

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

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

March 13, 2017

6:03 p.m.

Board of Education Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Gilgallon	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Higgins	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Blanco	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Martin	<u>Present</u>

III. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

IV. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

This Public Meeting of March 13, 2017, 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 2, 2017, 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: Bergen RECORD of Hackensack and the Newark Star Ledger.

Discussion regarding:

1. Dedication Plaque at the Rip Collins Field reported stolen in the Record Newspaper.
2. Cameras at field.
3. George McDermott inquired about the training of nursing staff on proper usage of administering Narcan antidote.
4. Certified Staff Member assignments and transfers
5. Ms. Gilmore entered Public Work Session at 7:09 pm. She requested a meeting with the Board to discuss a recognition stone in honor of her late husband who volunteered and served the community. Ms. Gilmore and the Board President will review options to present at the April BOE Meeting.
6. Dr. Yurchak, Mrs. Marano, and Mrs. Dembowski discussed the 2017-2018 school budget.
 - Use of find balance
 - Banked Cap
 - Impact of Taxes
 - Start up Funds for Roosevelt Elementary School
 - The Design and Schematic Design
 - Budget Development
 - The Board unanimously agreed to present a question to the voters of North Arlington. The question would be placed on the November 2018 ballot to raise funds for additional staff to support the Roosevelt School addition. The Superintendent will seek the assistance of Bond Council to frame the question.

7. The State defines chronic absenteeism as a student who is not present 10% or more of the school year, for any reason (i.e. 18 days of 180 day school year). The Superintendent recommended the district lower our attendance policy from 20 days to 16 days. The proposed attendance will be noted in the parent/student handbooks which will be brought to the Board at a summer BOE Meeting. The Board approved this change for the 2017-2018 school year.

8. The Superintendent recommended that all graduation gowns be blue to avoid gender labeling (i.e. blue and white). The Board agreed that the graduation gowns should be all blue.

9. The Superintendent informed the Board that Mr. Mingoia and Ms. Russo recommended grey or Khaki dress pants to streamline the school uniform. The Board agreed to have Khaki dress pants as part of the school uniform. Additionally, the Board agreed to add Dri-Fit polos to the list of approved shirts. The Superintendent will ask Mr. Mingoia and Ms. Russo to review the expansion of options for parents and students to purchase school uniforms.

Motion to close Public Session at 7:30 p.m. made by Mrs. Martin, 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,

Kathleen McEwin-Marano

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