

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved October 18, 2016

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Brian Korbobo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a subsequent moment of silence.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Brian Korbobo read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is either discussed or acted upon. The Board has fully complied with the notice requirements by advertising in The Express Times and The Star-Ledger posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present

President, Brian Korbobo
Vice-President, Lisa LaCaruba
Elyse Fahey
Jennifer Pettinelli
Loretta Reed

Absent

Malia Englehardt
Robert Melick
Bernadette Preiss

Others Present

George Chando, Superintendent
Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

President Brian Korbobo read the District Mission Statement:

The mission of the Alpha Public School is to provide every student with the opportunity to receive a high quality education, in a small, personal, caring, safe and positive environment in which all students at all grade levels achieve the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards. In partnership with the parents and the community, a competent and dedicated staff guides students to develop confidence and become productive and contributing members of a constantly changing society

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II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Lisa LaCaruba, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2016 regular meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Lisa LaCaruba, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2016 executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2016 regular meeting.

**Motion tabled until October meeting.*

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Brian Korbobo referred to the invitation extended to the Board of Education to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Phillipsburg High School.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Lisa LaCaruba, to approve, on the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **August 2016** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **August 31, 2016**, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

VI. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Loretta Reed, to approve the August 24, 2016 through September 20, 2016 current expense bill list for check numbers 17355 to 17396 totaling \$349,788.08.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Loretta Reed, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$7,541.42 as presented for the period August 24, 2016 to September 20, 2016, noting that Commissioner approval was not required as the year to date transfers on a cumulative basis do not exceed 10% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

VII. PUBLIC INPUT

None

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Loretta Reed, seconded by Lisa LaCaruba, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:07 p.m. This executive session is expected to last about 30 minutes. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is Personnel, Negotiations, Student Issues, and/or Legal Matters.

It is anticipated that action pursuant to this executive session will not be taken.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alpha Borough Board of Education, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the specified subject matter.
2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public upon resolution of all information discussed.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

IX. RECONVENE

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Loretta Reed, to reconvene the meeting to public session at 7:37 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

X. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Chando presented his Superintendent's report as attached.

Mr. Cullen presented his Principal's report as attached.

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ACTION ITEMS: Chief School Administrator's Recommendations

CONSENT AGENDA: Matters listed within the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Board of Education and/or its standing committees, for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion.

Consent Agenda Motion: BOARD AFFAIRS

Motion made by Loretta Reed, seconded by Lisa LaCaruba, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.2**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 1.1** To approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 8690 Monitoring Devices on School Vehicles.
- 1.2** To approve the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights (HIB).

Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Loretta Reed, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.6**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve the list of substitutes for the 2016-17 school year as presented.
- 3.2** To approve Adam Tucker to provide IT services on an as-needed basis at an hourly rate of \$40.
- 3.3** To accept Elizabeth Dowd's letter of resignation effective 9/8/16.
- 3.4** To accept Deidre Medallis' letter of resignation effective 9/1/16.
- 3.5** To appoint the following stipend positions for the 2016-17 school year to be paid at the contract specified rate:

I&RS Chair	Melissa Guderian
Student Council	Sarah Payne
ESL Coordinator	Pamela Cutarelli
Testing Coordinators (split)	Melissa Bickert
	Lori Walker
BSI Coordinator	Jessica Pennella
Drama Club Advisor	Katie Burzynski
Set Design Advisor	Katie Burzynski
Homework Club Advisor	Meg Mason
Dance Club Advisor	Diane Laustsen
Safety Patrol Advisor	Diane Laustsen
8 th Grade Advisor	Diane Laustsen
Yearbook Advisor	Diane Laustsen

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3.6 To approve the following Jump Start Instructors, on an as needed basis, at a rate of \$35 per hour to be paid with NCLB funds: Ernie Kaminski, Joan Kern, Nancy Semanick, Kristi Horan, Jessica Pennella and Lori Walker.

Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Loretta Reed, to approve the following school affairs agenda item **4.1**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4.1 To approve a resolution stating that the New Road Schools is not required to charge students for paid and reduced meals in accordance with the income eligibility criteria established by the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture as reflected in N.J.A.C 6A:23A-18.5 (20)(iii).

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Lisa LaCaruba asked why there were no candidates on the November election ballot for the Alpha Board of Education. Nobody submitted petitions to run for the two vacant seats on the Board. The Board discussed a write-in campaign.

XII. PUBLIC INPUT

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Loretta Reed.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary