

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
Work Session Meeting Minutes – November 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved November 20, 2018
Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER - 7:01pm

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> X </u>
Christopher McGee	<u> X </u>
Robert Melick	<u> Ab </u>
Jennifer Pettinelli	<u> X </u>
Loretta Reed	<u> X </u> Arrival 7:04pm
Patrick Smith	<u> X </u>

C. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

D. Silent Meditation

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - Whiteboard donation- Mrs. VonUptrup's husband found unused whiteboards at work and donated to the school

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Security Upgrade: Waiting for update from Mr. Mantz. Architect will be coming on Friday to meet with Seth to talk about specs.
- Score report - Growth in math - exponential, ELA growth as well, participation rate was not met - will officially appeal

V. PUBLIC INPUT - None

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

- **OPERATIONS:**
 - AYAA: Use of basketball courts. Issue with non-player students running on bleachers and in the halls. Letter sent to AYAA and response back was that it will be taken care of.
 - HIB: Currently conducting an investigation. Will not be completed until Monday 11/12

- **PERSONNEL:**
 - P/T Aides: One part-time aide position has been removed due to an IEP change. One part-time aide position has been created. One part-time aide is resigning necessitating a new hire.

- **TECHNOLOGY:**
 - Title IV: Money from this line item will be used to purchase chrome book cases for middle school.

- **POLICY:**

- **CURRICULUM:**
 - Modifications: November action meeting will have modification documents attached to all curriculum areas as per County recommendation. We are also adopting a dance curriculum.
 - QSAC - last time failed under curriculum/instruction and governance, will now be reviewed under the new QSAC. Hopeful that new scores will lead to a passing QSAC score.
 - Met with MaryJane Tanner - county specialist for curriculum and instruction
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- **BUDGET:**
 - Discussion: Preliminary discussion regarding budget priorities outside of curriculum and instruction.
 - We need to think about budget items now - for example, do we want Chromebooks for the 8th grade to keep once they graduate? - Seth will talk with Tim

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - TC / LR IN: 7:26pm OUT: PC / CJ 7:41pm PC / CJ IN: 7:55pm OUT: TC / PS 7:58pm

- Student Issue - 7th grade student, gym issue (“dog pile”) in the locker room, Seth is leading the investigation. Student reported other instances

in classroom/sports etc. Investigation will be completed on Monday, still conducting interviews with students.

- Update on Residency Issue - Impasse - Waiting to hear back from the prosecutor's office on whether or not Phillipsburg PD can give the address associated with a PA plate to determine residency.
- Library Board - Seth is a member, there is an article that is drawn on political lines. Independent audit was conducted, Town vs. Library Board. Seth is going to stay out of the fight, he is only on the Library Board for educational purposes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Chris - Veterans Day vs. Memorial Day - upset over not celebrating Veteran's Day, feels as though it is a disservice to the students. This year communication was lacking that the Veterans Day assembly was not taking place this year. We need to rethink how to handle this moving forward.
- Ideas - possibly have a Veterans committee to plan for the future?
- What was done this year did not honor Veterans enough.
- Work together to plan more for Memorial Day
- Drop off issue - students crossing where parents are dropping off. Send home communication reminding parents of use of the crosswalk, and safety
- Dogs on school property - look into policy

IX. PUBLIC INPUT - None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Christopher McGee, to adjourn at 7:59 PM

VOICE VOTE

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinelli
Board President