

**KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021**  
**7PM**  
**KING PHILIP REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY**

**OPENING OF MEETING:**

Mr. Khan, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 7:01pm

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**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:**

Mr. Eric Harmon – Elected to three-year term representing the Town of Norfolk

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Members Present:**

Norfolk:	Eric Harmon, Jim Lehan, Sarah Ward
Plainville:	Bruce Cates, Samad Khan
Wrentham:	Grey Almeida, Trevor Knott, Marc Waxman

**Members Absent:**

Norfolk:	Present
Plainville:	Christopher Brenneis
Wrentham:	Present

**HS Student Council Representative:**

Miss Piller

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**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 requests, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dated May 3, 2021

**PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT**

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers

**COMMUNICATION:**

None

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Knott, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried.**

## AGENDA

### APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

Dated May 3, 2021

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Knott, to approve and retain the Executive Session Minutes dated May 3, 2021. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried.

### DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Dr. Mobley, Mr. Azer, Miss Piller (HS Student Council Rep.)

### COMMUNICATION:

- MS & HS Student Council Report dated May 17, 2020: Miss Piller
- FY22 BICO Annual Budget: Mr. Zinni explained his role as the King Philip representative to the BICO Board of Directors. Each year, BICO provides a copy of its annual budget to member districts certified by the Treasurer.
- Holmes Transportation School Bus Safety Letter dated 5/11/21 was presented to the School Committee. Mr. Zinni reviewed the unfortunate incident in which a gun was found on board a bus transporting our students. A meeting was requested by Superintendent Zinni and Dr. Allardi, Superintendent of the Norfolk Public Schools, to meet with Holmes Bus Company representatives to review safety protocols and procedures and will continue to dialog with Holmes to ensure the safety of all of our students.
- Mr. Zinni read the letter in its entirety into the Minutes:  
"May 11, 2021 - Dear Mr. Zinni: All school bus drivers employed by W.T. Holmes Transportation are CORI/SORI certified by the State of Massachusetts each year with license renewals. All drivers must pass a physical and eye exam and complete a minimum of eight hours of in-service training. Additionally, all drivers are subject to passing a pre-employment drug and alcohol test, and random drug and alcohol testing.

W.T. Holmes Transportation provides monthly school bus driver training. Meeting topics, schedules, employee participation and hours are maintained and documented. These safety meetings provide our school bus drivers with current safety information and protocols for providing a safe transportation environment. Topics for our next safety meeting include the following:

- Review incident policies and emergency procedures
- Review what is allowed and prohibited on the school bus (grounds)
- Review appropriate communication etiquette towards students, staff and parents
- Discuss driver performance evaluation
- Review Covid protocol

Please feel free to call me if you need any additional information. Regards, Brian R. Holmes, President."

### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

#### *U.S. News & World Report: Education 4/27/21 - KP High School National Ranking-Update*

As a follow-up to a discussion held at the April 27, 2021 meeting, Mr. Zinni provided additional information on the data pertaining to the KPRHS national ranking and will send that information to the School Committee as he intended to share those slides to present this evening, but due to technical difficulties was unable to do so. Mr. Zinni will provide long-term trends based upon available data on comparison groups, AP and MCAS exams and scores. He explained that the Administrative Team and the Data Specialist summarize the data in the Fall and will present further findings at that time.

### **District Update**

#### **Middle School:**

Mr. Zinni gave an update on the Middle School. This is Week 3 having all students in every day. Coverage is still at bare bones with staff, and the administration is covering for lunch and dismissal duties. Overall, everything is going very well. Mr. Zinni noted that more parents have opted to pick up their children at dismissal time especially due to the recent bus incident, and he encouraged families to use the bus transportation provided by the school district.

#### **High School:**

- DESE required all HS students return to the classroom by May 17. The HS is still following an A&B Cohort for some classes due to class size and to allow for social distancing in the classroom. HS Administrators report that all went well today and overall was a smooth day.
- Seniors last day following their daily schedules was May 14.

#### **CDC New Guidance:**

- Mr. Zinni noted that the CDC issued new guidance at the federal level and new state guidance issued as of today.
- The DESE Commissioner reviewed the governor's decision to roll back all restrictions on May 29. Superintendents were not given advance notice and this somewhat changes things, PreK-12 will continue to wear masks while inside school with changes to outside mask wearing and athletics guidance to be forthcoming.
- The DESE Commissioner will hold a meeting with superintendents on Wednesday afternoon hopefully to discuss what this means to schools.

#### **Graduation Update:**

Discussion ensued on requests from seniors' families to have more guests be able to attend graduation. Mr. Zinni explained that the HS can only accommodate a certain number based upon social distancing requirements and the hope is that next year's graduation will be held again at Stonehill College.

#### **LRP Publication Newsletter – Board & Administrator**

Mr. Zinni distributed a copy of his contributing article entitled, "Equity Director's insights may improve school climate, student outcomes," dated May 2021, Vol. 35, No. 1.

#### **2021 DESE Special Education Determination – IDEA**

Mr. Zinni presented notification from DESE, Special Education Planning and Policy dated May 10, 2021, that the District has met the requirements under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **School Committee Retreat Update:**

- Based upon the availability of school committee members, Mr. Zinni will plan for a King Philip School Committee Retreat to be held on Monday, August 2 for a half-day. This meeting will review the "norms", strategic planning, and an overall review of policy and procedures pertaining to the role of the school committee.
- A meeting of the four school committees (KP, Norfolk, Plainville, and Wrentham) will be planned for September and to have a Facilitator Anthony Bent attend. He may also offer other workshops throughout the year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HS Overnight Field Trips:**

**Football Camp and Contract:**

Mr. Zinni explained that the football camp and contract are standard and that this trip is taken each year at the same location. Discussion ensued on the cost of trips, financial aid, and the process for obtaining a waiver due to a financial hardship.

- ✦ **A Motion was made by Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Lehan, to approve the attendance of the HS Football student-athletes to attend Camp Mataponi in Naples, Maine from August 24-29, 2021, according to Policy JJH and IJOA, as presented; and, to approve the contract between the King Philip Regional School District and Camp Mataponi for Football Camp in Naples, Maine from August 24-29, 2021. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried.**

Further discussion was held on the stance of equity pertaining to policies and procedures for students to obtain a waiver for a fee. Mr. Khan indicated that this topic would be on a future agenda for discussion.

**DECA Regional Leadership Conference:**

- ✦ **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Knott, to approve the DECA Regional Leadership Conference from November 19-21, 2021 in Boston, MA, according to Policy JJH and IJOA, as presented. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried.**

**FY2022 Marching Band Fee: Mr. Azer**

Discussion was held on stipend positions as they appear in the teacher contract.

- ✦ **A Motion was made by Ms. Ward, seconded by Mr. Knott, to approve the fee recommendation of \$475 for the FY2022 marching band program. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried.**

**School Committee Meeting – June 7, 2021:**

Mr. Zinni explained that the Wrentham and Plainville annual town meetings are currently scheduled to be held on June 7, 2021 which is the same night as a scheduled KP school committee meeting. Mr. Zinni recommended changing the date of this meeting so that members of the school committee and administrative team could attend the town meetings as it pertains to the budget for the district. Following discussion, it was decided to cancel the June 7 and June 21 KP school committee meetings and to hold one meeting on June 14, 2021 at 7pm in the HS Library.

- ✦ **A Motion was made by Ms. Ward, seconded by Mr. Lehan, to cancel the scheduled KP school committee meetings on June 7 and 21, 2021 and to have a meeting on June 14, 2021 at 7pm in the HS Library. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried.**

**REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Ward – The next meeting will be held on 5/19/21.
- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis -None
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Almeida – Topics included Covid; a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held virtually; lifting restrictions for MA outdoor mask wearing.

**LATE COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES - None**

**RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Cates asked about reorganization of the KP School Committee. Mr. Zinni indicated that Norfolk will be reorganizing on May 19 and will determine who will be the Norfolk appointed representative to King Philip. Therefore, the KP reorganization will occur at their next meeting scheduled for Monday, June 14.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

✚ **At 8:10pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Waxman, to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8) Mr. Waxman, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Khan, Mr. Knott, Ms. Ward, Ms. Almeida; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried.**

Mr. Khan adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa B. Witkus  
Executive Assistant &  
Secretary to the School Committee

**May 17, 2021 Documents Presented:**

Draft Minutes of 5/3/21  
Warrants  
Draft Executive Session Minutes dated 5/3/21  
MS & HS Student Council Report  
FY22 BICO Annual Budget  
Holmes School Bus Safety Letter dated 5/11/21  
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