

# ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Organization Meeting Minutes – January 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved January 20, 2026

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Board Secretary, Tim Mantz called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a subsequent moment of silence.

## II. OPENING STATEMENTS

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Tim Mantz read the following statement:

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.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mr. Mantz administered the oath of office to the newly elected school board members and distributed the Code of Ethics.

ROLL CALL

Present

Lindsey Culcasi

Craig Dunwell

Danielle Lopanzanski

Christopher McGee

Jennifer Pettinelli

Brian Williams

Absent

Loretta Reed

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

## **OFFICIAL RESULTS OF ELECTION – November 4, 2025**

The Board Secretary announced the results of the annual school election.

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Election for Membership to the Board of Education:

Three-year Terms 2026-2028

Craig Dunwell

Danielle Lopanzanski

Motion made by Christopher McGee, seconded by Jennifer Pettinelli, to accept the official Election Results as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Mantz invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board President.

Craig Dunwell nominated Christopher McGee to serve as Board President.

In the absence of further nominations, Mr. Mantz declared the nominations closed.

Motion made by Lindsey Culcasi, seconded by Brian Williams, to elect Christopher McGee President of the Alpha Board President

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Mantz invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board Vice-President.

Brian Williams nominated Jennifer Pettinelli to serve as Board Vice-President.

In the absence of further nominations, Mr. Mantz declared the nominations closed.

Motion made by Lindsey Culcasi seconded by Christopher McGee, to elect Jennifer Pettinelli Vice-President of the Alpha Board President

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR**

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Lindsey Culcasi, that the regular meetings of the Alpha Board of Education, will be held on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm, in the Alpha Public School as follows:

January 20, 2026	May 19, 2026	September 15, 2026
February 17, 2026	June 16, 2026	October 20, 2026
March 17 2026	July 21, 2026	November 17, 2026
April 21, 2026	August 18, 2026	December 15, 2026

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Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Lindsey Culcasi, that the public work session meetings of the Alpha Board of Education, will be held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:00pm, in the Alpha Public School as follows:

February 3, 2026	June 2, 2026	October 6, 2026
March 3, 2026	July 7, 2026	November 3, 2026
April 7, 2026	August 4, 2026	December 1, 2026
May 5, 2026	September 1, 2026	

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**III. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. on a motion by Craig Dunwell, seconded by Brian Williams.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz  
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary