

# ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Approved April 20, 2021

## I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

### CALL TO ORDER:

President, Jennifer Pettinelli called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Patrick Smith  
Travis Conway  
Christopher McGee  
Loretta Reed

#### 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**

Seth Cohen provide an overview of the Summer Skills Academy.

**III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

**IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

None

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Cohen said that he has heard nothing from the Commissioner regarding our need for a 24/7 fire watch. He and Alpha's Mayor will attempt to reach out to the Assemblyman seeking some relief on the required consistent and expensive watch. We have secured people willing to provide the watch rate at a significantly lower rate than what we have currently been paying.

**VI. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

None

**VII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS**

None

**VIII. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**IX. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Cohen told the Board that strategic planning has been completed and discussed what has been done and the steps to be taken moving forward.

Mr. Cohen provided the latest COVID update.

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**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: BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1** through **2.3**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 2.1** To approve the proposal from Barry Isett & Associates, Inc. for electrical engineering services for the fire alarm system in the amount of \$9,200.
- 2.2** To approve an Agreement for Public School Services with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2021-22 school year per the proposed service and rate fee schedule.
- 2.3** To approve an Agreement for Related Services with the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2021-22 school year per the proposed service and rate fee schedule.

**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 **3.2**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve Charles Hoernlein as a custodian for the 2020-21 school year, start date pending receipt of paperwork approval, at an annual salary of \$35,000 prorated for time worked.
- 3.2** To approve Briann Dolobach, Florence Dolobach, Darrell Martoccio, Chris Ostir, Zach LaPooh, Melissa Stanneck and Tricia Vought as fire watch workers on an as needed basis at an hourly rate of \$25.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cohen reviewed the recommendations of the Pandemic Committee. The Committee would like the Board to consider adding Monday's as a fully remote day giving the custodial staff a day for enhanced cleaning of the building. At current, the recommendation is just for April 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup> at which time they would re-evaluate the situation. The Board discussed the recommendation and ultimately agreed.

Mr. Cohen also brought to the Board's attention a request from a current family who has recently moved and would like to have their children be able to finish out the school year at Alpha. The Board agreed.

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Pending this discussion, the following motions were offered:

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve April 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup> to be fully remote learning days so that the custodial staff would have an extra day for enhanced cleaning of the building.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve student numbers 272724 and 293898 to complete the 2020-21 school year in Alpha.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**XI. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. on a motion by Patrick Smith, seconded by Christopher McGee.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz  
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary