

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved November 17, 2020

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
Vice-President, Robert Melick
Louis Cartabona
Travis Conway
Christopher McGee
Loretta Reed
Patrick Smith

Absent

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator
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.

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II. PRESENTATION

None

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by Robert Melick, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 regular meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, 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 **September 2020** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **September 30, 2020**, 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.

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VII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by Louis Cartabona, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the September 16, 2020 through October 20, 2020 current expense bill list for check numbers 19456 to 19501 totaling \$532,590.05.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IX. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cohen thanked the PTO and the McGee's for installing the funnel court on the playground.

Mr. Cohen congratulated Sam Jankowski for being awarded a top prize in writing contest held by Scope Magazine.

Mr. Cohen said that the teachers are going above and beyond given the current situation. He told the Board that the new webcams should be installed this week.

Mr. Cohen told the Board that Kimberly Gilles was doing a tremendous job with those students learning remotely.

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 Robert Melick, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.7**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.2 To approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).

1.3 To approve the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (M-1).

1.4 To approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement.

1.5 To approve the Comprehensive Equity Plan State of Assurance for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

1.6 To approve the Mentoring Plan.

1.7 To approve moving forward with the District Strategic Plan.

1.8 To approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

- Policy 1620: Administrative Employment Contracts

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- Policy 19418: Restart and Recovery Plan
- Policy 1648.03: Restart and Recovery Plan – Full Time Remote Option
- Policy 2431: Athletic Competition
- Regulation 2431.1: Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic
- Policy 2451: Adult High School
- Policy 2464: Gifted & Talented Students
- Policy & Regulation 5330.05: Seizure Action Plan
- Policy 6440: Cooperative Purchasing
- Policy & Regulation 6470.01: Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification
- Policy & Regulation 7440: School District Security
- Policy 7450: Property Inventory
- Policy & Regulation 7510: Use of School Facilities
- Policy 8420: Emergency and Crisis Situations
- Policy 8561: Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1**.

Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Louis Cartabona voting in the negative.

2.1 To enter into a joint transportation agreement with the Pohatcong Township School District for the 2020-21 school year at a total annual cost of \$71,036.40 with terms as presented.

Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.3**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3.1 To approve a two year shared services agreement for Child Study Team and extraordinary services for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years per the attached agreement.

3.2 To approve Robert Plimpton's letter of resignation effective January 1, 2021.

3.3 To approve Robert Plimpton as a substitute custodian for the 2020-21 school year.

Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded Louis Cartabona, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.2**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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4.1 To approve a 2020-2021 tuition contract with the Warren County Technical School District for 13 students at an annual tuition rate of \$5,850 per student, plus prior year adjustments in the amount of (\$3,662) or a total of \$72,388.

4.2 To approve Austin Melick and Auraylia Martin to be home schooled during the 2020-21 school year.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cohen talked to AYAA about the upcoming basketball season. There was a rumor that practice was to begin in December but Mr. Cohen told the Board that was not the case. He will work them as much as possible with the upcoming season.

XI. PUBLIC INPUT

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. on a motion by Louis Cartabona, seconded by Robert Melick.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary