

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved September 20, 2022

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
Louis Hardy
Christopher McGee
Loretta Reed

Absent

President, Jennifer Pettinelli
Linda Sutch

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 Christopher McGee, seconded by Loretta Reed, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Loretta Reed, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2022 executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Loretta Reed, to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Loretta Reed, to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2022 executive session.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Cohen said that he received a letter regarding the district's substitute teacher per diem rate.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

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 **July 2022** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **July 31, 2022**, 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 Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the July 20, 2022 through August 16, 2022 current expense bill list for check numbers 20355 to 20390 totaling \$301,216.90.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Loretta Reed, seconded by Christopher McGee, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:07 p.m. This executive session is expected to last about 20 minutes. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is Personnel, Negotiations, Student Issues, and/or Legal Matters.

It is anticipated that action pursuant to this executive session will not be taken.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alpha Borough Board of Education, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the specified subject matter.
2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public upon resolution of all information discussed.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

X. RECONVENE

Motion made by Loretta Reed, seconded by Christopher McGee, to reconvene the meeting to public session at 7:23 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

XI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cohen said that the building was in the final preparatory stages and will be ready for the opening of the school year.

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Mr. Cohen said that PreK registration is on-going and that there are currently enough students enrolled to run the program.

Mr. Cohen reported that unvaccinated teachers will not have to be tested weekly for COVID this year. Guidance for suggested protocol for handling positive cases for staff and students has yet to be released by the state.

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: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Loretta Reed, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.4**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To hire Luke Grassi as a PE teacher for the 2022-23 school year at Step E, BA.
- 3.2** To approve an unpaid leave of absence for Michael O’Krepka on 8/29, 8/30, 8/31, 9/1 and 9/2.
- 3.3** To approve Patricia Cote for one day of summer work to update the library information system to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.
- 3.4** To offer employment to the listed Support Staff for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Aides</u>			
Brotzman, Bernard	PT Aide	10	\$15,086
Gyorfi, Donna	PT Aide	10	\$ 8,229
Lawson, Susan	PT Aide	10	\$15,086
McGuinness, Judy	FT Aide	10	\$25,508
O’Krepka, Michael	PT Aide	10	\$15,086
Pecchia, Melissa	FT Aide	10	\$24,990
Scheier, Devon	FT Aide	10	\$24,990
Von Uchtrup, Katherine	PT Aide	10	\$15,086
Welch, Kelley	FT Aide	10	\$24,990

Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1** To approve the revised Social Studies, Comprehensive Health and PE and Computer Science and Design Thinking curricula.
- 4.2** To approve all of the existing curricula for the 2022-23 school year.

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XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cohen and the Board reviewed policy & regulation 7510 “Use of School Facilities” and discussed potential revisions.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Kevin Fenlon asked if the curricula approved as part of motion 4.1 would be online for people to review. Mr. Cohen said the district is working to have all curriculum on its website so those in motion 4.1 will be there. However, in the meantime, Mr. Cohen said he would send the information to Mr. Fenlon.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Loretta Reed, seconded by Christopher McGee.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary