

**Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education**

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**April 16, 2024 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 \_\_\_\_\_
- 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 March 19, 2024 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 work session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2024 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 **March 2024** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **March 31, 2024**, 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-16.10c4 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	_____
Pettinelli	_____	Smith	_____

**VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS**

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the March 20, 2024 through April 16, 2024 current expense bill list for check numbers 21304 to 21342 totaling \$583,180.03.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$183,856 as presented for the period March 20, 2024 through April 16, 2024 noting that Commissioner approval was not required 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	_____
Pettinelli	_____	Smith	_____

**IX. PUBLIC INPUT**

Public participation shall be governed by BOE Bylaw 0167 Public Participation in Board Meetings. Public comments are invited on matters pertaining only to the agenda at this time. All participants shall be given three (3) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate.

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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**

**XII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

**ACTION ITEMS:** Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator

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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 the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Pohatcong Township Board of Education for contracted School Business Administration Services for the 2024-25 school year at a fee of \$70,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

**Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS**

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.4**.

- 3.1** To approve Brittany Zrinski as a substitute nurse for the 2023-24 school year.
- 3.2** To approve Jessica Regazzini as a substitute teacher for the 2023-24 school year.
- 3.3** To approve Candy Enste as a substitute teacher for the 2023-24 school year.
- 3.4** To approve Ann Kaspereen as substitute teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

**Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS**

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.5**.

- 4.1** To approve the placement of the identified students in the Warren Glen Academy for the 2024-25 school year at an annual tuition of \$67,987.50 per student.
- 4.2** To approve the bus evacuation drill conducted on April 10, 2024.
- 4.3** To approve the following fundraiser requests:
  - PTO to sell refreshments on Parent/Grandparents Day on 4/12/24 to raise money for the general fund.
  - PTO to sell popcorn from 4/2/24 through 4/16/24 to raise money for the general fund.

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- PTO to sell Rita’s Discount Cards beginning on 4/12/24 to raise money for the general fund.

**4.4** To approve the following building use requests:

- i. PTO on 4/12/24 beginning at 12:35 pm in the cafeteria for the Parent/Grandparent Social.
- ii. PTO on 3/22/24 from 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm in the cafeteria for an Eagle Escapades team meeting.
- iii. PTO on 4/4/24 and 4/11/24 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for Eagle Escapades practice.

**4.5** To approve the following field trips:

- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade safety patrol to Hershey Park in Hershey, PA on 5/29/24.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

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**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

**VOICE VOTE**