

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

April 29, 2026

5:35 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Dr. Hughes	Present
Mr. McDermott	Absent
Mrs. Higgins	Present
Mr. Smith	Present
Mr. Dorsett	Absent
Student Board Member	Absent

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of April 29, 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 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 discussed Board and District Goals with the Board. The Superintendent suggested that we continue to work on Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) extension, absenteeism, and another item he is finalizing, which he stated he would get back to the Board on. He suggested Board goals to consider would be the Pre-K expansion efforts, the continuation on validating residency and exploring future co-op opportunities for our sports program, specifically football.
2. Dr. Hughes asked how many cases we’ve had since the residency letter was sent out in September/October. The Superintendent stated that we have had nine official cases completed and about another 15-20 other cases either closed or still pending. He said that additional information will be reviewed in executive session.
3. The Superintendent stated that those middle school and high school students that have received honor roll three marking periods in a row will be invited to the May Board Meeting. He added that 4th and 5th grade honor roll students will receive recognition through the schools. The Board agreed.
4. The Superintendent informed the Board that in June we will be honoring Christopher Troyano for celebrating 100 hits in Baseball, Jackie Burbach, who he said was approximately 7-8 strikeouts away from 300 in Softball, and Kira Hackett for Varsity Track.
5. Mr. McDermott discussed pilot agreements with the Board. The Superintendent and School Business Administrator said that they would inquire further with the Board Attorney.
6. The Superintendent and Board discussed baseballs from “RIP” Collins Athletic Complex hitting resident rooftops and what options were possible to prevent this. The Superintendent stated that we received extremely high quotes years ago for netting. He also stated that the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds was reaching out for additional quotes and also reaching out to the architect to review potential options.

7. The Superintendent and Board discussed Policy 7510 and possible changes in the language. Mrs. Higgins suggested using the buildings to generate revenue for the district. No decision was made regarding this and the current policy was to remain in place until further options were discussed.
8. The Superintendent stated that the New Jersey School Board Association (NJSBA) recognized George McDermott for his 20 years of service as a sitting Board Member. The Superintendent and Board congratulated him for this accomplishment.
9. The Superintendent said that there was a survey sent by the Superintendents in which 35-40 districts in Bergen County responded regarding their district increase to the 26/27 tax levy. He stated that North Arlington was one of the lowest on the chart. The School Business Administrator explained the breakdown of the school budget and taxes to the Board. She stated that the average household in North Arlington should receive a small discount in their school tax bill in 2027.
10. The Superintendent reviewed language for two statements (Residency and School Meals) that will be placed in RealTime for parents to acknowledge beginning next school year. The Board agreed.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 6:04 p.m. made by Dr. Hughes, 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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