

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved October 16, 2018

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Jennifer Pettinelli 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:

Jennifer Pettinelli 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, Jennifer Pettinelli
Travis Conway
Carl Johnson
Patrick Smith

Absent

Vice-President, Robert Melick
Loretta Reed

Others Present

Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

President Jennifer Pettinelli 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 New Jersey Student Learning 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. PRESENTATION

Lori Walker recognized the 2017-18 4th marking period Honor Roll recipients.

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III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Carl Johnson, to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2018 school board retreat.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 regular meeting.

Motion tabled until the October meeting.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 work session.

Motion tabled until the October meeting.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

Jennifer Pettinelli said that she had packets from the Board's NJSBA representative for each Board member.

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Carl Johnson, 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 2018** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **August 31, 2018**, 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.

VII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the August 22, 2018 through September 18, 2018 current expense bill list for check numbers 18382 to 18423 totaling \$391,373.07.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote

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VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Elizabeth Bayne, a Community Outreach Coordinator with the Kwenyan Professional Health Services Outpatient Mental Health & Addictions Counseling Services, presented the services offered by Kwenyan and invited the Board to an open house scheduled for September 27th.

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

X. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Jennifer Pettinelli presented Mr. Cohen's report.

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 Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, 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 the following policies and regulations:

- Policy & Regulation 1613: Disclosure and Review of Applicant's Employment History

1.2 To appoint Christopher McGee to fill the vacant Board of Education seat.

Mr. Mantz swore in Mr. McGee.

Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Carl Johnson, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.5**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Christopher McGee abstaining.

3.1 To approve a horizontal guide move for Kelsey VanHorn from Step F, BA to Step F, BA+15 resulting from the completion of the appropriate course work.

3.2 To approve the 2018-19 stipends per the presented list.

3.3 To approve the 2018-19 Alpha School and County substitute list.

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- 3.4** To approve Educere, LLC to provide access to virtual education programs and courses to be paid on a per student basis for those participating during the 2018-19 school year.
- 3.5** To offer employment to the listed Support Staff for the 2018-2019 school year:

Aides

Basenko, Tiffany	PT Aide	10	\$12,369
Brotzman, Bernard	PT Aide	10	\$11,718
Hubert, Patricia	PT Aide	10	\$11,718
Hunter, Delia	PT Aide	10	\$14,322
Lawson, Susan	PT Aide	10	\$11,718
McGuinness, Judy	FT Aide	10	\$23,566
Pecchia, Melissa	PT Aide	10	\$11,718
Petras, Susan	PT Aide	10	\$14,973
Von Uchtrup, Katherine	PT Aide	10	\$11,718

Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.2**

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4.1 To approve the following building use requests:

- AYAA on Monday's through Thursday's beginning 10/15/18 through 3/29/19 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the gym for basketball practices.
- AYAA on Saturday's from 1/5/19 through 3/23/19 in the gym for basketball games.
- Alpha PTO on 10/26/18 from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for the Fall Dance.

4.2 To approve the attendance of Seth Cohen, Robert Melick and Jennifer Pettinelli at the NJ School Boards Convention on 10/22/18 – 10/25/18 in Atlantic City, NJ. The cost is \$300 registration fee per attendee, lodging for three nights, mileage reimbursement, meals and incidental expenses per federal rates.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Jennifer Pettinelli said that Mr. Cohen has tentatively scheduled a parent meeting to discuss HIB and the review process on October 10th beginning at 7:00 pm. A BSI meeting for those parents interested would be before starting at 6:30 pm.

Jennifer Pettinelli said that Mr. Cohen thanked the Board for its support and well wishes over the past week.

Travis Conway said he would be attending the HCSBA meeting on October 1st.

Referring to the stipend lists, Jennifer Pettinelli pointed out that the new music teacher will not running the Spring Musical this year. Mrs. Cote would do it.

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Jennifer Pettinelli told the board that Mr. Cohen was 90% sure that Alpha would share with the Phillipsburg School District for its CST again in 2019-2020.

XII. PUBLIC INPUT

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. on a motion by Patrick Smith, seconded by Carl Johnson.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary