

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2025 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

Lindsey Culcasi	_____
Christopher McGee	_____
Jennifer Pettinelli	_____
Loretta Reed	_____
Patrick Smith	_____
Brian Williams	_____
Vacancy	_____

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 November 5, 2024 work session.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2024 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2024 reorganizational meeting.

VOICE VOTE

V. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

- Letter from Mr. Leeper.

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 **December 2024** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **December 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

Culcasi	_____	William	_____
Reed	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Smith	_____	McGee	_____

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VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the December 18, 2024 through January 21, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 21759 to 21808 totaling \$655,191.93.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Culcasi	_____	William	_____
Reed	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Smith	_____	McGee	_____

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

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

- 2.1** To approve an agreement with General Healthcare Resources, LLC to provide therapy services on an as needed basis for the 2024-25 school year.
- 2.2** To approve a contract with Best Choice Home Care to provide nursing services, on an as needed basis, for the 2024-25 school year, beginning on January 17th, at an hourly rate of \$71.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Culcasi	_____	William	_____
Reed	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Smith	_____	McGee	_____

Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.2**.

- 3.1** To approve an intermittent leave of absence for Laura Griffiths from 1/21/25 through 1/31/25, with additional days used as needed, according to Article VI of the “Teacher’s Contract Between the Board of Education of Alpha, New Jersey and the Alpha Education Association”.
- 3.2** To hire Michael Danza has a special education teacher for the 2024-25 school year, beginning on 1/27/25, at Step E, BA.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Culcasi	_____	William	_____
Reed	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Smith	_____	McGee	_____

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 student in the Phillipsburg School District’s emotional regulatory impairment program for the 2024-25 school year, from 9/1/24 to 12/31/24, at a tuition cost of \$11,830.
- 4.2** To approve the placement of the identified students in the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf state facility for the 2024-25 school year at a tuition cost of \$99,393.

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- 4.3 To approve Sarah Payne to attend the NJSLA Testing Training on 1/15/25 in Princeton, NJ. Cost is mileage.
- 4.4 To approve Brittany Nailos to attend the NJMEA State Conference on 2/20/25 to 2/22/25 in Atlantic City, NJ. Cost is registration, lodging and mileage.
- 4.5 To approve the following building use requests:
- i. PTO on 12/20/24 in the gym for the Winter Assembly.
 - ii. APS Spring Musical per the presented schedule.
 - iii. PTO on 1/24/25 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the gym & cafeteria for a dance.
 - iv. PTO on 2/12/25 from 2:45 pm to 3:15 pm, 3/19/25 from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm, 3/26/25 from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm and 3/28/25 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the gym & cafeteria for Eagle Escapades meeting, practices and event.
 - v. Dance Club on 3/13/25 in the gym for the performance.
 - vi. PTO on 2/28/25 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the gym & cafeteria for a “Special Someone” dance.
- 4.6 To approve the following field trips:
- 4th & 5th grade to the Tileworks Museum in Doylestown, PA on 3/28/25.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

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VOICE VOTE