

MINUTES, MARCH 10, 2026 - SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

NORTH ARLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

March 10, 2026

6:30 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Dorsett	Present
Dr. Hughes	Present
Mrs. Higgins	via telephone 6:32 p.m.
Mr. McDermott	Present
Mr. Smith	Present
Student Board Member	Absent

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Special Public Meeting of March 10, 2026 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 5, 2026, 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. In accordance with P.L.2025, c.72, all legally required public notices are posted on the District's official website, www.navikings.org under Legal Notices.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent's Statement

This meeting is open to the public for the purpose of addressing any subject matter that is pertinent to and/or directly related to the operation of the North Arlington Public School District. Residents wishing to speak on such items are required to state their names, addresses and subject matter. Pursuant to Board Bylaw 0167, Public Participation in Board Meetings, comments are limited to 5 minutes duration.

The Board may (or may not) respond to issues raised by members of the public at the time they are raised, but will provide a response if and when appropriate. However, the Board cannot directly respond to the issues regarding personnel, in order to protect the privacy rights of the individual.

Please be advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board. What this means is that while you are certainly free to exercise your right to comment on issues before the Board, such comments are considered public statements, and may be responded to or acted upon by any individuals affected by them. The Board will, of course, consider your comments as they relate to its obligations to effectively govern the North Arlington School District, but cannot offer protection from any action that a third-party may elect to pursue as a result of any statements offered during public session.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. made by Dr. Hughes, 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.

AGENDA, MARCH 10, 2026 - SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

Open Session reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

On Motion by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

VI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

Motion to close the Hearing of Citizens made by Mr. McDermott, second by Mr. Dorsett. There was no discussion. On Roll all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

LIAISON TO INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS

Anthony School	Edward Smith and Robert Dorsett
Jefferson School	Robert Dorsett and Edward Smith
Roosevelt School	Scott Hughes and George McDermott
Washington School	Michele Higgins and Scott Hughes
Veterans Middle School	Michele Higgins, Edward Smith, and George McDermott
High School	George McDermott and Edward Smith

INSTRUCTION AND PROGRAM

Michele Higgins, Chairman
Edward Smith, Co-Chairman

OPERATIONS

Scott Hughes, Chairman
George McDermott, Co-Chairman

GOVERNANCE

George McDermott, Chairman
Scott Hughes, Co-Chairman

FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Edward Smith, Chairman
Robert Dorsett, Co-Chairman

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY

Robert Dorsett, Chairman
Scott Hughes, Co-Chairman

PERSONNEL

George McDermott, Chairman
Edward Smith, Co-Chairman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education of the Borough of North Arlington, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, this Special Public Meeting of March 10, 2026 adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

On Motion by Mr. McDermott, second by Dr. Hughes. There was no discussion. On Roll Call all Board Members present voted in the affirmative and none in the negative, it was so ordered.

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