

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

November 7, 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

Absent

Loretta Reed

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD – None

III. PRESENTATION – None

IV. OLD BUSINESS – None

V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

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

- **OPERATIONS** – Mr. Cohen discussed the gym opening activities, Veteran’s Day activities and possible revisions to the current cell phone policy.
- **PERSONNEL** – Mr. Cohen told the Board that the school is advertising for aides and proposed a new substitute rate.
- **TECHNOLOGY** – Mr. Cohen presented the 8th grade project options incorporating maker space.
- **POLICY** – Mr. Cohen reviewed policies that would be on the next agenda for first read.
- **BUDGET** – Mr. Cohen discussed the priorities for next year’s budget including full time guidance position, adding a teacher and stretching grant funding.
- **FACILITIES** – Mr. Cohen told the Board he was awaiting the results from the JCP&L energy survey.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – None

VIII. PUBLIC INPUT – None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Christopher McGee, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:17 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.

X. RECONVENE

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Travis Conway, to reconvene the meeting to public session at 7:28 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Travis Conway, seconded by Carl Johnson, to adjourn at 7:29 PM

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Smith
Board President