

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
July 21, 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 June 16, 2026 regular meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 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 **June 2026** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **June 30, 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 June 17, 2026 through June 30, 2026 current expense bill list for check numbers 22626 to 22662 totaling \$144,196.91.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the July 1, 2026 through July 21, 2026 current expense bill list for check numbers 22663 to 22686 totaling \$230,226.45.

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 \$53,421.68 as presented for the period June 17, 2026 through June 30, 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

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.

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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: BOARD AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.4**.

1.1 To approve the submission and acceptance of the application for “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act” (IDEA) fiscal year 2027 in the following amounts:

Basic:	\$ 72,209
Preschool:	\$ 1,934
Total Allocation:	\$ 74,143

1.2 To approve the submission and acceptance of the application for “Elementary and Secondary Education Act” (ESEA) fiscal year 2027 in the following amounts:

Title I:	\$ 57,856
Title IIA:	\$ 8,788
Title III:	\$ 357
Title IV:	\$ 10,000
Total Allocation:	\$ 77,001

1.3 To approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

P 8660	Transportation by Private Vehicles – To and From School-Related Activities
P 8662	Transportation by Private or District-Owned Vehicles To and From School
R 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Allowability of Costs
P & R 5111.13	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students – Choice School District
P 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator
P 2535	Library Material
P& R 1552	Sexual Harassment - Staff
R 5516	Student Use of Internet Enabled Devices
P 2313	Student Use of Internet Enabled Devices

1.4 To approve the removal of the following policies and regulations:

P & R 4532	Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Members Complaint Procedure
P 3362	Sexual Harassment
P 2411	Guidance Counseling
R 2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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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 **2.2**.

- 2.1** To approve a contract with Therapeutic Intervention, Inc. to provide occupational therapy services for the 2026-27 school year at the rates of \$109 per hour for school based therapy, \$125 per visit for home based therapy and \$455 per evaluation.
- 2.2** To approve J&B Therapy to provide professional services for the 2026-27 school year on an as needed basis per the indicated rate schedule.

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 **3.4**.

- 3.1** To approve Sarah Payne to attend the 2026 Building Thinking Classrooms Conference on 6/29/26 & 6/30/26 in New Haven, CT. Cost is \$585 registration, \$358.75 lodging and mileage.
- 3.2** To approve Ed Sorge to attend the North Facilities Training on 7/22/26 in Rockaway, NJ. Cost is mileage.
- 3.3** To approve an unpaid leave of absence for Yetty Perez from 8/26/26 through 3/1/27.
- 3.4** To hire Savanah Luker as a Guidance Counselor for the 2026-27 school year at Step E, MA.

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 establishing a Learning/Language Disabilities class for the 2026-27 school year.
- 4.2** To approve the district's 2026-27 Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan.
- 4.3** To approve the 2026-2027 tuition contract with the Phillipsburg School District for 86 students at an annual tuition rate of \$18,018 per student, plus prior year adjustments in the amount of \$63,364, for a total of \$1,612,912.

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- 4.4 To approve the placement of the identified student in the Mansfield Township School District's LLD program for the 2026-27 school year at an annual tuition cost of \$30,933.
- 4.5 To approve the 2026-27 Nursing Services Plan.
- 4.6 To approve the district's non-teaching Principal waiver for the 2026-27 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE