

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

July 14, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Dr. Hughes	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. McDermott	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Smith	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Dorsett	<u>Present</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of July 14, 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 stated that the updates to the high school gym are in progress. He stated that they just put the primer up.
2. The Superintendent informed the Board that we will not be doing numeric grading for the 3rd grade next year. He said that he discussed it with the principals who said there were no protocols set up so they decided to hold off with numeric grading for another year for discussion. Mrs. Higgins expressed her concern for numeric grading at that grade. She suggested that a review of report cards and NJSLA results take place to identify certain correlations. The Superintendent agreed.
3. The Superintendent discussed protocols for chronic absenteeism at the middle school, students missing classes, students coming in late, and the corrective action plan in place. He stated that Veterans Middle School would be similar to the high school policies and protocols starting in September in relation to tardiness, cuts, no credit issued and appeal process.
4. The Superintendent showed the Board photos of branding phrases that the Roosevelt School principal presented to him for posting at Roosevelt School for review. The Board asked the Superintendent to explore options to modify our current Pride, Loyalty, and Desire motto.
5. Mr. Smith inquired about the curriculum hours and when they take place. The Superintendent said that it takes place in the summertime and that it is budgeted in the 25/26 school budget. The Superintendent also stated that pacing guides are being updated to reflect NJSLA released items and the documents can be shared in real-time so teachers can collaborate with each other more efficiently.

6. Mrs. Higgins inquired about the 11th grade NJGPA scores. The Superintendent stated that 89% passed ELA and 56% passed math for those taking it for the first time and will be reviewing in tonight's presentation.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. made by Mr. Smith, second by Mr. McDermott. 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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