

ALPHA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Approved September 15, 2026

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Christopher McGee called the meeting to order at 7:00 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
Loretta Reed
Patrick Smith
Brian Williams

Absent

Others Present

Seth Cohen, Chief School Administrator

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Meditation

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

An application was received for the open Board of Education seat.

III. PRESENTATION

None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Playground Update – delivered on 9/22, should be ready for install starting 10/1. A grand opening will be determined once complete.

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V. PUBLIC INPUT

None

VI. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION ITEMS

Operations: School opening went well and the balloon decorations were well received.
Early Test Score Data has not been received yet due to state delays.

Technology: Chromebook usage – we are thinking of keeping all Chromebooks in school instead of allowing them to go home due to excessive wear and tear.
PP app usage – we still have 60 families not signed up for the app, so far the K-4 teachers seem to really like it.

Policy: Review BOE goals – they were emailed to the BOE.

Budget: Limiting orders to help ease budget strains.

Facilities: Long range plan approved by the State. The architects will come to the BOE with recommendations.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Next meeting to be held on the 14th.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Jennifer Pettinelli, seconded by Brian Williams, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:24 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

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- public upon resolution of all information discussed.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

X. RECONVENE

Motion made by Brian Williams, seconded by Jennifer Pettinelli, to reconvene the meeting to public session at 7:34 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 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Patrick Smith, seconded by Brian Williams.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher McGee
Board President