## I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Secretary, Tim Mantz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a subsequent moment of silence.

**II. OPENING STATEMENTS**

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

## Tim Mantz 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.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The two recently elected Board members were not in attendance.

ROLL CALL

Present Absent

Elyse Fahey Malia Englehardt

Brian Korbobo Robert Melick

Lisa LaCaruba Loretta Reed

Jennifer Pettinelli

Bernadette Preiss

Others Present

George Chando, Superintendent

Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

 **OFFICIAL RESULTS OF ELECTION – November 8, 2016**

 The Board Secretary announced the results of the annual school election.

Election for Membership to the Board of Education:

Three-year Terms (2) 2017-2019

Malia Engelhardt 10

Robert Melick 11

Motion made by Lisa LaCaruba, seconded by Brian Korbobo, to accept the official Election Results, as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Mantz invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board President.

Jennifer Pettinelli nominated Brian Korbobo.

Elyse Fahey nominated Lisa LaCaruba.

Motion made by Bernadette Preiss, seconded by Lisa LaCaruba, to close nominations for School Board President

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

By show of hands, Brian Korbobo was voted to be School Board President 3-2.

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Bernadette Preiss, to elect Brian Korbobo President of the Alpha Board of Education

Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Elyse Fahey and Lisa LaCaruba voting in the negative.

 The Board Secretary turned the conduct of the meeting over to the Board President.

Mr. Korbobo invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board Vice-President.

Elyse Fahey nominated Lisa LaCaruba.

Brian Korbobo nominated Jennifer Pettinelli.

Motion made by Bernadette Preiss, seconded by Elyse Fahey, to close nominations for School Board Vice-President

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

By show of hands, Jennifer Pettinelli was voted to be School Board Vice-President 3-2.

Motion made by Brian Korbobo, seconded by Bernadette Preiss, to elect Jennifer Pettinelli Vice-President of the Alpha Board of Education.

Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Elyse Fahey and Lisa LaCaruba voting in the negative.

**ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR**

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Bernadette Preiss, that the regular meetings of the Alpha Board of Education, will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm, in the Alpha Public School as follows:

January 17, 2017 May 16, 2017 September 19, 2017

February 21, 2017 June 20, 2017 October 17, 2017

March 7, 2017 July 18, 2017 November 21, 2017

April 18, 2017 August 15, 2017 December 19, 2017

 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Bernadette Preiss, that the public work session meetings of the Alpha Board of Education, will be held on the first Thursday of each month, at 7:00pm, in the Alpha Public School as follows:

February 2, 2017 June 1, 2017 October 5, 2017

March 2, 2017 July 6, 2017 November 2, 2017

April 6, 2017 August 3, 2017 December 7, 2017

May 4, 2017 September 7, 2017

 Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**III. PUBLIC INPUT**

Jody Smith asked which administrative direction the Board would be taking once Principal Dan Cullen leaves in February. She said that rumors indicate that Mr. Chando will be recommending the candidate for the interim position and that it will be an ex Phillipsburg employee. Ms. Smith said that she personally believes that Alpha should break away from Phillipsburg as she doesn’t want any part of the Phillipsburg School District and wants to ensure that the Alpha School is not swallowed by them. It is her opinion that the Alpha Board should completely break any and all association with Phillipsburg.

Mr. Chando said that the direction to be taken regarding a Principal has yet to be decided as he hasn’t had a chance to discuss with the Board.

## IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. on a motion by Bernadette Preiss, seconded by Jennifer Pettinelli.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary