

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved May 4, 2021

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President, Patrick Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a subsequent moment of silence.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Patrick Smith 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

Vice-President, Patrick Smith
Travis Conway
Christopher McGee

Absent

President, Jennifer Pettinelli
Loretta Reed

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator
Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

Vice- President Patrick Smith 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.

II. PRESENTATION

None

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III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cohen said that the engineer met with Cooper Alarm Systems to review the plans for replacing the fire alarm system on Monday. The district will not receive a contract proposal for a few weeks so it is anticipated that the work will begin once school is over.

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, 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 **March 2021** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **March 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.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

VII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee to approve the March 17, 2021 through April 20, 2021 current expense bill list for check numbers 19699 to 19744 totaling \$599,709.47.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$64,432.50 as presented for the period March 17, 2021 through April 20, 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.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Alpha PTO President Julie Cleary requested that the Board allow the organization to have its May 12th meeting in the school.

IX. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cohen told the Board that he met with the County Health Officer who reported that the County's infection rate are down slightly and that the County has plenty of vaccinations for those who want it.

Mr. Cohen said that there will be no state standardized testing this year.

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: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.2**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4.1 To accept a donation of two iPad covers from Mr. Robert Parnell of Talen Energy.

4.2 To approve the 2021-22 school calendar.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cohen asked the Board to consider loosening its self-imposed restrictions as to who is permitted in the building for the following three events:

- 8th grade graduation pictures to be held inside the building
- Make up spring pictures to be held inside the building
- Alpha PTO May 12th meeting to be held in the cafeteria

Pending this discussion, the following motions were offered:

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Travis Conway, to amend the district's resolution restricting use of the building to allow the following events:

- 8th grade graduation pictures to be held inside the building
- Make up spring pictures to be held inside the building
- Alpha PTO May 12th meeting to be held in the cafeteria

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

XI. PUBLIC INPUT

None

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. on a motion by Christopher McGee, seconded by Travis Conway.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary