

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 7, 2016
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:	Ann-marie Martin,
	Wrentham:	Lynn Desrochers, Jim Killion, Dee Schmitz
Members Absent:	Norfolk:	Jeff Chalmers
	Wrentham:	Present
	Plainville:	Patrick Francomano, Charlene McEntee
HS Student Council Representative:		Eliza Sheehan

The meeting is being videotaped by Wrentham Cable Access. Mrs. Martin 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. Mrs. Martin also explained the procedure for public comment.

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Dr. Gilson, Dr. Oliveria, School Resource Officers
Members of the HS GSLBT Alliance
Alan Dyer - Fisher House

Mrs. Martin welcomed Mr. Allan Dyer of Fisher House:

Presentation of Fisher House: Mr. Alan Dyer recognized the Wrestling Team on behalf of Jennifer DeLuca, Executive Director of Fisher House Boston, located on VA Campus in West Roxbury. Fisher House services military families so that they have a place to stay while military family members are being hospitalized and treated at no charge. Mr. Dyer read a letter to the Wrestling Team who participated in fundraising efforts along with Coach Adams, Coach Edney, and Coach Delavega). Jennifer DeLuca's Medal of Honor was distributed to the members.

GSLBT Alliance Presentation:

Mrs. Martin welcomed Ms. Sonja Metcalf and Dr. Angela Sheble, co-advisors of the HS GSLBT Alliance who gave a presentation on School Safety for LGBTQ Students. Also introduced were:

Catherine Hoye, KP-GSA President (KP '16) who stated that the KP GSA started 6 years ago with 4 students, meetings now are as high as 20 students, with 30 members. There are weekly meetings, current events, socializing and planning activities. Research shows all students benefit from having a GSA in a high school.

Alex Garrity (KP '14), KP-GSA Past-President, PR Manager of the GSA at UMass Dartmouth. She indicated that so much progress has been made in 4 years.

Jason Wheeler, DESE Safe Schools Project, Program Manager and the MA Coalition of LGBTQ, Federal and State Regulations. He runs a GSA student leadership council. He commended KP for its support of all students with an emphasis on LGBTQ students. He said that schools should be safe and supportive environments with a GSA presence and supportive educators. He expressed that KP's curriculum

reflects a safe and supportive environment. DESE issued a set of guidance in 2011 to support transgender students and KP supports this population.

Mrs. Metcalf thanked the KP community for supporting these endeavors and to make all of our students feel safe.

Dr. Oliveira thanked the group for their presentation and indicated that the HS graduation gowns color were chosen to support all students.

Presentation by School Resource Officers (SRO) on Safe Schools:

Det. Palladini, MS SRO (Norfolk) and Officer Hearon, HS SRO (Wrentham) gave a presentation on safe schools and a bomb threat resource guide and an overview of other threats of violence. Risk assessment of the threat and how the first responders respond was addressed along with evacuation processes. The Fire Department controls the incident and the emergency situation at the school. An increase in robotic calls to school departments.

Discussion ensued about students texting and using social media during a lockdown or other crisis situation

Dr, Oliveira and Officer Hearon will be hosting a “Community & Conversation” for parents and community members on March 24th at 6:30 in the Media Center.

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

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mrs. Schmitz, to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2016. All in favor, with Mrs. Desrochers and Mr. Killion abstaining.

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers

COMMUNICATION:

Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, etc. dated March 7, 2016
Board & Administrator, February 2016, Vol. 29, No. 10

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mrs. Schmitz, to approve and retain the Executive Session Minutes of February 22, 2016. All in favor, with Mrs. Desrochers and Mr. Killion abstaining.

COMMUNICATION:

KP In the News:

The following articles were in The Sun Chronicle:

“Schilling makes his best pitch,” dated 2/13/16;

“Two sick students prompt emergency response at KPMS,” dated 2/26/16;

DECA News dated 2/26/16 from Mr. James Dow, Advisor;
New England Organ Bank correspondence dated 1/27/16;

KP Special Education Parent Advisory Council – Parent Workshop
MASC Day on the Hill: Tuesday, April 26, 2016

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Mr. Chalmers - None
Plainville School Committee Representative: Mrs. McEntee - None
Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Schmitz reported that the next meeting and the budget hearing will be held on March 8, 2016.

HS Student Council Representative: Ms. Sheehan **Schoolwide**

The KP Ski and Snowboard Club spent the weekend at Sunday River for their annual Ski Trip (February 26-28th). All skiers and snowboarders had a great time! Mrs. DeLuca did a great job planning another successful ski trip!

Student Council

King Philip Executive and Auxiliary Board Student Council Members will be participated in the Polar Plunge on March 5th at Nantasket Beach in Hull, MA to benefit the Special Olympics.

On Wednesday, KP's Student Council will be departing for the annual MASC conference in Hyannis. The council is eager to hear if the council will be titled a "Gold Council of Excellence" again this year!

The council is currently planning the following events: Class Competition, KP Talent Show, & the Easter Bunny Breakfast.

DECA

DECA students will be attending the 57th annual state competition at the Marriott Copley in Boston this weekend. Many schools throughout the state will be competing against KP with their business related projects which include written manuals, presentations, and tests.

MODEL UN

KP's new Model UN club will be attending an overnight conference at UMASS Amherst this weekend. Last week, Model UN hosted a movie night for all KP students- the movie "Argo" was shown in the library.

KPMA

On Thursday, March 3rd KP hosted the Southeast District Jazz Festival.

On Saturday, March 5th KP Percussion and Winter-guard performed their show *Delta Theory*.

Students chosen to participate in the Junior District Festival performed in Taunton at Taunton High School all day on Friday, March 4th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

FY17 Annual Budget Approval:

Mr. Schaefer presented highlighted changes in a memo dated March 4, 2016 based upon a Finance Subcommittee meeting on March 1, 2016. He explained a reduction from the budget public hearing of an additional \$222,000 that includes a savings of \$100K due to a mistake found in the formula related to extra per diem pay. He also noted the need to increase school committee conferences to \$15,000 as the committee has been taking advantage of more professional development opportunities and Mr. Francomano's conference attendance will no longer be covered by MASC as his term as an officer has expired. Mr. Gee commented that this summary is a very useful document. Discussion ensued on E&D. Mr. Schaefer indicated that an audit is still being done and E&D is estimated at \$1M which is a 3% value. Some of which is earmarked for some capital items, and the security vestibules for the schools could be about \$300K as well as holding some funds for negotiations with the towns. A firm E&D figure should be available by the end of March.

The School Committee is being asked to consider approving the FY 2017 Operating Budget proposed on March 7, 2016:

FY 2017 Operating Budget as of 3/4/2016:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Killion, seconded by Mr. Gee, to move that the King Philip Regional School Committee approve an FY 2017 Operating Budget of \$31,012,466 (7.3% increase or \$2,110,738) and an Operating Assessment of \$22,956,492 (9.85% increase or \$2,058,578).

The Operating Assessments shall be:

• Norfolk	\$ 8,345,832	increase of \$636,032	8.25%
• Plainville	\$ 5,420,615	increase of \$582,386	12.04%
• Wrentham	\$ 9,190,043	increase of \$840,158	10.06%

All in favor.

FY 2017 Debt Service (Prop 2 ½ excluded):

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. Desrochers, seconded by Mrs. Schmitz, to move that the King Philip Regional School Committee approve an FY 2017 Debt Service (Prop 2 ½ excluded) Budget of \$2,072,600 (12.6% decrease or -\$298,864)

The Debt Assessments shall be:

• Norfolk	\$ 717,534	decrease of \$ 95,404	-11.7%
• Plainville	\$ 535,767	decrease of \$ 81,051	-13.1%
• Wrentham	\$ 819,299	decrease of \$ 122,410	-13.0%

All in favor.

FY 2017 Capital Plan:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. Schmitz, seconded by Mr. Gee, to move that the King Philip Regional School Committee approve an FY 2017 Capital Plan Budget of \$182,500.

The Plan Assessments shall be:

• Norfolk	\$ 63,182
• Plainville	\$ 47,176
• Wrentham	\$ 72,142

All in favor.

FY 2017 Turf Field Assessment:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. Tonelli, seconded by Mr. Gee, to move that the King Philip Regional School Committee approve an FY 2017 Capital Plan Budget of \$37,116 (\$87,116 should the earmark funds not arrive before June 30, 2016).

The Turf Field Assessments shall be:

• Norfolk	\$ 12,850	(\$30,160)
• Plainville	\$ 9,594	(\$22,519)
• Wrentham	\$ 14,672	(\$34,437)

All in favor.

FY17 Program of Studies:

Middle School (2nd Reading) – no changes:

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Killion, to approve the FY17 Middle School Program of Studies. All in favor.**

FY17 High School (2nd reading): Dr. Oliveira

In a memorandum dated March 7, 2016, Dr. Oliveira provided the School Committee with an update to the Honors Academy requirements based on data review. Students will take 6 AP courses as a minimum and four will be required.

There was an addition to the Course override policy to reiterate to both parent and student that this is a serious decision.

Dr. Oliveira provided clarification on the proposed band chorus honors track distinctions.

Track 1 requires lesson program and recitals.

Track 2 requires recital and 76 service hours for the year is time for time.

Dr. Oliveira would prefer lessons, but presented a requested option without lessons.

Mrs. Desrochers stated that she has 2 children in the music program and will abstain from voting, however, she wants to be part of the conversation.

Mrs. Martin indicated that Mr. Francomano has been in touch with our attorney who is sending a letter to DESE on the Committee's behalf to clarify the requirement.

Dr. Oliveira asked that the Committee approve changes to the HS Program of Studies without the music changes as it will not affect scheduling, and to hold this piece in abeyance for more clarification.

Discussion ensued that a vote had been taken on the budget with the music lessons included. Disclosure forms have been completed by Mr. Gee and Mrs. Desrochers who have children in the program and are on record.

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mrs. Desrochers, to approve the FY17 HS Program of Studies with the exception of the changes to the music requirement. All in favor.**

NEW BUSINESS (taken out of order):

HS Graduation Bus Transportation: Dr. Oliveira

Dr. Oliveira indicated that all students will be bussed to Stonehill both ways for rehearsals at no charge. Busing for students to graduation will also be an option for families, also at no charge.

Unfinished Business (taken out of order):

Retirement of Director of Finance: Process for search/timeline:

Dr. Zielinski reported that the Director of Finance position has been posted School Spring, MASCO, MASBO and published in *The Boston Globe*. The dates on the original proposed timeline have been pushed back

for approximately one month. Mr. Jack Hathaway, Norfolk Town Administrator, will serve on this search committee.

Mrs. Martin nominated Mrs. Desrochers as chair of the search committee and Mrs. Desrochers accepted the nomination.

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mrs. Martin, seconded by Mr. Killion to nominate Mrs. Desrochers as Chair of the Search Committee for the position of Director of Finance. All in favor.**

New Business:

School Committee Self-Evaluation:

Dr. Zielinski indicated that the School Committee self-evaluation will be sent out the end of the week via survey monkey. If there is a change, Mrs. Martin will let the members know.

2016/2017 School Committee Meeting Date Calendar (1st Reading):

Mr. Gee inquired if 2 meetings will be held in December. Mrs. Martin indicated that only one meeting is required but the long stretch between a single December meeting and an early January meeting, as well as the potential for winter weather cancellations, can make it difficult to timely address the business of the district. She has found it better to pencil the second date in and if that meeting can be cancelled, it will be at that time. Dr. Zielinski indicated that the budget vote is due by 3/14 which would mean that the budget public hearing would be held on 2/27 and 3/2 would be snow day.

2016/2017 Unit C Paid Holiday Calendars:

Unit C 10-Month Employees (1st Reading)

Unit C 12-Month Employees (1st Reading)

Dr. Zielinski indicated that these calendars have been prepared per the current contract for planning purposes. Since Unit C is still in contract negotiations, pending any changes that may arise during negotiations, the calendars would have to be adjusted. Legal opinion is that they can be moved, but there is the potential that contract negotiations may change that. The consensus of the School Committee is to wait until negotiations have been completed.

Foundation Budget Review Commission Recommendation Resolution:

Tabled to March 21, 2016.

FY16 Budget Transfer Request

In a memorandum dated February 23, 2016, Mr. Schaefer requested a budget transfer between accounts to more accurately reflect where the spending occurred.

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Killion, seconded by Mr. Gee, that the King Philip Regional School District approve the budget transfer totaling \$1,608,142.00 as presented by the Superintendent and recommended by the Budget & Finance Subcommittee. All in favor.**

Public Participation:

Discussion ensued on healthcare and special education budget drivers. Ms. Lotito from Wrentham asked about the budget increase from \$27M to \$31M and why is the district asking for more than what we spent this year. Mr. Schaefer responded that these increases are Contractual increases, strongly conservative and overestimate what the costs are, and have never gone back to towns for supplemental funding. E&D also needs to be taken into

consideration in the calculations. E&D is used for special circumstances and needs to fund necessary expenditures and for capital expenditures these need to be approved by the three towns.

Discussion on healthcare costs and negotiations.

Adjournment:

✚ **At 9:06pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Killion to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote. Yes (6); No (0).**

Respectfully submitted,

**Lisa B. Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee**