

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING

February 7, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Approved February 21, 2023

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 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	X
Louis Hardy	X
Christopher McGee	X
Jennifer Pettinelli	X
Loretta Reed	AB
Patrick Smith	X
Linda Sutch	X

C. Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

D. Silent Meditation

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD – None

IV. PRESENTATION – Mr. Cohen and Lori Walker presented the Honor Roll recipients for the second marking period.

V. OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Cohen reminded the Board of a request to have an elevator installed in the building to be more accommodating for those attending parent’s/grandparent’s day. As the cost to do so would approach a million dollars, it is not a realistic project.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT – None

VII. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS – Chief School Administrator, Seth Cohen

- **OPERATIONS** – Mr. Cohen provided a HIB update consisting of one unfounded incident.
- **PERSONNEL** – Mr. Cohen told the Board that there were would be aide hires on the next agenda.

- **POLICY** – Mr. Cohen said that there would be a residency/registration policy review at the next meeting at which time he also would have a student reregistration letter for the Board’s review.
- **CURRICULUM** – Mr. Cohen stated that Math & ELA curriculum revisions were coming from the state. To adhere to these revisions, it is likely staff would have to conduct curriculum writing over the summer.
- **BUDGET** – Mr. Cohen possible ROD grant opportunities with the Board.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Cohen said that the Mayor was proposing to Town Council that they pay for a feasibility study exploring the option to convert the school to natural gas. He also told the Board that the town librarian had resigned and there was discussion of closing the library. It was the Board’s desire that the library remain open.

IX. PUBLIC INPUT – Lori Walker asked the Board for dates to discuss her next contract.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Motion In: Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee at 7:16 pm. **Motion Out:** Travis Conway, seconded by Jennifer Pettinelli, at 8:19 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Jennifer Pettinelli, to adjourn at 8:20 PM

VOICE VOTE - All in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Business Administrator/Board Secretary