

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved September 15, 2026

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Christopher McGee called the meeting to order at 7:01 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

Brian Williams

Absent

Loretta Reed

Danielle Lopazanski

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

III. PRESENTATION

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None

V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

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VI. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS

Personnel: Candidate review – discussed possible candidates for the Counselor position.

Policy: Still waiting for the Cell Phone Model Policy and discussed questions on policies sent to BOE for review. Received initial information from Strauss Esmay about proposed cell phone policy.

Budget: Special education placement – discussed a placement into our program.

Facilities: Committee Report – committee advised that they met with the architect to discuss items and establish priority list. Mike Sartini visited to review the grease trap situation.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Craig Dunwell, seconded by Brian Williams, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:46 p.m. This executive session is expected to last about 20 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.

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X. RECONVENE

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

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. on a motion by Craig Dunwell, seconded by Lindsey Culcasi.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher McGee
Board President