

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 16, 2021 7:00 p.m.

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

- Travis Conway _____
- Christopher McGee _____
- Jennifer Pettinelli _____
- Loretta Reed _____
- Patrick Smith _____

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

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 work session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2021 work session.

VOICE VOTE

V. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD/PRESENTATIONS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, 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 **January 2021** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **January 31, 2021**, 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:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

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VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the January 20, 2021 through February 16, 2021 current expense bill list for check numbers 19623 to 19663 totaling \$523,626.34.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$20,000 as presented for the period January 20, 2021 through February 16, 2021 noting that Commissioner approval was not required as the year to date transfers on a cumulative basis do not exceed 10% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

IX. PUBLIC INPUT

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Please let the record reflect that the BOE does not endorse your comments nor will the BOE be held liable for comments you make about a staff member, or other person, which the staff member, or other person, may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

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

In – Time: _____ Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

VOICE VOTE

Out – Time: _____ Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

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VOICE VOTE

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.

Consent Agenda Motion: BOARD AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following board affairs agenda item **1.1**.

1.1 To approve the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL IN THE OFFICIAL EXPERT VACCINE ALLOTMENT PANEL’S DEFINITION OF FRONTLINE WORKERS

WHEREAS, the Alpha Board of Education recognizes that the United States, the State of New Jersey and local health authorities, as well as the World Health Organization, have declared a public health emergency regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state authorities have put in place guidance detailing the precautionary measures schools must implement to stop its spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, our district has responded to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, providing students and staff members with the technology and resources necessary to ensure the efficient delivery of instruction, virtually and in-person; and

WHEREAS, the board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and ensuring that the district can provide staff and students with a safe and effective educational environment that supports student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes that this health emergency made it necessary to close schools and reinvent the educational programs in a virtual setting and that this may have an adverse impact on student achievement and the emotional and social wellbeing of students; and

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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to “essential workers” in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

WHEREAS, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of this district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional wellbeing, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are “essential workers;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Alpha Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel.

COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health, see: <https://nj.gov/health/legal/covid19/NJ%20Interim%20COVID-19%20Vaccination%20Plan%20-%20Revised%2012-15-20.pdf>

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the member of the insert legislative district number legislative district delegation, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Phil Murphy, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following business affairs agenda item **2.1**.

2.1 To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2021-2022 school year with an Administrative Fee of 4%.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

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Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.2**.

3.1 To accept Zachary Vegh’s letter of resignation effective February 19, 2021.

3.2 To approve Rosemarie Spencer as a substitute teacher for the 2020-21 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following school affairs agenda item **4.1**.

4.1 To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The District is operating under state restrictions for COVID-19 and;

WHEREAS, the students and teachers have returned to the school building for instruction

WHEREAS, has authority under District Policy 7510 to set limits on the building’s use and;

WHEREAS, the School Cafeteria can hold 30 people seated 6ft apart.

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic represents an extraordinary circumstance; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Alpha Borough Board of Education will hold in-person Board of Education meetings for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

RESOLVED; The Alpha Board of Education will hold the numbers of people in attendance in accordance with the Governor’s Current Executive order. The numbers of allowable attendees will be advertised and a remote option will be provided.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

XII. NEW BUSINESS

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn at
_____ p.m.

VOICE VOTE