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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