

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 4, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Approved September 15, 2020

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-Ledger posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting.

B. Roll Call

Louis Cartabona	X
Travis Conway	X
Christopher McGee	X
Robert Melick	X
Jennifer Pettinelli	X
Loretta Reed	X
Patrick Smith	X

C. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

D. Silent Meditation

E. 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.

III. PRESENTATION - None

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by Loretta Reed, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE - All in favor

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Motion made by Loretta Reed, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2020 executive session.

VOICE VOTE - All in favor

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 work session.

VOICE VOTE - All in favor

V. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD/PRESENTATIONS - None

VI. OLD BUSINESS - None

IX. PUBLIC INPUT

Paula Lopez, 967 W. Central Ave. Alpha: Ms. Lopez has specific questions about the reopening plan regarding Pre-K, including questions about emergency closings, closing for the school nurse, what will be done for parents who work, questions about how the special education schedule will work and how students will receive their related services, and how the remote option will work in regard to when to log in. Mr. Cohen will call Ms. Lopez tomorrow at 10 to discuss her specific questions and concerns.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, NEGOTIATIONS, STUDENT ISSUES, AND/OR LEGAL MATTERS

In – Time: 7:15pm Motion by Loretta Reed, seconded by Travis Conway.

VOICE VOTE - All in favor

Out – Time: 7:49pm Motion by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee.

VOICE VOTE - All in favor

XI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’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.

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Consent Agenda Motion: BOARD AFFAIRS

Motion made by Louis Cartabona, seconded by Robert Melick, to approve the following board affairs agenda item **1.1**.

1.1 To approve the Alpha School District Re-opening plan

ROLL CALL VOTE - Motion carries

Cartabona	Yes	Reed	Yes	Melick	Yes
Conway	Yes	Smith	Yes	Pettinelli	Yes
McGee	Yes				

Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1**:

3.1To accept the Resignation of Instructional Aide M. Okrepka

ROLL CALL VOTE - Motion carries

Cartabona	Yes	Reed	Yes	Melick	Yes
Conway	Yes	Smith	Yes	Pettinelli	Yes
McGee	Yes				

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Virtual or in-person BOE meetings for the near future - Jennifer Pettinelli asked Mr. Cohen if there is specific guidance from NJSBA. Mr. Cohen said that it is up to the individual Boards, but the meetings would need to take place in the cafeteria, as the library is being used as a classroom. It was decided to continue meeting remotely and we will continue discussion at the September work session. Mr. Cohen will bring policy to look at that time.

Jennifer Pettinelli thanked the teachers, parents, BOE members, and Mr. Cohen who were a part of the Reopening Committee for their time and dedication to working on the plan. Their time was greatly appreciated and their dedication to the students of Alpha commendable.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT - None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Travis Conway, to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinelli
Board President