

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2023 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	_____
Louis Hardy	_____
Carl Johnson	_____
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. PRESENTATION

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IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2023 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 work session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

V. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **August 2023** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **August 31, 2023**, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10a and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Reed	_____
Hardy	_____	McGee	_____
Johnson	_____	Smith	_____
Pettinelli	_____		

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VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the August 23, 2023 through September 19, 2023 current expense bill list for check numbers 20953 to 20993 totaling \$483,025.94.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Reed	_____
Hardy	_____	McGee	_____
Johnson	_____	Smith	_____
Pettinelli	_____		

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$184,024.75 as presented for the period August 23, 2023 through September 19, 2023 noting that Commissioner approval was required and requested as the year to date transfers on a cumulative basis do exceed 10% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Reed	_____
Hardy	_____	McGee	_____
Johnson	_____	Smith	_____
Pettinelli	_____		

IX. PUBLIC INPUT

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X. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, NEGOTIATIONS, STUDENT ISSUES, AND/OR LEGAL MATTERS

In – Time: _____ Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

VOICE VOTE

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Out – Time: _____ Motion by _____, seconded by _____.

VOICE VOTE

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 approve a contract with Hannon Floors to perform the gym floor replacement at a cost of \$136,880 per 18A:18A-7, the Emergency Provision of the Public School Contracts Law, to remediate the damage.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Reed	_____
Hardy	_____	McGee	_____
Johnson	_____	Smith	_____
Pettinelli	_____		

Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.7**.

- 3.1** To approve Kate Von Uchtrup's letter of resignation effective 8/24/23.
- 3.2** To approve GRK & Associates to provide BCBA consultation services for the 2023-24 school year at an hourly rate of \$105 and LBS services at an hourly rate of \$80.
- 3.3** To hire Sharon Sweazey as a part-time paraprofessional for the 2023-24 school year, beginning on September 5, 2023, at an annual salary of \$15,338 pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.4** To approve Holly Thomas as a part-time paraprofessional for the 2023-24 school year, beginning Septebmer 18, 2023, at an annual salary of \$15,388, prorated for time worked, pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.5** To approve supplementing approximately 84% of the 2023-24 base salaries of Bernard Brotzman, Camie Colucci, Jodie Frankle, Susan Lawson and Paige Pursell with ESEA Title I funds.

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3.6 To approve Samantha Davis and Jennifer Truby as Jump Start advisors for the 2023-24 school year to be paid at the contractual hourly rate.

3.7 To approve the following stipend positions to be paid at the contractual amount:

8 th Grade Advisor (split)	Diane Laustsen
	Megan Mason
Drama Club (split)	Diane Laustsen
	Patricia Cote
Dance Club	Diane Laustsen
Safety Patrol	Diane Laustsen
Spring Musical (split)	Diane Laustsen
	Patricia Cote
Set Designers (split)	Diane Laustsen
	Patricia Cote
ESL Coordinator	Pamela Cutarelli
Yearbooks (split)	Kristine McGrath
	Sarah Payne
NJHS Advisor	Jennifer Truby
Student Council	Sarah Payne
Detention Coordinator	Samantha Davis

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Reed	_____
Hardy	_____	McGee	_____
Johnson	_____	Smith	_____
Pettinelli	_____		

Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following school affairs agenda items 4.1 through 4.4.

4.1 To approve the identified students with the SID ID's 9188767820 & 2705449031 to be home schooled for the 2023-24 school year.

4.2 To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:

- Elizabeth Farnsworth to attend the IXL Live seminar on 10/5/23 in Bridgewater, NJ. Cost is \$95 registration and mileage.

4.3 To approve the following building use requests:

- APS Music Department on 12/7/23 for periods 7-9 and from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym for the K-4 Winter Concert.
- APS Music Department on 12/20/23 for periods 7-8 and then beginning at 7:00 pm in the gym for the 5-8 Band & Choir Winter Concert.

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- iii. APS Music Department on 4/11/24 for periods 7-9 in the gym for the K-4 Spring Concert.
- iv. APS Music Department on 5/2/24 for periods 7-9 and then beginning at 7:00 pm in the gym for the 5-8 Band & Choir Spring Concert.

4.4 To approve the following field trips:

- Grades 5-8 Band & Choir to Dorney Park in Allentown, PA on 5/17/24.
- 2nd grade to the Planetarium at RVCC in Somerville, NJ on 5/10/24.
- 3rd grade to the DaVinci Science Center in Allentown, PA on 3/22/24.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE