

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
October 14, 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

- NJSLA Score Presentation

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 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 **September 2025** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **September 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 September 17, 2025 through October 14, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 22191 to 22240 totaling \$728,000.37.

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 **1.5**.

1.1 To approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).

1.2 To approve the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (M-1).

1.3 To approve the HIB Self-Assessment.

1.4 To approve the second reading and adoption of policy P5410 – Promotion and Retention.

1.5 To approve the attendance of Christopher McGee and Jennifer Pettinelli at the NJ School Boards Fall Workshop on 10/20/25 – 10/23/25 in Atlantic City, NJ. The cost is \$1,100 registration fee plus lodging, mileage reimbursement, meals and incidental expenses per federal rates.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.4**.

- 3.1** To approve Brianna McAleer as Jumpstart instructor for the 2025-26 school year to be paid at the contractual rate.
- 3.2** To approve Will Santowasso to perform 20 hours of classroom observation during the 2025-26 school year.
- 3.3** To accept Kim Mavrellos' letter of resignation effective 9/30/25.
- 3.4** To approve Nehmat Mcheileh as a part-time aide for the 2025-26 school year, beginning on 9/29/25, at an annual salary of \$16,320 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 **4.5**.

- 4.1** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Bonnie Brae School District for the period of 10/1/25 through 10/31/25 during the 2025-26 school year at a tuition cost of \$9,637.
- 4.2** To approve the middle school science curriculum revision.
- 4.3** To approve the following building use requests:
 - i. PTO on 4/17/26 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for a PK-4 dance.
 - ii. PTO on 3/20/26 during the school day in the cafeteria to provide refreshments and PTO information during Parent/Grandparent Day.
 - iii. PTO on 2/17/26 from 2:45 pm to 3:15 pm, 3/3/26 from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm, 3/10/26 from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm and 3/13/26 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for Eagle Escapades.
 - iv. PTO on 2/20/26 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for the "Someone Special" dance.
 - v. PTO on 1/9/26 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the gym and cafeteria for the Winter Ball dance.
 - vi. PTO on 12/1/25, 12/2/25 and 12/3/25 during the school day in the basement to run the Holiday Shoppe.
 - vii. APS music on 12/9/25 during the school day for rehearsal and at 7:00 pm in the gym for the K-4 Winter Concert.

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- viii. APS music on 12/17/25 during the school day for rehearsal and at 7:00 pm in the gym for the grades 5-8 Winter Concert.
- ix. APS music on 3/18/26 or 3/29/26 during the school day for rehearsal for the grade K-4 Spring Concert.
- x. APS music on 4/28/26 during the school day for rehearsal and at 7:00 pm in the gym for the grades 5-8 band and choir concert.
- xi. APS on 11/24/25 from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 11/25/25 from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm & 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 11/26/25 from 8:15 am to 11:00 am in the cafeteria for the Book Fair.
- xii. Drama Club on 10/2/25 from 2:50 pm to 3:30 pm; 10/9/25, 10/16/25, 10/23/25, & 10/30/25 from 2:50 pm to 3:30 pm; 11/13/25, 11/14/25, 11/7/25 & 11/18/25 from 2:50 pm to 4:00 pm; 11/16/25 from 2:50 to 4:00 pm and 11/20/25 beginning at 6:15 pm in the gym for rehearsals and performance.
- xiii. Dance Club on the specified dates and times from 9/25/25 through 2/5/26 in the gym for rehearsals and performance.

4.4 To approve the following fundraiser requests:

- PTO to conduct a “Panera Dine Out” fundraiser on 12/8/25 to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to conduct the Holiday Shoppe on 12/1/25, 12/2/25 and 12/3/25 to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to conduct a “Spiritwear” fundraiser on 9/18/25 through 10/3/25 to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to sell “Boo Grams” from 10/8/25 through 10/24/25 to raise money for the general fund.

4.5 To approve the following field trips:

- PreK to the Alpha Firehouse in Alpha, NJ on 10/9/25.
- Grades 5-8 choir to the Alpha Park in Alpha, NJ on 12/5/25.
- 6th grade band to the Warren County 6th Grade All-Star Band performance at Warren Hills High School in Washington, NJ on 2/18/26.
- 5th – 8th grade choir to Songfest at Phillipsburg High School in Phillipsburg, NJ on 2/27/26.
- 5th – 8th grade band and choir to Dorney Park in Allentown, PA on 5/8/26.
- 5th – 8th grade band and choir to Alpha Park in Alpha, NJ on 5/17/26.
- 4th grade to the National Canal Museum in Easton, PA on 4/28/26.
- 5th grade to the Sterling Hill Mining Museum in Ogdensburg, NJ on 5/15/26.
- 3rd grade to the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm in Stroudsburg, PA on 4/29/26.

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE