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King Philip Regional School Committee
February 7, 2022 - Draft
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093

Opening of Meeting:

Mr. Cates, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Recording of Meeting:

This meeting was not recorded.

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Mr. Jim Lehan, Mr. Eric Harmon, Ms. Sarah Ward
Plainville:	Mr. Bruce Cates
Wrentham:	Ms. Grey Almeida, Mr. Marc Waxman

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Present
Plainville:	Mr. Christopher Brenneis
Wrentham:	Mr. Trevor Knott

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT (Taken out of Order)

Student Council Report: Miss James

FY23 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING:

2. NEW BUSINESS:

FY23 King Philip Regional School District Budget Public Hearing

- a. Open Hearing: Mr. Cates, Vice Chair
- b. Presentation – Discussion – Request for Comments
 - Mr. Azer presented the FY23 budget for the District.
 - Discussion was held on the use of Excess & Deficiency (E&D) and the difference between the school district's use of E&D and the towns' municipal stabilization fund.
 - Discussion was held on Out of District Tuition and Circuit Breaker Funding from the State used to mitigate those costs.
 - Insurance & Benefits, increase of 8% to medical premiums for FY23.
 - Mr. Zinni explained assessment calculations.
 - Transportation reimbursement was reviewed.
- c. Close Hearing: Mr. Cates, Vice Chair, closed the Budget Hearing at 7:56pm.

Mr. Zinni explained that he shared this presentation with the three town administrators during a meeting held earlier today. A budget update will be presented in March to lock in what this budget looks like and see how the towns can support it and then have the budgets presented at the 3 town meetings.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING - AGENDA

2. DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azer

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Payment of Bills/Warrants/ Budget Transfers
- Communication

- A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. All in favor: Yes (6); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 6-0-0

5. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

None

7. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- District Update:

- Congratulations to KP DECA announced their 5 Chapter State Only Event Winners and their Gold Recertified SBE Store.
- KP Wrestlers may be invited to some of the state championships, and we wish them well.
- Mr. Zinni gave an update on the At-home Covid Testing procedure organized by Ms. Pearl for staff and student participation.
- Mr. Zinni gave an update on the mask mandate and the mask waiver status based upon current data at the HS and the MS. The HS has rescinded the mask mandate as it has met the 80% threshold. However, the MS has not met the 80% threshold.
- DESE announced on 1/28/22 that schools with a vaccination rate of greater than 80% of all students and staff may file for an exemption from the mask requirement. Due to a recent change in DESE's requirements, unvaccinated students will no longer be required to wear a mask under the waiver, however, the district strongly recommends that unvaccinated individuals continue to wear a mask while in schools. This is only for the school day.

Digital Literacy Grant: Thank you to Dr. Gilson for her work on the Digital Literacy Now Grant in which the District has been awarded the second grant for \$28,000 that will be used next year for professional development for materials and supplies and robotics.

Early College Initiative:

Dr. Gilson and Mr. Zinni spent the day at Assumption University along with 10 other districts in the consortium looking at innovative ways to promote this program.

Another program proposed to the consortium members was a photonics program in conjunction with MIT in high-tech manufacturing where students would earn a one-year certificate program or college credits at Stonehill College. This would be an evening program, 3 nights a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) to run in the fall. The cost would be \$12,000 or 12 credits. KP is trying to bring those costs down as it may be problematic for some of our students. We are looking to see if KP staff could teach a course in photonics at King Philip or creative ways to offer some other options for our students.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

9. NEW BUSINESS:

Policy Review (1st Reading):

Policy File AC: Non-Discrimination and Harassment

Section D – Fiscal Management (1st Reading):

- File DA FISCAL MANAGEMENT GOALS
- File DB ANNUAL BUDGET
- File DB-1 REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET
- File DB-1-R BUDGET - APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSES
- File DBD BUDGET PLANNING
- File DBG-1 RSD BUDGET ADOPTION PROCEDURES
- File DBJ-1 RSD BUDGET TRANSFER AUTHORITY
- File DEC FEDERAL SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT
- File DGA-1 RSD AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES
- File DH-1 RSD BONDED EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS
- File DIE-1 - RSD AUDITS
- File DJ PURCHASING
- File DJE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS
- File DK-1 RSD PAYMENT PROCEDURES
- File DKC EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS
- Section I – Instruction (1st Reading)**
- File AND Access to Digital Resources
- File IJNDB Empowered Digital Use Policy
- File IJNDC Internet Publication
- File IJNDD Policy on Social Media

Mr. Zinni explained these policies have been proposed by MASC and reviewed by the Policy Subcommittee.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to not waive the 1st reading and to present these policies for a 2nd reading at the next meeting. All in favor: Yes (6); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 6-0-0**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:30pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Ms. Almeida, to adjourn. All in favor: Yes (6); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 6-0-0

Mr. Cates, Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Elisa B. Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee*

Documents presented on February 7, 2022:

Student Council Report dated 2/7/22

Warrants
FY23 Budget Presentation
Policy Review