

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

June 6, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Approved August 22, 2023

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

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, Christopher McGee
Travis Conway
Louis Hardy
Carl Johnson
Jennifer Pettinelli
Loretta Reed

Absent

President, Patrick Smith

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD – None

III. PRESENTATION – None

IV. OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Cohen discussed re-registration and the rod grant.

V. PUBLIC INPUT – None

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

- **OPERATIONS** – Mr. Cohen discussed graduation, awards ceremony and the 8th grade clap-out. He also reviewed student discipline issues.
- **PERSONNEL** – The CSA evaluation needs to be completed as soon as possible and an additional meeting might be warranted for approval. Mr. Cohen mentioned an issue with the doctorate program payment and will discuss with the Board in detail in the near future.
- **TECHNOLOGY** – Mr. Cohen said that the 8th graders will be taking their chromebooks upon graduation. The school is currently at a 1:1 with student chromebooks and are working on achieving this ratio with the teaching staff.
- **FACILITIES** – Mr. Cohen said the building's façade is cracking and in need of repair soon before any further problems occur. He told the Board that the district would be receiving an assessment and survey for the JCP&L Grant this fall. An assessment of the full facility needs to be done by USA Architects who quoted approximately \$22K for the work. The district is considering other options.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Cohen said that he was looking for a CST partner. He reported that 16 kindergarteners have already registered.

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT – None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Jennifer Pettinelli, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:25 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 Travis Conway, to reconvene the meeting to public session at 8:34 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Loretta Reed, seconded by Travis Conway, to adjourn at 8:35 PM

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher McGee
Board Vice-President