

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 15, 2025 5:30 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 March 18, 2025 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 work session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the April 1, 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 **March 2025** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **March 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 March 19, 2025 through April 15, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 21912 to 21955 totaling \$683,336.46.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$3,988.28 as presented for the period March 19, 2025 through April 15, 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	_____

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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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

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: BOARD AFFAIRS

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

1.1 To approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

R 5513	Student Smoking
R 7441	Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
R 9320	Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies
P 2365	Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)
P 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
P 5460	High School Graduation
P 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, of Bullying
P 5533	Student Smoking
P 5701	Academic Integrity
P 7441	Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
P 8500	Food Services
P 9163	Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events
P 9320	Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

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 items **2.1** through **2.4**.

2.1 To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for ESY'25 with an Administrative Fee of 5.5%.

2.2 To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for the 2025-2026 school year with an Administrative Fee of 5.5%.

2.3 To approve a contract with Avalon Therapy LLC to provide physical therapy services for the 2025 extended school year at a rate of \$101 per hour.

2.4 To approve a contract with Avalon Therapy LLC to provide physical therapy services for the 2025-26 school year at a rate of \$101 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.5**.

- 3.1** To accept Bruce Lampman-Perlman's letter of resignation effective April 4, 2025.
- 3.2** To approve Shelby Axelrod's letter of resignation effective 7/1/25.
- 3.3** To approve an unpaid leave of absence for Candy Enste for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year beginning on March 7, 2025.
- 3.4** To approve an unpaid leave of absence for Yetty Perez from April 14, 2025 through April 25, 2025.
- 3.5** To approve Robert Griffiths as a full time aide for the 2024-25 school year, beginning on April 7th, at an annual salary of \$25,500, prorated for time worked.

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 **4.10**.

- 4.1** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Warren Glen Academy for the 2025-26 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$68,040.
- 4.2** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Warren Glen Academy for the 2025-26 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$68,040 and an extraordinary service cost of \$53,550.
- 4.3** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Hunterdon County Vocational School District for the 2025-26 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$8,255.
- 4.4** To approve Ed Sorge to attend the 2025 ESCNJ Vendor Expo in Edison, NJ on 5/21/25. Cost is mileage reimbursement.
- 4.5** To revise the 2024-25 school year calendar to reflect 8th grade graduation on June 6, 2025, the last day of school being June 9, 2025 with the last five days of school being early dismissal days.
- 4.6** To accept an anonymous donation of \$193.60 to be used towards student costs for the 8th grade class trip.
- 4.7** To approve the bus evacuation drill conducted on April 14, 2025.
- 4.8** To approve the Chief School Administrator's decision to not move forward with an investigation for HIB number 2425-11.

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4.9 To approve the following building use requests:

- i. Student Council on 3/25/25 from 2:50 pm to 4:00 pm in the cafeteria to host Bingo games.
- ii. PTO on 5/16/25 in the gym, cafeteria and lobby for a Spring Dance.
- iii. APS on 4/30/25 from 8:15 am to 2:30 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 5/1/25 from 8:15 am to 2:30 pm and 5/2/25 from 8:15 am to 2:30 pm in the art room for the Book Fair.
- iv. APS music department on 4/30/25 during periods one, two and three for rehearsal and from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym for the Spring Concert.

4.10 To approve the following field trips:

- 6th-8th grade Safety Patrol to Hershey Park in Hershey, PA on 5/22/25.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE