

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Organization Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved January 21, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Secretary, Tim Mantz 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.

II. OPENING STATEMENTS

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Tim Mantz 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.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mr. Mantz administered the oath of office to the newly elected school board members and distributed the Code of Ethics.

ROLL CALL

Present

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

Absent

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator
Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Bob Merryman, Board Attorney

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

OFFICIAL RESULTS OF ELECTION – November 5, 2024

The Board Secretary announced the results of the annual school election.

Election for Membership to the Board of Education:

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Three-year Terms 2025-2027

Lindsey Culcasi
Jennifer Pettinelli
Brian Williams

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Christopher McGee, to accept the official Election Results as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Mantz invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board President.

Patrick Smith nominated Christopher McGee to serve as Board President.

Loretta Reed nominated Jennifer Pettinelli to serve as Board President.

In the absence of further nominations, a motion was made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Brian Williams, to close nominations.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

By show of hands, Christopher McGee was elected as Board President

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Brian Williams, to elect Christopher McGee President of the Alpha Board President

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Mantz invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board Vice-President.

Patrick Smith nominated Jennifer Pettinelli to serve as Board Vice-President.

In the absence of further nominations, Mr. Mantz declared the nominations closed.

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Brian Williams, to elect Jennifer Pettinelli Vice-President of the Alpha Board President

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Jennifer Pettinelli, that the regular meetings of the Alpha Board of Education, will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm, in the Alpha Public School as follows:

January 14, 2025	May 20, 2025	September 16, 2025
January 21, 2025	June 17, 2025	October 21, 2025
February 18 2025	July 15, 2025	November 18, 2025
March 18, 2025	August 19, 2025	December 16, 2025
April 15, 2025		

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Patrick Smith, seconded by Brian Williams, that the public work session meetings of the Alpha Board of Education, will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm, in the Alpha Public School as follows:

February 4, 2025	June 3, 2025	October 7, 2025
March 4, 2025	July 1, 2025	November 4, 2025
April 1, 2025	August 12, 2025	December 2, 2025
May 6, 2025	September 2, 2025	

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m. on a motion by Patrick Smith, seconded by Jennifer Pettinelli.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary