

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

May 7, 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

- 2024-2025 Budget Presentation

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

V. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. MONTHLY REPORTS OF BOARD SECRETARY AND TREASURER

None

VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the April 17, 2024 through May 7, 2024 current expense bill list for check numbers 21343 to 21372 totaling \$375,704.47.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$4,665 as presented for the period April 17, 2024 through May 7, 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

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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

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 items **2.1** through **2.2**.

2.1 To adopt the following resolution to approve the 2024-25 school district budget:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2024-25 school district budget as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$7,479,327	\$4,243,118
Special Revenue Fund	127,763	
Total Base Budget	\$7,607,090	\$4,243,118

WHEREAS, the Alpha Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

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WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$15,000 for all staff and board members.

- 2.2 To approve a Shared Services Agreement with the Greenwich Township Board of Education for the purposes of sharing a Speech Therapist for the 2024-2025 school year whereas the Alpha Board of Education will reimburse the Greenwich Township Board of Education an amount not to exceed \$32,163 of the total cost of the overall pay and benefit package of the Speech Therapist provided.
- 2.3 To approve SennSysCo LLC to provide IT services for the 2024-25 school year at an hourly rate of \$70.

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**.

- 3.1 To approve a guide move for Laura Griffiths from Step E, BA+15 to Step E, BA+30 as she has completed the necessary coursework to prompt the horizontal move on the salary guide.

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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 **4.6**.

- 4.1** To approve the 2024-25 school year calendar as presented.
- 4.2** To approve Ed Sorge to attend the Atra Spring Seminar on 4/26/24 in Kenilworth, NJ.
Cost is mileage reimbursement.
- 4.3** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Greenwich Township School District's special education program for the 2024-25 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$40,000 and a personal aide cost of \$35,000.
- 4.4** To approve a contract with LearnWell to provide educational services to the identified student while placed at the Summit Oaks Hospital for the 2023-24 school year, beginning on 4/29/24, at an hourly rate of \$55.
- 4.5** To approve Seth Cohen to attend the NJASA Conference in Atlantic City, NJ from 5/15/24 through 5/17/24. Costs will be lodging, M&IE and mileage.
- 4.6** To approve the following building use requests:
 - i. PTO on 5/2/24 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm in the cafeteria to distribute popcorn orders.

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