

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 18, 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 January 21, 2025 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 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 **January 2025** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **January 31, 2025**, 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	_____

VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the January 22, 2025 through February 18, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 21809 to 21862 totaling \$813,213.62.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$111,222.25 as presented for the period January 22, 2025 through February 18, 2025 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

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

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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.

The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or his designee.

Please let the record reflect that the BOE does not endorse your comments nor will the BOE be held liable for comments you make about a staff member, or other person, which the staff member, or other person, may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

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.

Consent Agenda Motion: BOARD AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.2**.

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- 1.1 Be it resolved that the Alpha Board of Education approves the filing of a waiver to exempt the Alpha School District's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the fact that the district projects an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students.
- 1.2 To approve removing Patrick Smith and adding Christopher McGee as an authorized signer for Alpha Board of Education account ending in 7365.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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

- 2.1 To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2025-2026 school year with an Administrative Fee of 4.5%.

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 Melissa Bickert as mentor to Brianna McAleer.
- 3.2 To approve Jen Truby as a mentor to Michael Danza.

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 **4.3**.

- 4.1 To approve the following building use requests:
 - i. AYAA from 1/3/25 to 3/7/25 on Fridays from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm in the gym for basketball clinics.

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- ii. AYAA from 3/3/25 to 3/21/25 on Mondays through Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the gym for practices and games.
- iii. Alpha PTO on 2/19/25 from 2:45 pm to 3:30 pm in the cafeteria for an Eagle Escapades Team Meeting.

4.2 To approve the following fundraiser requests:

- 8th grade to conduct a raffle from February to June to raise money for the 8th grade graduation.

4.3 To approve the following field trips:

- 3rd grade to the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm in Stroudsburg, PA on 4/30/25.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. PUBLIC INPUT

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XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE