

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved January 2, 2024

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

President, Patrick Smith
Vice-President, Christopher McGee
Travis Conway
Carl Johnson
Jennifer Pettinelli
Loretta Reed

Absent

Louis Hardy

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

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

None

IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

None

VII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

None

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IX. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cohen said that the play was wonderful, reviewed a founded HIB investigation and discussed the AI plan for the school.

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

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 Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Christopher McGee, to approve the following board affairs agenda item **1.1**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 To approve District-Completed DPR's for the purpose of submitting to the State for QSAC monitoring.

Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

None

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Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

None

Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

None

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None

XII. PUBLIC INPUT

None

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Travis Conway, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:09 p.m. This executive session is expected to last about 15 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.

XIV. RECONVENE

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Travis Conway, to reconvene the meeting to public session at 7:19 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

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XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Travis Conway.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Smith
Board President