

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

April 28, 2026 6:00 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

- Student Data Progress Report
- FY27 Budget

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 work session.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2026 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 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 **March 2026** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **March 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 March 18, 2026 through April 28, 2026 current expense bill list for check numbers 22477 to 22532 totaling \$786,266.40.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$6,440 as presented for the period March 18, 2026 through April 28, 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	_____		

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.

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Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1** through **2.4**.

2.1 To adopt the following resolution to approve the 2026-27 school district budget:

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2026-27 school district budget as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$7,877,974	\$4,414,540
Special Revenue Fund	<u>125,281</u>	
Total Base Budget	\$8,003,255	\$4,414,540

WHEREAS, the Alpha Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$15,000 for all staff and board members.

2.2 To approve a Bond Counsel Services Agreement with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. per the fee schedule as presented.

2.3 To approve SennSysCo LLC to provide IT services for the 2026-27 school year at an hourly rate of \$70.

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2.4 To approve Hillmar, LLC to provide educational specialist services for the 2026-27 school year, on an as needed basis, per the specified rates.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.8**.

3.1 To offer employment to the listed tenured certified staff, for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Melissa Bickert
- Patricia Cote
- Samantha Davis
- Stuart Davis
- Laura Griffiths
- Kristi Horan
- Ernest Kaminski
- Jessica Kelliher
- Joan Kern
- Diane Laustsen
- Pamela Lerner Cutarelli
- Megan Mason
- Kristine McGrath
- Brittany Nailos
- Sarah Payne
- Kelly Phillips
- Renee Smith
- Jennifer Truby
- Lorraine Veal (.5 FTE)

3.2 To offer employment to the listed non-tenured certified staff, for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Hale Amplo
- Claire Haney
- Yuney Lio-Gonzalez
- Brianna McAleer
- Bryce Parenti
- Nicholas Scaturro

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3.3 To offer employment to the listed Support Staff for the 2026-2027 school year:

<u>Clerical</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Months</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Yale, Melissa	Executive Secretary	12	TBD
Ascolese, Bethany	School Secretary	12	TBD
<u>Treasurer</u>			
England, Lorraine	Treasurer		TBD
<u>Operations</u>			
Sorge, Reinhard	Head Custodian	12	TBD
Hoernlein, Charles	Custodian	12	TBD
Rissmiller, Charles	Part-Time Custodian	10	TBD

3.4 To approve hiring Stuart Davis as a Summer Custodian, beginning on or after June 12, 2026 through on or before September 4, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$15.92.

3.5 To approve hiring Joseph Schocko as a Summer Custodian, beginning on or after June 12, 2026 through on or before September 4, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$15.92.

3.6 To approve hiring Nick Rogalski as a Summer Custodian, beginning on or after June 12, 2026 through on or before September 4, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$15.92.

3.7 To approve hiring Robert Griffiths as a Summer Custodian, beginning on or after June 12, 2026 through on or before September 4, 2026 at an hourly rate of \$15.92.

3.8 To approve Claire Haney, Kristi Horan and Jennifer Truby as ESY'26 teachers from 7/6/26 through 7/24/26 to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.6**.

4.1 To approve the bus evacuation drill conducted on April 23, 2026.

4.2 To approve the 2026-27 school year calendar.

4.3 To affirm, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15 (b)(e) the Chief School Administrator's report of alleged HIB incidents and investigations with the following HIB numbers 2526-6.

4.4 To approve the following fundraiser requests:

- PTO grade to sell Smile Grams with stickers from 4/20/26 to 5/1/26 to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to host a "Rita's Teacher Scoop Night" on 6/3/26 to raise money for the general fund.

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- PTO to sell Rita's discount cards from 4/10/26 through the end of school to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to sell yard sell permits from now until 5/29/26 to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to sell popcorn from 4/1/26 through 4/15/26 to raise money for the general fund.
- PTO to have a Frank's Trattoria fund raiser on 5/14/26 to raise money for the PTO general fund.

4.5 To approve the following building use requests:

- i. PTO on 4/27/26 from 2:45 pm to 4:00 pm in the cafeteria to sort and handout popcorn sales.

4.6 To approve the following field trips:

- 6th - 8th grade to the Phillipsburg Middle School in Phillipsburg, NJ on 5/27/26.
- PreK to PHS Barnyard Days in Phillipsburg, NJ on 5/7/26.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE