

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 1, 2017
King Philip Regional High School – Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Martin, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Members Present:	Norfolk:	Mike Gee, Noelle Tonelli
	Plainville:	Samad Khan, Patrick Francomano, Charlene McEntee
	Wrentham:	Jim Killion, Erin DeStefano, Trevor Knott (arrived at 7:03pm)

Members Absent:	Norfolk:	Jeff Chalmers
	Wrentham:	Present
	Plainville:	Present

The meeting is being videotaped by Wrentham Cable Access. Mr. Gee explained that the public may visit the district's website at www.kingphilip.org to review informational documents pertaining to each school committee meeting. Videotaped meetings may be viewed in their entirety at www.wrenthamcableaccess.com Mr. Gee also explained the procedure for public comment.

Mr. Gee announced a change in the order of the Agenda. The adjournment into Executive Session at the beginning of the meeting to ratify the Unit B Collective Bargaining Agreement will be moved to the end of the meeting, having only one Executive Session.

Unfinished Business:

Table Superintendent's Evaluation to the May 15, 2017 meeting.

2017/2018 School Choice Public Hearing – 7PM

Mr. Gee, Chair opened the School Choice Public Hearing at 7:04pm.

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, to not accept School Choice for the 2017/2018 due to current enrollment and class size based upon the Superintendent's recommendation. All in favor.**

Mr. Gee closed the Hearing at 7:05pm.

Recognition of School Committee Member- Noelle Tonelli, Norfolk:

Dr. Zielinski thanked Mrs. Tonelli for her service and dedication to the School Committee, staff and students for the past 3 years 2014-2017. Mr. Gee recognized Mrs. Tonelli for her service and dedication to the Committee as she has brought so much to the Committee and it has been a pleasure working with her to make the board better; and will be missed!

New Business: (Taken out of Order):

Trip to Costa Rica:

HS Group organizer Mrs. Rowe, KP Cares Advisor, is seeking approval to take 25-30 students to Costa Rica during April vacation 2018 as part of a community service project and attend various tours and scheduled activities. *Passports* made a presentation on the preliminary tour proposal with pricing of \$2,854. *Passports* stated that this is not sponsored through the school system and students will be protected by their liability insurance and they offer travel protection for this tour. The cost is \$2854.00 per person funded by the individual students. This would be the second trip sponsored by *Passports* at King Philip in which the first was to Italy.

Mr. Francomano stated that he wants the tour guide has a satellite phone. *Passports* agreed and indicated that they will provide a satellite phone.

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. Tonelli, to approve the trip to Costa Rica during April vacation 2018, as presented by Mrs. Rowe and *Passports*. All in favor.**

Unfinished Business: (Taken out of Order):

MS STEM Review: Mrs. Leone, Dr. Austin, Mrs. Runyon and Ms. Hall (Science and Mathematics STEM Team). The presentation provided detail for the STEM review of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math at the Middle School. The curriculum strands were reviewed and the spiral/integrated approach as it pertained to the curriculum changes since the 2016 frameworks and the collaboration with 6th grade teachers from all three districts and have a consistent approach through grade 12 and the transition plan to a model based curriculum into 2019. Ms. Hall reviewed the STEM community and school based collaborations and the different organizations that she works with to provide professional development, student learning experiences and working with other departments within the Middle School with STEM cross curriculum engagement to enhance the curriculum from the other subject matters. Dr. Austin explained that the KPMS Science Club added another section due to the high enrollment. The Trivia Challenge Test is also a very popular experience with the MS and the HS students as well. "Wave Life Sciences" has partnered with the KPMS "Rare Aware" night and has been recognized throughout the area.

Ms. Runyon, CTL for MS Math Department reviewed the curriculum rigor and described a variety of projects to emphasize mathematical concepts. The Team thanked the School Committee for their support.

Late Communications: (Taken out of Order)

Discussion of the FY18 Budget:

Dr. Zielinski in a memorandum dated May 1, 2017, outlined the proposed FY18 budget reductions and reviewed and explained each of the two tier levels of reductions based on the priorities of the administrative team. She also explained that the District is anticipating approval of approximately \$550,000 in E&D coming in the early Fall. Members of the committee have expressed their concern in using E&D money to balance KP's operational budget, but we have received mixed messages from the three towns on that. The District has placed \$200,000 on the Tier 1 reduction ladder to offset deferred spending once the certified number has been received.

Dr. Zielinski noted that Plainville met on April 24, 2017 and will be meeting again on May 8, 2017 and will hopefully make a decision on what they can afford – assumed to be between 3.3% and 4.5%.

Mr. Gee accepted public comment in which concern was raised from the audience members on the proposed budget reductions with several suggestions being made and questions being asked and answered by the Committee.

Discussion ensued in which Mr. Cates of the Plainville Finance Subcommittee questioned the use of facilities, overtime, fees and to look at non-teacher salaries. Dr. Zielinski indicated that the Committee is continuing to look but still needs to support the infrastructure. Overtime spending for custodial staff needs to be analyzed as overtime will have an impact on groups that would like to use the building on Sundays, for example. Changes in the approved custodians' contract has language to help mitigate some overtime. The district should also look at hiring another person if that costs less than overtime.

Discussion ensued on Special Education. According to Mr. Gee, the SPED increase in itself represents a 4% increase from last year's total budget, so just to add in a 3% general increase takes it 7%, in broad numbers. This is a particularly challenging year,

Mrs. McEntee indicated that she thinks the biggest problem was using E&D and it has exasperated our problem. Mr. Gee noted that the Committee should create a set of guidelines or policies for future committees and have the towns agree to the threshold.

Discussion ensued on the GIC plan and going out to bid for healthcare. Dr. Zielinski explained that we work with insurance brokers and our price is based on experience. We are currently trying to negotiate healthcare.

Discussion ensued on the raising of fees for parking and athletics, use of facilities, extracurricular activities. Mr. Francomano stated that the Finance Subcommittee has been reviewing, and will continue to review, the raising of fees.

Mrs. Wolf asked whether there has been a review of the special education students K-Age 22; what is anticipated coming into each town; and, what are the out of district numbers with \$700,000 coming into the this district.

HS Student Council Report (Taken out of Order):

Eliza Sheehan – HS Student Council Representative

Schoolwide

Students who qualified for the Stanley Koplik Scholarship (based on 10th grade MCAS Scores) must have returned their completed applications into guidance by today, May 1st 2017.

Guidance has published a notification regarding a volunteer program at Sturdy Memorial Hospital this summer. Volunteers must be 13 years or older. Applications are available in the Guidance Office.

AP Exams will begin this week. Students have been instructed to find their names on the AP Testing Posters outside of the guidance office- all students have been pre-located to their testing sites for each individual exam.

KP's French & Latin Programs traveled to France, and Italy over April Vacation. Both trips received positive feedback and returned home safely.

Elected Student Council and Student Government Elections will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd.

DECA

Students from the King Philip DECA Chapter departed on Wednesday, April 26th for the ICDC competition in Anaheim California. Many senior and junior partnerships are competing at the international level.

One of our very own, DECA Senior Jaron May, is campaigning to be DECA's next International Executive President. DECA's Executive Officers are elected by the student members to provide leadership for the current academic year. As primary student public relations agents, DECA's Executive Officers represent more than 219,000 members to a variety of key stakeholders, including fellow members, advisors, education administrators, business partners, public policymakers and more. They also develop a program of work to assist in the implementation of DECA Inc.'s strategic plan.

KP Cares

KP Cares held their annual "Strike Out Cancer" Event on the Red Sox Opening Day- Monday, April 3rd.

On Friday, April 28th KP Cares discussed their upcoming Dog Wash, and details regarding a tentative service trip to Costa Rica.

KP Cares will be hosting the Annual "Fight Back Festival" on May 19th (Time TBD).

Student Council

Student Council hosted their annual "Easter Bunny Breakfast" on Saturday, April 8th at 9AM in the KPHS Cafeteria! KP StuCo welcomed community members for a morning on pancakes, games, crafts, and other activities. Admission was free of charge. We received lots of positive feedback with a great turnout.

Student Council recently held executive board elections for the 2017-2018 school year:

President: Brie Stephani

Vice President: Nolan Foxx

Fundraising: Jake Mager

PubCo: Sophie McGlaughlin and Melanie Veilluex

Community Service: Jack Carr

Parliamentarian: Jimmy Peterson

Membership: Rachel Hamlin

Secretary: Marion

Treasurer: Talia

Special events: Caroline

Historian: Lucy

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so request, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers

COMMUNICATION:

Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, etc. dated May 1, 2017 was presented.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Session Minutes of April 3, 2017 (Tabled to May 15, 2017).

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Attorney Waugh, Attorney Catignani
Dr. Gilson, Ms. Hall, Ms. Wilfert and Ms. Runyon
Mrs. Rowe, KP Care Advisor

COMMUNICATION:

The following items were reviewed on May 1, 2017:

- Budget & Finance Approved Minutes: March 17, 2017
- BICO Activities and Information: March 2017
- Capstone Program Memorandum from Dr. Mobley
- HS 2017 Scholastic National Silver Medal Award

OfficeScope Update will be tabled to the May 15, 2017 meeting.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Mr. Chalmers - None
- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mrs. McEntee – the following topics were discussed:
School Committee Evaluation Results, approval for Grade 5 students to participate in Science MCAS trial test and DESE survey; establishment of special education stabilization fund account; Social Media Policy and discussion about reducing Plainville budget to
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Mrs. DeStefano - Discussion on concern about the budget and how King Philip's budget will impact Wrentham; 6th grade teachers are looking to departmentalize in the fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FY17 Quarterly Financial Report: Mr. Caliento (Tabled to May 15, 2017)

Auditor's Report Update on OPEB Plan: Mr. Caliento (Tabled to May 15, 2017)

Superintendent's Evaluation (Tabled to May 15, 2017)

MA Dept. of Labor Standards Letter – MS Corrective Action Response: Dr. Gilson (Tabled to May 15, 2017)

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of M.G.L. Chapter 200, Section 9A:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, to approve the Adoption of M.G.L., Chapter 200, Section 9A, as recommended by the District's independent auditors. All in favor.

Approval of SchoolDude Facilities Rental Management System:

Mrs. DeStefano asked why this purchase is not part of the freeze. Mr. Francomano explained that this is a need to have this program from an organizational and efficiency standpoint, and will be paid out of the revolving fund.

- ✚ A Motion was made to approve *SchoolDude* Facilities Rental Management System and software as presented. The funding for this complete program will be taken out of the facility revolving account. All in favor.

Location of June 5, 2017 School Committee Meeting:

(Tabled to May 15, 2017)

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Purpose of Executive Session:

#3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. (Unit B – Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement; Units A, B, C D and Cafeteria, Retiree - Health insurance).

- ✚ A Motion was made at 9:33pm, by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. (Unit B – Ratification of

Collective Bargaining Agreement; and, Units A, B, C D and Cafeteria, Retiree - Health insurance). All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8); No (0).

Return to Open Session by roll call of Committee Members:

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, to reconvene in open session at 10:20pm. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8); No (0).

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, to ratify the Unit B (Custodians) Collective Bargaining Agreement 2017-2010. All in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (continued):

Healthcare Plan Design:

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Killion, to withdraw the implementation notice sent to all bargaining units on April 14, 2017. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8); No (0).
- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, to change health insurance for retirees to unbundle the prescription health insurance plan from the general health insurance plan. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8); No (0).

Adjournment:

At 10:36pm, a Motion was made by Mrs. Tonelli, seconded by Mr. Francomano, to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8); No (0).

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Barrett Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee*