

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 2, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Approved February 16, 2021

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 ensure 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 X

Christopher McGee X

Jennifer Pettinelli X

Loretta Reed X - arrived at 7:02pm

Patrick Smith AB

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. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD/PRESENTATIONS

Jennifer Pettinelli communicated to the Board that she attended the Warren County School Board meeting. She provided an update on the information given in regard to State testing. Kathy Helewa, our NJSBA School Board representative, recognized Alpha for participating in Strategic Planning virtually.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- **HVAC** - Estimates of \$8,000 per classroom, 12 - 13 classrooms total. Will still need an architect to write up.

- **Fire Alarm Update** - Estimated to be a \$50,000-60,000 job. Architect came back with \$250,000 price - Seth is following up with the architect asking for itemized information

since the price is drastically different

VI. PUBLIC INPUT – None

VII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Snowblowers are broken. The town sent their contractor over to help with plowing. Wednesday will be a remote day due to continuing efforts to clear the snow. Thursday will be determined sometime Wednesday afternoon. Alpha is a walking district and we need to ensure the safety of our students walking. Mrs. Pettinelli also mentioned the staff who may live in Pennsylvania, as some areas received over 30 inches of snow. Mr. Cohen said that he is in communication with staff and takes their ability to get to work into consideration as well.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Policy - Policy Update 22** - Seth will send out in an email
- 2. Facilities - In person BOE meetings** - Cafeteria capacity - 25, Gymnasium - 70. Meeting will be advertised with capacity limits and the option to Zoom. Previous Resolution will be amended to allow for in-person BOE meetings to be voted on at the next meeting.
- 3. Personnel - None**
- 4. Finance - None**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- COVID Vaccination Priority Resolution

NJSBA is asking for BOEs to pass this resolution at their next action meeting and to send on to State Legislators. The resolution was presented to the Board for review and will be on the regular meeting agenda.

-Mr. McGee asked if the Board should hold a special meeting to push the resolution through sooner. Mr. Conway noted that working in health care, the demand is greater than the supply and adding an additional meeting will not have a greater impact. Mrs. Pettinelli will reach out to the full Board and let Mr. Cohen know if the need for a special meeting is necessary.

IX. PUBLIC INPUT - None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

VOICE VOTE - All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinelli
Board President