

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 4, 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. 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 _____.

VOICE VOTE

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IV. PRESENTATION

- 2021-2022 Budget Presentation

V. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

VI. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD/PRESENTATIONS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- Pandemic Committee Report

VIII. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

None

IX. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the April 21, 2021 through May 4, 2021 current expense bill list for check numbers 19745 to 19760 totaling \$289,008.24.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$26,607 as presented for the period April 21, 2021 through May 4, 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	_____		

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X. PUBLIC INPUT

Public participation shall be governed by BOE Bylaw 0167 Public Participation in Board Meetings. Public comments are invited on matters pertaining only to the agenda at this time. All participants shall be given three (3) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.

The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee.

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.

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: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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

2.1 To adopt the following resolution to approve the 2021-2022 school district budget;

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2021-2022 school district budget as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$6,279,932	\$3,885,988
Special Revenue Fund	<u>122,419</u>	
Total Base Budget	\$6,402,351	\$3,885,988

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alpha Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for the use of banked cap in the amount of \$200,000. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used for required building maintenance. The said need will be completed by the end of the 2021-22 budget year and will not be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

WHEREAS, the Alpha Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for

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travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$15,000 for all staff and board members.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

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

3.1 To approve Pamela Getz, Tammy Mornick and Jackie Ostir as fire watch workers on an as needed basis at an hourly rate of \$25.

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 items **4.1** through **4.2**.

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- 4.1 To approve an agreement with LearnWell to provide instruction to the identified student, while placed in a medical facility, for ten hours a week at an hourly rate of \$56 beginning on April 26, 2021.
- 4.2 To approve the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill conducted on 4/28/21.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Smith	_____
McGee	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Reed	_____		

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE