

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved June 16, 2026

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Christopher McGee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a subsequent moment of silence.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Christopher McGee 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.

ROLL CALL

Present

President, Christopher McGee
Vice-President, Jennifer Pettinelli
Lindsey Culcasi
Craig Dunwell

Absent

Danielle Lopazanski
Loretta Reed
Brian Williams

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

III. PRESENTATION

Tony Solimine of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer provided a basic overview of the procedures and rules for going out for a bond referendum.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cohen will provide dates for a BOE facilities tour.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

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VI. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS

Operations: Mr. Cohen discussed the “Bike Bus” event.

Technology: Mr. Cohen reviewed the district’s technology needs going forward.

Policy: Mr. Cohen told the Board he is awaiting guidance from Strauss Esmay for the new cell phone policy.

Curriculum: Mr. Cohen said there were no changes to the current curriculum.

Budget: Budget is still being reviewed by the County.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Craig Dunwell, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:58 p.m. This executive session is expected to last about 15 minutes. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is Personnel, Negotiations, Student Issues, and/or Legal Matters.

It is anticipated that action pursuant to this executive session will not be taken.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Alpha Borough Board of Education, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the specified subject matter.
2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public upon resolution of all information discussed.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

X. RECONVENE

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Lindsey Culcasi, to reconvene the meeting to public session at 8:05 p.m.

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Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Craig Dunwell, seconded by Lindsey Culcasi.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher McGee
Board President