

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING
Work Session Meeting Minutes – September 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved October 16, 2018
Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. OPENING STATEMENTS

A. Reading of the Notice of Public Meeting-

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 Gazette posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting.

B. Roll Call

Travis Conway	<u> X </u>
Carl Johnson	<u> Ab </u>
Robert Melick	<u> X </u>
Jennifer Pettinelli	<u> X </u>
Loretta Reed	<u> X </u>
Patrick Smith	<u> X </u>
Open Seat	N/A

C. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

D. Silent Meditation

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

In the summer we approved paying the Aides as salaried employees (equal checks throughout the year). However, we approved them individually at an hourly rate on the 5/14 and 8/21 agendas. We have to re-approve them at the next action meeting at their prorated rate. This does not affect their pay it just allows us to pay them equally throughout the year.

V. PUBLIC INPUT - None

VI. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS – Chief School Administrator, Seth Cohen

- **OPERATIONS:**

- School opened with very few hiccups. Kudos to Lori Walker who greased every wheel and Stacey Jarrell who was inundated with 8 new hires, substitute approvals, entering students as well as the usual start-of-year crunch. The staff continues to be focused on finding solutions, as opposed to finding problems.
- I am setting an early October date for the first parent workshop on HIB policy. If you could spread the word once I announce the date it would be appreciated
- Phillipsburg is still planning to end our shared service for CST at this time. I am putting together a proposal to extend this but I can make no guarantees. To get our own team is frankly beyond our means, I am investigating all options.

- **PERSONNEL:**

- We are still seeking one PT Aide for the school year. The two candidates that were offered the position both declined after receiving other offers

- **TECHNOLOGY:**

- Sarah Payne inventoried our Chromebooks, discussed with staff and then devised a system where every room has access to Chromebooks every day. We are still short 60 machines and are looking for PTO support for this purchase. We are also going to investigate other ways to fund this effort.

- **POLICY:**

- **Curriculum:**

- I have sent an invitation to view the revised Middle School Curriculum in Google Docs. It is on the agenda for 9/18.

- **BUDGET:**

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In: Loretta Reed / Robert Melick : 7:10

Out: Patrick Smith / Loretta Reed 7:35

* Interview Chris McGee - Vacant Seat

* Student issue, BOE VP will have the details if I am not in attendance.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - None

IX. PUBLIC INPUT - None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Loretta Reed, to adjourn at 7:38 PM

VOICE VOTE

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinelli
Board President