

Alpha Borough Public School Board of Education

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

October 13, 2026 6:00 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

- NJSLA Score Presentation

IV. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026 work session meeting.

VOICE VOTE

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Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2026 executive session.

VOICE VOTE

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2026 regular meeting.

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 **September 2026** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c3, the Board of Education certifies that as of **September 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 September 16, 2026 through October 13, 2026 current expense bill list for check numbers 22772 to 22824 totaling \$621,757.06.

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 \$5,000 as presented for the period September 16, 2026 through October 13, 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.

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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 **1.6**.

- 1.1** To approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).
- 1.2** To approve the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (M-1).
- 1.3** To approve the HIB Self-Assessment.
- 1.4** To approve the QSAC DPR's.
- 1.5** To approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement.
- 1.6** To approve the attendance of Seth Cohen, Christopher McGee and Jennifer Pettinelli at the NJ School Boards Fall Workshop on 10/19/26 – 10/22/26 in Atlantic City, NJ. The cost is \$1,100 registration fee plus lodging, mileage reimbursement, meals and incidental expenses per federal rates.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1** through **2.5**.

- 2.1** To enter into a joint transportation agreement with the Phillipsburg School District for the 2025-26 school year at a total annual cost of \$9,000 for the transportation of the identified special education student.
- 2.2** To approve the proposal from KCE Champions LLC to provide a before and after care enrichment program agreement for the 2026-27 school year beginning 1/1/27.
- 2.3** To approve the Bond Counsel Services Agreement with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. per the fee schedule as presented.
- 2.4** To approve the Municipal Advisor proposal with Phoenix Advisors per the fee schedule as presented.
- 2.5** To approve Parette Somjen Architects proposal to perform Building Façade Due Diligence at a cost of \$4,800.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

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Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.5**.

- 3.1** To approve Jacqueline Cameron as a part-time paraprofessional for the 2026-27 school year, beginning on 9/28/26, at an annual salary of \$16,891, prorated for time worked.
- 3.2** To approve Jaylyn Schocko as a full-time paraprofessional for the 2026-27 school year, beginning on 10/23/26, at an annual salary of \$26,920, prorated for time worked.
- 3.3** To approve the following stipend positions for the 2026-27 school year:
- Testing Coordinator- Sarah Payne (\$825)
 - Dance Club- Diane Laustsen (\$1,155)
 - Safety Patrol- Diane Laustsen (\$687.50)
 - 8th grade Advisor- Diane Laustsen (\$385)
 - 8th grade Advisor- Hale Amplo (\$385)
 - Yearbook Advisor- Sarah Payne (\$412.50)
 - Yearbook Advisor- Kristine McGrath (\$412.50)
 - Detention Monitor- Sarah Payne (\$550)
 - Drama Club- Diane Laustsen (\$577.50)
 - Spring Musical- Diane Laustsen (\$1,320)
 - Set Designers- Diane Laustsen (\$440)
 - ESL Coordinator – Pam Cutarelli (\$550)
 - NJHS – Jen Truby (\$770)
 - Student Council – Nick Scaturro (\$770)
 - Science Club Advisor- Hale Amplo (\$700)
- 3.4** To approve Kristi Horan, Jessica Kelliher and Jen Truby as Jumpstart instructors for the 2026-27 year to be paid per the contractual rate.
- 3.5** To accept Charles Seeley's letter of resignation effective 10/2/26.

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 **4.7**.

- 4.1** To affirm, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15 (b)(e) the Chief School Administrator's report of alleged HIB incidents and investigations with the following HIB numbers 26-27-1 and 26-27-2.

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- 4.2 To approve Brittany Nailos to attend the 6th Grade All Star Band & the 8th Grade PHS Collaboration professional development on 10/12/26 in Phillipsburg, NJ. Cost is mileage.
- 4.3 To approve Brittany Nailos to attend the NJMEA State Conference on 2/18/27 – 2/20/27 in Atlantic City, NJ. Cost is \$252.63 registration and mileage.
- 4.4 To accept a donation of books from the W.H. Walters Free Public Library for the school library.
- 4.5 To approve the following fundraiser requests:
- PTO to conduct a “Boo Gram” fundraiser on 10/9/26 – 10/30/26 to raise money for the general fund.
- 4.6 To approve the following field trips:
- Kindergarten to the Alpha Firehouse in Alpha, NJ on 10/8/26.
 - 3rd grade to the DaVinci Science Center in Allentown, PA on 5/25/27.
 - Gifted & Talented to the Villa Roller Rink in Washington, NJ on 1/28/27.
 - 2nd grade to the Von Thun Farms in Washington, NJ on 5/18/27.
- 4.7 To approve the following building use requests:
- i. 8th grade on 10/7/26 beginning at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria for the 8th grade parent meeting.
 - ii. APS on 11/23/26 from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 11/24/26 from 8:15 am to 12:30 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 11/25/26 from 8:15 am to 11:00 am in the cafeteria for the Fall Scholastic Book Fair.
 - iii. Drama Club on the specified rehearsal dates and 11/19/26 show date in the gym for the Student Showcase.
 - iv. Dance Club on the specified rehearsal dates and 1/27/27 show date in the gym for the Student Showcase.

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOICE VOTE