

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2026 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	_____
Craig Dunwell	_____
Danielle Lopazanski	_____
Christopher McGee	_____
Jennifer Pettinelli	_____
Loretta Reed	_____
Brian Williams	_____

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 January 20, 2026 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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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 **January 2026** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **January 31, 2026**, 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	_____	Reed	_____	McGee	_____
Dunwell	_____	Williams	_____		
Lopazanski	_____	Pettinelli	_____		

VIII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS/LIST OF BILLS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the January 21, 2026 through February 18, 2026 current expense bill list for check numbers 22387 to 22442 totaling \$627,906.23.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Culcasi	_____	Reed	_____	McGee	_____
Dunwell	_____	Williams	_____		
Lopazanski	_____	Pettinelli	_____		

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$2,588 as presented for the period January 21, 2026 through February 18, 2026 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	_____	Reed	_____	McGee	_____
Dunwell	_____	Williams	_____		
Lopazanski	_____	Pettinelli	_____		

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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

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 Be it resolved that the Alpha Board of Education approves the filing of a waiver to exempt the Alpha School District's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the fact that the district projects an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

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Lopazanski	<hr/>	Pettinelli	<hr/>		

Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following business affairs agenda item **2.1**.

2.1 To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2026-2027 school year with an Administrative Fee of 5%.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Culcasi	<hr/>	Reed	<hr/>	McGee	<hr/>
Dunwell	<hr/>	Williams	<hr/>		
Lopazanski	<hr/>	Pettinelli	<hr/>		

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 accept Kimberly Gilles notice of retirement effective 7/1/26.
3.2 To accept Kimberee Weiss notice of retirement effective 7/1/26.
3.3 To approve Steffi Castro to perform 10 hours of classroom observation during the 2025-26 school year.
3.4 To approve Will Santowasso to perform 5 hours of classroom observation during the 2025-26 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Dunwell	<hr/>	Williams	<hr/>		
Lopazanski	<hr/>	Pettinelli	<hr/>		

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 following fundraiser requests:

- PTO to have a Frank's Trattoria fund raiser on 3/4/26 to raise money for the general fund.
- 8th grade to sell hot chocolate baskets and spaghetti baskets from 2/5/26 to 2/12/26 to raise money for the 8th grade trip.
- 8th grade to have a donation jar during the 5th – 8th grade concerts on

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12/17/25 to raise money for graduation.

4.2 To approve the following building use requests:

- i. 8th grade on 1/28/26 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the cafeteria for a mid-year parent meeting.

4.3 To approve Kristine McGrath to the “The Art & Science of Teaching Reading” seminar on 3/27/26 in Hackettstown, NJ. Cost is \$99 registration fee and mileage.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Culcasi	_____	Reed	_____	McGee	_____
Dunwell	_____	Williams	_____		
Lopazanski	_____	Pettinelli	_____		

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE