

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
Work Session Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
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

Louis Cartabona	<u> Ab </u>
Travis Conway	<u> X </u>
Christopher McGee	<u> X </u>
Robert Melick	<u> X </u>
Jennifer Pettinelli	<u> X </u>
Loretta Reed	<u> X </u>
Patrick Smith	<u> X </u>

C. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

D. Silent Meditation

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - Jen shared a correspondence email from Dr. LaMonte

IV. OLD BUSINESS - None

V. PUBLIC INPUT - None

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

1. May 7 - earliest we can get back in - communication will be sent home to parents with this new information from Governor
2. Thinking ahead to if/when we will have graduation. We were going to borrow risers from another district, as ours broke last year, but it may not be feasible if all are in use at the same time. We found a company in CA for a good price, but not shipping at the moment.
3. Volunteered maker space, but our machine is too small.

- **OPERATIONS:**
 - HIB Hearing, postponed until family willing to return to Alpha
 - Future BOE meetings format - Consensus to meet virtually, Seth and Jen will work on logistics.
 - Maker space masks - our 3d printer is too small

- **PERSONNEL:**
 - Teachers are doing an amazing job of working with technology.
 - Teachers are working with PTO to make videos for the students posted on the Alpha PTO Facebook page.
 - Zoom meeting with teachers tomorrow

- **TECHNOLOGY:**
 - Unintended wear and tear on Chromebooks
 - Access - Seth paid for a hot spot for a family that did not meet requirements for free service, but the family is now saying reception is not working correctly. Seth is willing to allow the family to come to the school and work at one table in doorway #7 to complete daily work - not able to use the bathroom or any other school facility. Chris suggested that the family could pick up the free wifi at the Library if needed. Seth is working on creating solutions so that all students have access.

- **POLICY:**
 - **Grading for the remainder of the year** - proposed that marking period 3 grades will be on the report card because a majority of the marking period has been completed.
 - Marking period 4 - thinking of Pass/Fail with no final grades given, State is in agreement.

- **CURRICULUM:**

- **BUDGET:**
 - Bill 3902 - Now, Law 3902 - Towns if they do not have the money can tell schools that payment will be late. Seth spoke with Tim about it, and Tim said that we will still be able to make payroll. - We need to be aware, but not something to worry about. If necessary, we can get a loan.

VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- None planned

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS - None**

IX. **PUBLIC INPUT- None**

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Chris McGee, to adjourn at 7:23 PM

VOICE VOTE

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinelli
Board President