

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
Work Session Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved April 28, 2020
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 Ledger posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting.
- B. Roll Call
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| Louis Cartabona | X |
| Travis Conway | X |
| Christopher McGee | X |
| Robert Melick | X |
| Jennifer Pettinelli | X |
| Loretta Reed | AB |
| Patrick Smith | X |
- C. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Silent Meditation
- III. **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - None**
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS**
None
- V. **PUBLIC INPUT**
None
- VI. **WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS – Chief School Administrator, Seth Cohen**
- **OPERATIONS:**
 - Piping in Basement - cap pipe - 5th grade bathroom, no sink
 - Book Fair – BOGO - ask PTO to anchor
 - Half-day in-service (writing) - teachers scoring other grade levels
 - 1 Founded HIB for February, 3 unfounded
 - Allyssa Law funding - silent alarm funding, window film, alarms
 - YMCA Summer Camp - June/July - 2 weeks/1 week after school ends
 - A/C Cafeteria/remaining rooms - vents in cafe, all needed is unit
 - Science testing update/Math changes 8th grade

- **PERSONNEL:**
 - Middle School Science Leave Substitute - extended, retired Science teacher taking on the position for the remainder
 - Nurse position for 2020-2021 school year - re-advertise in July

- **TECHNOLOGY:**

- **POLICY:** Communicable diseases - all policies are fine. Conference call with State on Coronavirus - number to call for questions - 1-800-222-1222

- **CURRICULUM:** Science curriculum work based on test scores

- **BUDGET:**

Things that impact budget after passing: State Aide, IEP additions, late referrals, move-ins, Kindergarten registration, late registration.

*We received an increase from the State, 9 districts did in total, we will not reduce overall budget

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Robert Melick at 7:16pm .

- Personnel and litigation issues
- Mr. Cohen updated the Board on Litigation, Jennifer Pettinelli recused herself from the discussion, returning to the Executive session at 7:22pm.
- Mr. Cohen discussed a 2nd grade bullying issue, the parent of one of the 2nd grade students will be attending the next Board meeting to appeal the HIB at 8:00pm.
- Mr. Cohen recused himself from the meeting at 7:30pm for the Board to discuss his request for a one year contract extension and the items he would like amended and changed in the contract.
 - Jennifer Pettinelli discussed Mr. Cohen's requests with the Board and the Board felt that all members should be in agreement before discussing with Mr. Cohen. Jennifer will reach out to Loretta to fill her in on the Boards discussion.
- Mr. Cohen was asked to rejoin the Executive session. With no further information to discuss, a motion was made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Robert Melick at 8:07pm to come out of the Executive session.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. PUBLIC INPUT

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Louis Cartabona, to adjourn at 8:08PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinelli
Board President