

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved November 16, 2021

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Jennifer Pettinelli called the meeting to order at 7:01 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
Louis Hardy
Christopher McGee

Absent

Loretta Reed

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.

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 September 21, 2021 regular meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 work session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, 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 **September 2021** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **September 30, 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.

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VII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the September 22, 2021 through October 19, 2021 current expense bill list for check numbers 19948 to 19988 totaling \$785,068.87.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$42,436.42 as presented for the period September 22, 2021 through October 19, 2022 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.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

None

XI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cohen told the Board that the state required testing of unvaccinated staff members was to begin this week and the district is adequately prepared.

Mr. Cohen reviewed a staffing issuing with the Board.

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 Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.5**.

Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Christopher McGee voting in the negative for 1.5.

1.1 To approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).

1.2 To approve the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (M-1).

1.3 To approve the Nursing Services Plan.

1.4 To approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement with law enforcement officials.

1.5 To approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

- P 1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Requirements
- P 1648.11 The Road Forward COVID-19 Health and Safety

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- P 2422 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education
- P 2467 Surrogate Parents and Resource Family Parents
- P 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
- P 5116 Education of Homeless Children
- P 6115.01 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Allowability of Costs
- P 6115.02 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures
- P 6115.03 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Conflict of Interest
- P 6311 Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants
- R 7432 Eye Protection
- P 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations
- R 8420.1 Fire and Fire Drills
- P 8540 School Nutrition Programs
- P 8550 Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill
- P 8600 Student Transportation

Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda item **3.1**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3.1 To approve Samantha Davis, Dawn Melise and Jennifer Truby to be Jumpstart Instructors for the 2021-22 school year to be paid at the contractual hourly rate.

Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Travis Conway, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.3**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4.1 To approve the placement of the identified students in the Greenwich Township School District's preschool special education program for the 2021-22 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$25,000 per student plus one paraprofessional at \$13/hr for 5.5 hours a day.

4.2 To approve the recommendation that HIB 21-01 is unfounded.

4.3 To approve the following building use requests:

- i. Pohatcong Wrestling from December 2021 through February 2022, per the attached schedule, in the gym for wrestling practices and meets.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cohen asked the Board's opinion regarding the organization of the upcoming Halloween Parade.

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Travis Conway said that the school might consider replacing the old, fading signs around the building as they are becoming hard to read.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 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