

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 12, 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 July 15, 2025 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the July 15, 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 **July 2025** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **July 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	_____	Williams	_____
Reed	_____	Pettinelli	_____
Smith	_____	McGee	_____

VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the July 16, 2025 through August 12, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 22111 to 22151 totaling \$167,965.85.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

IX. PUBLIC INPUT

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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

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 **1.3**.

1.1 To approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

- P 0174 Legal Services
- P 0177 Professional Services
- P&R 1570 Internal Controls
- P 1620 Administration
- P 1636.01 Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities
- P 2422 Statutory Curricular Requirements
- P&R 5117 Interdistrict Public School Choice
- P 5339.01 Student Sun Protection
- P&R 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program
- P&R 6220 Budget Preparation
- R 2431.4 Prevention & Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions & Head Injuries

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- 1.2** To approve the application for the Literacy Coach Grant.
- 1.3** To approve the submission and acceptance of the application for “Elementary and Secondary Education Act” (ESEA) fiscal year 2026 in the following amounts:

Title I:	\$ 56,462
Title IIA:	\$ 8,530
Title III:	\$ 323
Title IV:	\$ 10,000
Total Allocation:	\$ 75,315

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 **3.3**.

- 3.1** To approve Susan Pensack to provide child study team services for the 2025-26 school year at an hourly rate of \$70 and \$475 per completed evaluation and report.
- 3.2** To accept Paige Pursell’s letter of resignation effective immediately.
- 3.3** To hire Claire Haney as a leave replacement teacher for the 2025-26 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 **4.7**.

- 4.1** To approve the placement of the identified students in the Phillipsburg School District’s ESY’25 program at a cost of \$11,906.54 and personal aide cost of \$5,077.12 for a total cost of \$16,983.66.
- 4.2** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Clinton Glen Gardner School District’s multiple disability program for the 2025-26 school year at an annual tuition cost of \$45,951 and personal aide cost of \$49,571.
- 4.3** To approve the placement of the identified students in the Greenwich Township School District’s special education program at an annual tuition cost of \$40,000 per student and personal aide cost of \$35,000 per student.
- 4.4** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Warren Glen Academy for the 2025-26 school year at an annual tuition cost of \$58,320.

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4.5 To approve the 2025-2026 tuition contract with the Warren County Technical School District for 22 students at an annual tuition rate of \$3,000 per student, plus prior year adjustments in the amount of (\$9,135) for a total of \$56,865.

4.6 To approve the following building use requests:

- i. AYAA on Monday through Thursday from 10/20/25 to 12/19/25 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Friday's from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the gym for basketball practices and games.
- ii. PTO on 9/26/25, 11/14/25, 1/23/26, 3/27/26 and 5/29/26 in the cafeteria during lunch periods for the school store.
- iii. PTO on 9/26/25 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for the PK-4th grade back to school dance.
- iv. PTO on 9/19/25 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for the 5-8th grade back to school dance.
- v. PTO on 9/18/25 during back to school night in the foyer to provide information on the PTO and offer items for sale.

4.7 To approve the following fundraiser requests:

- PTO to sell "Birthday Grams" through the school year to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to conduct a fundraiser during back to school night to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to run the school store on 9/16/24, 11/14/25, 1/23/26, 3/27/26 and 5/29/26 to raise money for the general fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Smith	_____	McGee	_____

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XIV. NJSBA REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS BOE GOAL SETTING AND MEMBER TRAINING

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE