

# Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

## REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

July 15, 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 June 3, 2025 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 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 **June 2025** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **June 30, 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	_____	Williams	_____
Reed	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Smith	_____	McGee	_____

**VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS**

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the June 18, 2025 through June 30, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 22049 to 22087 totaling \$100,837.65.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Culcasi	_____	Williams	_____
Reed	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Smith	_____	McGee	_____

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Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the July 1, 2025 through July 15, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 22088 to 22110 totaling \$187,954.93.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Culcasi	_____	Williams	_____
Reed	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Smith	_____	McGee	_____

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$9,564.94 as presented for the period June 18, 2025 through June 30, 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	_____	Williams	_____
Reed	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Smith	_____	McGee	_____

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$59,017.91 as presented for the period July 1, 2025 through July 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	_____	Williams	_____
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.

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**

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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.

**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 submission and acceptance of the application for “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act” (IDEA) fiscal year 2026 in the following amounts:

Basic:	\$ 72,397
Preschool:	\$ 1,915
Total Allocation:	\$ 74,312

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

Culcasi	_____	Williams	_____
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 **3.9**.

**3.1** To approve Kristi Horan as an ESY’25 teacher from 7/7/25 through 7/24/25 to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.

**3.2** To approve Samantha Davis as an ESY’25 teacher, as needed, from 7/7/25 through 7/24/25 to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.

**3.3** To approve Jennifer Truby as an ESY’25 teacher from 7/7/25 through 7/24/25 to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.

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- 3.4** To approve Jodie Frankle as an ESY'25 paraprofessional from 7/7/25 through 7/24/25 to be paid at an hourly rate of \$15.49.
- 3.5** To approve Laura Griffiths as the ESY'25 nurse from 7/7/25 through 7/24/25 to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.
- 3.6** To approve Sarah Payne to perform summer IT work, not to exceed 35 hours, to be paid at the contractual hourly rate.
- 3.7** To approve Jessica Verrelli to provide speech language services for ESY'25, from July 1, 2025 through July 25, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$69.
- 3.8** To approve Melissa Bickert, Samantha Davis, Jennifer Truby, and Sarah Payne for summer IEP meetings to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.
- 3.9** To approve Newman Associates to provide School Psychologist services for the 2025-26 school year at an annual cost of \$29,000 plus an hourly rate of \$80 for additional hours that might be required.

**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 district's 2025-26 Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan.
- 4.2** To approve the 2025-26 Nursing Services Plan.
- 4.3** To approve the 2025-2026 tuition contract with the Phillipsburg School District for 81 students at an annual tuition rate of \$17,325 per student, plus prior year adjustments in the amount of (\$55,859) for a total of \$1,347,466.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**XIII. PUBLIC INPUT**

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**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to adjourn at  
\_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

VOICE VOTE