

**Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

October 17, 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

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 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 **September 2023** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **September 30, 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	_____		

VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the September 20, 2023 through October 17, 2023 current expense bill list for check numbers 20994 to 21041 totaling \$560,776.25.

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

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: BOARD AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following board affairs agenda items 1.1 through 1.4.

- 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 QSAC DPR’s.
- 1.4 To approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:
 - P 1524 School Leadership Councils (Abolished)
 - P & R 1642.01 Sick Leave (New)
 - P 2270 Religion in the Schools (Revised)
 - P & R 2419 School Threat Assessment Teams (M) (New)
 - P 3161 Examination for Cause (Revised)
 - P & R 3212 Attendance (M) (Revised)
 - P 3324 Right of Privacy (Revised)
 - P & R 3432 Sick Leave (Abolished)

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- P 4161 Examination for Cause (Revised)
- P & R 4212 Attendance (M) (Revised)
- P 4324 Right of Privacy (Revised)
- P & R 4432 Sick Leave (Abolished)
- P & R 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Revised)
- P & R 5116 Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)
- P & R 5460.02 Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)
- P 6361 Relations With Vendors for Abbott Districts (Abolished)
- P 8500 Food Services (M) (Revised)
- P 8540 School Nutrition Programs (M) (Abolished)
- P 8550 Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (Abolished)

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 3.3.

- 3.1 To approve a substitute teacher teacher/aide rate of \$150/day for the 2023-24 school year beginning on 10/18/23.
- 3.2 To approve hiring Joan Cioffi as a part-time paraprofessional for the 2023-24 school year, beginning on October 2, 2023, at an annual salary of \$15,388, prorated for time worked.
- 3.3 To approve a \$2,500 stipend for Melissa Yale as acting CST secretary for the 2022-23 school year.

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 4.6.

- 4.1 To approve the 2023-24 tuition contract with the Warren County Technical School District for 23 students at an annual tuition rate of \$5,315 per student, plus a prior year adjustment of (\$51,513), for a total of \$70,732.

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4.2 To approve the placement of the three identified students in the Phillipsburg School District’s ESY’23 program at a cost of \$135.50/day per student and a personal aide cost of \$1,543.04 for a total cost of \$7,911.54.

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

- Lorraine Veal to attend the 2023 AENJ Fall Conference on 10/30/23 & 10/30/23 in New Brunswick, NJ. Cost is \$200 registration and mileage.

4.4 To approve the following building use requests:

- i. Dance Club from 9/25/23 through 3/13/24 per the attached schedule in the library & gym for the Dance Show.
- ii. Drama Club from 9/28/23 through 11/30/23 per the attached schedule in the library & gym for the Student Showcase.
- iii. APS from 11/20/23 through 11/22/23 from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm and on 11/20/23 & 11/21/23 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in room 5 for the Scholastic Book Fair.
- iv. Little Liners Cheerleading on 10/26/23, 11/1/23, 11/6/23 and 11/7/23 from 5:00 pm to 7:00pm in the cafeteria for cheer practice.
- v. PTO on 9/21/23 from 12:35 pm to 1:15 pm outside the gym lobby doors for an ice cream social fundraiser.
- vi. PTO on 10/11/23 beginning at 5:45 pm in the cafeteria for a room parent meeting.
- vii. PTO on 10/11/23, 11/15/23, 12/6/23, 1/10/24, 2/7/24, 3/13/24, 4/10/24 and 5/8/24 in the art room for PTO meetings.
- viii. PTO on 10/27/23 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for a Halloween Dance.
- ix. PTO on 12/8/23 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for a “Parent’s Nite Out” playground fundraiser.

4.5 To approve the following field trips:

- 5th grade to Planetarium at RVCC in Branchburg, NJ on 5/16/24.
- 4th grade to the Sterling Hills Mining Museum in Ogdensburg, NJ on 5/24/24.

4.6 To approve the following fundraiser requests:

- PTO to conduct a Fall Décor Bundle fundraiser from 10/2/23 through 10/13/23 to raise money for the PTO general fund.
- 8th grade class to sell light up toys and toy ducks at Fall Festival on 10/14/23 to raise money for the 8th grade class.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Conway	_____	Reed	_____
Hardy	_____	McGee	_____
Johnson	_____	Smith	_____
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XII. NEW BUSINESS

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE