## I. Introductory Items

CALL TO ORDER**:**

President, Brian Korbobo called the meeting to order at 7:08 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 Absent

President, Brian Korbobo Vice-President, Lisa LaCaruba

Robert Melick Malia Englehardt

Jennifer Pettinelli Elyse Fahey

Bernadette Preiss

Loretta Reed

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

**II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 regular meeting.

 *\* Motion tabled until the January meeting.*

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 executive session.

 *\* Motion tabled until the January meeting.*

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2016 work session.

 *\* Motion tabled until the January meeting.*

**III. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Korbobo and Dan Cullen presented the first marking period honor roll awards.

Mrs. Bickert’s 5th grade class researched board games from other countries that promoted strategic and analytical thinking. The class engaged the Board in the games. Mr. Korbobo and Dan Cullen presented certificates to the class members for their efforts.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**V. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

Motion made by Robert Melick, seconded by Loretta Reed, 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 **November 2016** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **November 30, 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 Robert Melick, seconded by Loretta Reed, to approve the November 16, 2016 through December 20, 2016 current expense bill list for check numbers 17477 to 17513 totaling $545,482.48.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**VII. PUBLIC INPUT**

**None**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Loretta Reed, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:35 p.m. This executive session is expected to last about 60 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 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.

1. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**IX. RECONVENE**

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Robert Melick, to reconvene the meeting to public session at8:36 p.m.

 Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

**X. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

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

 **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 Jennifer Pettinelli, to approve the following board affairs agenda item **1.1.**

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

* 1. To approve the first reading of Policy 0143.1 Pupil Representative to the Board of Education.

 **Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS**

Motion made by Loretta Reed, seconded by Bernadette Preiss, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.7.**

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**3.1** To approve the Brookfield Educational Services Program to provide educational services to the identified student, beginning on 11/10/16, while a patient of the Summit Oaks Program located at Summit Oaks Hospital at a rate of $35/hour not to exceed five hours per week.

**3.2** To approve the Brookfield Educational Services Program to provide educational services to the identified student, beginning on 11/30/16, while a patient of the Summit Oaks Program located at Summit Oaks Hospital at a rate of $35/hour not to exceed five hours per week.

**3.3** To approve John Horak as a substitute teacher for the 2016-17 school year.

**3.4** To approve Frances Russo as a substitute teacher for the 2016-17 school year.

**3.5** To approve the resignation of Daniel Cullen effective February 13, 2017.

**3.6** To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Alpha Board of Education has the statutory duty to employ a Chief School Administrator and/or Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it would be in the best interests of the District to retain a Superintendent by way of a shared services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Phillipsburg Board of Education has expressed its interest in sharing the services of its Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been reached between the Alpha Board of Education, the Phillipsburg Board of Education and George M. Chando, to employ Mr. Chando as the Superintendent for both school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Board of Education has reviewed the proposal Agreement and agrees to its terms’

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Alpha Board of Education approves the Employment Agreement with the Phillipsburg Board of Education and George M. Chando, with a term from September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020, with said agreement subject to final Approval by the Executive County Superintendent and the Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey; and
2. The Board President and Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Alpha Board of Education.

**3.7** To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Alpha Board of Education has the statutory duty to employ a Chief School Administrator and/or Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it would be in the best interests of the District to retain a Superintendent by way of a shared services agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Phillipsburg Board of Education has expressed its interest in sharing the services of its Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the Phillipsburg School District has presented a proposal to provide the services of its Superintendent, along with Technology Services and Curriculum and Instruction services to the Alpha School District; and

WHEREAS, the Alpha Board of Education has reviewed the proposal and has determined that the proposal for services is reasonable and would be in the best interests of the Alpha School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Alpha Board of Education approves the Shared Services Agreement with the Phillipsburg Board of Education, with a term from September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020, with said agreement subject to final Approval by the Executive County Superintendent and the Commissioner of Education for the State of New Jersey; and
2. The Board President and Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Alpha Board of Education.

 **Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS**

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**4.1** To approve the following building use requests:

* + - K - 8th Grade Variety Show on 1/23/17-1/31/17 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the cafeteria for practices, 2/1/7-2/3/17 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm in the gym for practices and on 2/3/17 beginning at 7:00 pm for the show.
		- Alpha Dance Club on 3/15/17 from 2:40 pm to 4:30 pm in the gym for rehearsal and on 3/16/17 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the gym for the show.
		- Alpha PTO on 12/23/16 from 10:00 am to 10:45 am in the gym for the Winter Program.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XII. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. on a motion by Bernadette Preiss, seconded by Loretta Reed.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary