

# Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 1, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Approved September 15, 2020

# Agenda

### I. CALL TO ORDER - 7:00PM

### 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	AB
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

#### 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. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD/PRESENTATIONS

Thank you letter

### V. OLD BUSINESS - None

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**VI. PUBLIC INPUT - None**

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

In – Time: 7:05pm Motion by Robert Melick, seconded by Christopher McGee.

VOICE VOTE

Out – Time: 7:17pm Motion by Patrick Smith, seconded by Robert Melick.

VOICE VOTE

**VIII. 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.

**Consent Agenda Motion: BOARD AFFAIRS**

Motion made by Patrick Smith seconded by Robert Melick, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.2**.

**3.1** To offer employment to the listed Staff for the 2020-2021 school year:

Nurse

Laura Griffiths FT Nurse 10 month \$50,130

**3.2** To offer employment to the listed Support Staff for the 2020-2021 school year:

Special Education Teacher

Theresa Bifano PT Teacher 10 month \$25,965

ROLL CALL VOTE

Cartabona	N/A	Reed	N/A	Melick	Yes
Conway	Yes	Smith	Yes	Pettinelli	Yes
McGee	Yes				

**Discussion Agenda:**

**Policy:** Remote BOE meetings - The Board discussed the current policy from Strauss Esmay which does not address the current situation, but rather allows a Board member to attend remotely. The Board can write their own policy. Jen will reach out to Kathy Helewa, NJSBA

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field service representative to see if there is any guidance and Seth will talk to the cluster to see what other school districts are doing.

At this time, the Alpha BOE will continue to hold meetings remotely via Zoom to allow for full participation by Board members and the community; while keeping the school staff and students safe from additional visitors to the building.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS** - Mr. Cohen requested the Boards advice/consent to allow for a student teacher with the guidance counselor. Since the full Board was not in attendance, this item will be discussed at a future meeting. Mr. Cohen also discussed that the school is without a part time aide for a 1:1 placement.

**XIII. PUBLIC INPUT - None**

- Board Member, Travis Conway publicly thanked Mr. Cohen and Mrs. Walker for a job well done with the start of the school year - noting that teachers are doing an excellent job with both in person and online learners. Mr. Conway noted that a 2nd grade teacher has been exemplary, a great role model, and golden standard in teaching.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Robert Melick, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

VOICE VOTE

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinelli  
Board President