

**Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

June 16, 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 April 7, 2026 work session.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026 work session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2026 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2026 work session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2026 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

V. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

VI. OLD BUSINESS

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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 **May 2026** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **May 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 May 20, 2026 through June 16, 2026 current expense bill list for check numbers 22571 to 22625 totaling \$836,655.25.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve budget transfers in the amount of \$14,906.13 as presented for the period May 20, 2026 through June 16, 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.

Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1** through **2.12**.

- 2.1** To approve the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Pohatcong Township Board of Education for contracted School Business Administration Services for the 2026-27 school year at a fee of \$70,000.
- 2.2** To approve a breakfast price of \$2.00 for the 2026-27 school year.
- 2.3** To approve a lunch price of \$3.50 for the 2026-27 school year.
- 2.4** To approve Best Choice Home Care, LLC to provide nursing services for the 2026-27 school year, on an as needed basis, at cost of \$73.50 per hour.
- 2.5** To approve Avalon Therapy, LLC to provide physical therapy services for the 2026-27 school year at a cost of \$101 per hour.
- 2.6** To approve Susan Pensack to provide CST services for the 2026-27 school year at a cost of \$475 for evaluations, \$70 per hour for services, and a meeting cost of \$60 for a 60 minute meeting and \$30 for a 30 minute meeting.
- 2.7** To approve Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy, P.C. to the Board attorney fo the 2026-27 school year at a cost of \$170 per hour.

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- 2.8 To approve Newman Associates to provide School Psychologist services for the 2026 extended school year at a cost of \$350 per evaluation with additional hours billed at \$75 per hour.
- 2.9 To approve Newman Associates to provide School Psychologist services for the 2026-27 school year at an annual cost of \$27,000.
- 2.10 To approve the Chief School Administrator and the Business Administrator to issue checks and make budget transfers necessary to close out the 2025-26 school year.
- 2.11 To authorize the Business Administrator to close the petty cash account as of June 30, 2026 and reopen the 2026-27 petty cash account in the amount of \$200 as of July 1, 2026.
- 2.12 To approve an agreement with Maschio’s Food Service, Inc. to provide operation and management of the district’s food service program for the 2026-27 school year, at a total cost of contract of \$88,244.06, for a management fee of \$10,161.79 with no guarantee.

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 3.9.

3.1 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	\$59,990
Ascolese, Bethany	School Secretary	12	\$39,211
 <u>Treasurer</u>			
England, Lorraine	Treasurer		\$5,567
 <u>Operations</u>			
Sorge, Reinhard	Head Custodian	12	\$66,413
Hoernlein, Charles	Custodian	12	\$40,980
Rissmiller, Charles	Part-Time Custodian	10	\$17.69/hour

- 3.2 To hire Lori Walker as the Assistant Principal/Supervisor of Instruction for the 2026-27 school year at a salary of \$95,112.
- 3.3 To approve summer hours for Lori Walker from on or about August 3rd through August 10th to be paid at an hourly rate of \$59.45.
- 3.4 To approve a horizontal guide move for Jennifer Truby from step F, MA to step F, MA+15 for the 2026-27 school year.
- 3.5 To approve the Superintendent evaluation.

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- 3.6 To approve Charles Seeley as a bus aide from 6/3/26 through 8/21/26 at a rate of \$100 per day.
- 3.7 To approve Hale Amplo for summer IEP meeting as needed to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.
- 3.8 To approve Jodie Frankle as an ESY aide to be paid at an hourly rate of \$15.92.
- 3.9 To approve summer IT hours for Sarah Payne, not to exceed 30 hours, 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 4.2.

- 4.1 To approve establishing an autistic program for the 2026-27 school year.
- 4.2 To approve the placement of the identified student in the Cambridge School for the 2026-27 school year an estimated extended school year cost of \$5,940 and an annual tuition of \$63,850.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE