

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

September 17, 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	_____
Brian Williams	_____

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 August 6, 2024 work session.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 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 **August 2024** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **August 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	_____	Smith	_____
Hardy	_____	Williams	_____		
Pettinelli	_____	McGee	_____		

VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the August 21, 2024 through September 17, 2024 current expense bill list for check numbers 21552 to 21599 totaling \$297,943.91.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$12,500 as presented for the period August 21, 2024 through September 17, 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	_____	Smith	_____
Hardy	_____	Williams	_____		
Pettinelli	_____	McGee	_____		

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.

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Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following business affairs agenda item **2.1**.

- 2.1** To approve Glen R. Koch and Associates to provide behavioral health services for the 2024-25 school year at an hourly rate of \$105.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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 supplementing approximately 90% of the 2024-25 base salaries of Bernard Brotzman, Susan Lawson and Paige Pursell and approximately 75% of the base salary of Camie Colucci with ESEA Title I funds.
- 3.2** To approve Susan Pelusoas a substitute teacher for the 2024-25 school year.
- 3.3** To approve Jake Grimes as a substitute teacher for the 2024-25 school year.
- 3.4** To approve the following stipend positions to be paid at the contractual amount:

- Testing Coordinator- Sarah Payne
- Student Council- Sarah Payne
- ESL Coordinator- Pam Cutarelli
- Homework Club- Candy Enste
- Jump Start- Jen Truby
- Dance Club- Diane Laustsen
- Safety Patrol- Diane Laustsen
- 8th grade advisor- Megan Mason, Diane Laustsen
- Yearbook Advisor- Sarah Payne and Kristine McGrath
- Detention- Sarah Payne
- Drama club- Diane Laustsen and Patty Cote
- Spring Musical- Diane Laustsen and Patty Cote
- Set Designers- Diane Laustsen and Patty Cote

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Pettinelli	_____	McGee	_____		

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Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.13**.

- 4.1** To approve the district’s non-teaching principal waiver for the 2024-25 school year.
- 4.2** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Warren Glen Academy for the 2024-25 school year at an annual tuition of \$58,275 and extraordinary service amount of \$45,900.
- 4.3** To approve the 2024-2025 tuition contract with the Phillipsburg School District for 77 students at an annual tuition rate of \$16,830 per student, plus prior year adjustments in the amount of (\$51,176.70) for a total of \$1,244,733.03.
- 4.4** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Phillipsburg School District’s multiple disabilities program for the 2024-25 school year at a total tuition of \$25,122.11 as well as a personal aide at an annual rate of \$35,154 for a total cost of \$60,276.11.
- 4.5** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Phillipsburg School District’s multiple disabilities program for the 2024-25 school year at a total tuition of \$25,122.11 as well as a personal aide at an annual rate of \$51,822.12 for a total cost of \$76,944.23.
- 4.6** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Phillipsburg School District’s learning language disabilities program for the 2024-25 school year at a total tuition of \$21,665.70.
- 4.7** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Phillipsburg School District’s multiple disabilities program for the 2024-25 school year at a total tuition of \$25,122.11.
- 4.8** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Phillipsburg School District’s learning language disabilities program for the 2024-25 school year at a total tuition of \$21,665.70 as well as a personal aide at an annual rate of \$36,288 for a total cost of \$57,953.70.
- 4.9** 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.
- 4.10** To approve Lorraine Veal to attend the AENJ Fall Conference on 10/17/24 & 10/18/24 in Princeton, NJ. Cost is \$165 registration and mileage.
- 4.11** To approve the annual professional development plan for the Alpha School District.
- 4.12** To approve the following building use requests:
 - i. PTO on 9/11/24, 10/9/24, 11/13/24, 12/4/24, 1/8/25, 2/12/25, 3/12/25, 4/9/25 and 5/14/25 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria for monthly meetings.
 - ii. PTO on 9/20/24 in the gym, cafeteria and lobby for a “Welcome Back Dance”.
 - iii. APS Dance Club on the specified dates from 2:50 pm to 3:30 pm in the gym for practices, on 3/11/25 from 2:50 pm to 4:30 pm in the gym for a

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dress rehearsal and on 3/12/25 beginning at 7:00 pm in the gym for the show.

- iv. APS Drama Club on the specified dates from 2:50 pm to 3:30 pm in the gym for practices, on 11/20/24 from 2:50 pm to 4:30 pm in the gym for a dress rehearsal and on 11/21/24 beginning at 7:00 pm in the gym for the show.
- v. PTO on 9/19/24 beginning at 7:00 pm in the lobby for the school store.

4.13 To approve the following fundraiser requests:

- PTO to sell “Birthday Grams” through the school year to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to sell cheesecakes from 10/1/24 through 10/25/24 to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to run the school store on 9/16/24 to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to run a “Roller Skate Night” fundraiser on 10/10/24 to raise money for the general fund.

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XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn at _____ p.m.

VOICE VOTE