

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

October 3, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Approved June 18, 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
Louis Hardy
Carl Johnson
Jennifer Pettinelli
Loretta Reed

Absent

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD – None

III. PRESENTATION – Mr. Cohen presented the district’s annual score report.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Cohen discussed re-registration.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

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

- **OPERATIONS** – Mr. Cohen said that the administration was preparing for the district’s QSAC review.
- **PERSONNEL** – Mr. Cohen said that the school was experiencing an aide and substitute teacher shortage.
- **FACILITIES** – Mr. Cohen discussed the completion of the new gym floor and reviewed potential murals for center court.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Gardner, Ms. Zarinsky and Ms. Taggart spoke about their concerns regarding bullying in school.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:45 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.
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X. RECONVENE

Motion made by Carl Johnson, seconded by Travis Conway, to reconvene the meeting to public session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Carl Johnson, to adjourn at 8:06 PM

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Smith
Board President