

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021
7PM
KING PHILIP REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY

OPENING OF MEETING:

Mr. Gee, Chair, opened the meeting at 7pm and announced that this meeting is being recorded by NorthTV.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Michael Gee, Jim Lehan
Plainville:	Christopher Brenneis, Bruce Cates, Samad Khan
Wrentham:	Grey Almeida, Trevor Knott, Marc Waxman

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Sarah Ward
Plainville:	Present
Wrentham:	Present

HS Student Council Representative:

Miss James

FY22 SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING – 7PM:

Mr. Gee opened the FY22 School Choice Public Hearing at 7pm.

Mr. Gee asked for comments from the public, hearing none, Mr. Zinni recommended that the District move not to participate in School Choice for FY22 due to the current enrollment within the District. A Motion was made by Samad Khan, seconded by Trevor Knott.

Discussion ensued on how the determination is made to set a cap for class size and financial implications.

The motion was brought forward:

- ✦ **A Motion was made by Mr. Khan, seconded by Mr. Knott, that the District not participate in School Choice for FY22 due to the current enrollment in the King Philip Regional School District. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). 8-0-0 Motion carried.**

Mr. Gee closed the Hearing at 7:10pm.

RECOGNITION OF KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. Zinni recognized two long term members of the School Committee:

- ❖ Mr. Michael Gee, who has served on the Committee for 11 years in several capacities including chair from 2018-2021.
- ❖ Mr. James Killion has served on the Committee since 2012 and served as vice chair from 2018-2020.

Mr. Zinni presented them both with citations from State Rep. Shawn Dooley. Mr. Zinni also recognized Mr. John Faraca for serving on the Committee as the appointed representative from Plainville since November 2020.

Guests in the audience included former School Committee members Mr. Francomano, Mrs. McEntee and Mrs. Ann-inarie Martin who recognized Mr. Gee and Mr. Killion for their service and dedication to the KP community and their commitment to the education of all students.

A Recess was taken at 7:25pm and the meeting reconvened at 7:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Georgia O'Brien from Wrentham, KPRHS Student - Challenges while at high school – requesting an early graduation exception.

Mr. Gee recommended that the family work with administration on what the options are as this is not in the purview of the School Committee. Discussion ensued on policy, graduation requirements and school committee procedural questions.

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

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Minutes of April 26, 2021, as presented. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). 8-0-0 Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers - Presented for signature.

COMMUNICATION:

None

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

None

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azer, Miss James

COMMUNICATION:

MS & HS Student Council Report: Miss James

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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

King Philip rated in the top 12% in the Country and top 24% in the State according to the U.S. News & World Report - Education dated 4/7/21. Mr. Zinni explained that Massachusetts outperformed the country and KP consistently outperforms the state. Discussion ensued on comparison scores from last school year. Mr. Zinni will look into additional data and report back to the school committee at a later date.

District Update:

School Committee Retreat:

Mr. Zinni is coordinating with the three elementary districts to have a full-day School Committee Retreat with the 4 districts, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 22. More details will be provided as they become available. Mr. Zinni has invited Anthony Bent to be a guest speaker at the retreat.

Finance Subcommittee Meeting:

The Finance Subcommittee along with Mr. Zinni and Mr. Azer will hold a meeting on Monday, May 24 at 7pm in the HS Library. Mr. Zinni has invited all members of the KP School Committee to attend this meeting on a voluntary basis to review the budget and to support new members and explain the budget process. The Norfolk Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8; Plainville and Wrentham town meetings will be held on Monday, June 7.

National School Nurses and Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mr. Zinni recognized the district's school nurses and KP teachers. They are the most dedicated and tremendously talented staff according to Mr. Zinni.

MS Reopening:

- Mr. Zinni reported that the MS had a good first week.
- End of day dismissal was reviewed. Mr. Zinni is asking that families please utilize bus transportation. Safety is a priority for our students.

HS Update:

Updates quarantine and covid contact tracing:

An update was sent to all families regarding new guidelines on quarantining and contact tracing.

Survey Information:

Any student who has been remote at the high school was asked to let us know by the end of the day on Wednesday, 4/27/21 what their intentions were for the remainder of the year. A little over 100 students have informed us that they will be returning to in-person learning on Monday, while approximately 250 will stay remote. The HS administrative team reviewed this information and had scheduled every class and every lunch for room capacity over the weekend.

Dr. Mobley announced at the Senior Picnic that all seniors would be able to continue to remain in school five days per week. It was also determined that juniors would also be able to be accommodated to stay in school 5 days per week. Some classes may still need to run an A & B cohort if there are too many in a particular class and on the alternate day, students would report to the wood gym or another location to accommodate that class. However, all juniors and seniors would stay in the building through the end of the year.

Mr. Zinni and the administration are continuing to work with families and students who are dealing with social emotional issues.

Graduation with Distinction:

Mr. Zinni was part of the panel of judges on the Graduation with Distinction for STEM and Liberal Arts Tracks. He was very impressed with the work of the students as presented their thesis work.

Graduation Update:

- DESE provided graduation guidance last week. The Administration decided to have outside graduation again this year on the Turf Field. This will accommodate all of the graduates and their guests for a total of approximately 1000 people. Everyone will be socially distanced; masks will be worn, and graduation diplomas presented. Each family will receive 2 guest tickets. Graduation will be held on June 4, with rain dates on June 5 and June 6.
- Dr. Mobley will be holding a Town Hall sometime over the next few weeks for seniors, with more details on graduation and a number of special activities to be planned.

MCAS UPDATE:

Mr. Zinni reported that MCAS will be held. The challenge at both buildings is to find classrooms and staff to monitor the testing. Dates have been set and have been posted in the principal newsletters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 MASC Resolutions:

The 2021 MASC Resolution information was distributed for information. Any resolutions to be presented for consideration are due to MASC by 6/1/21. Mr. Zinni explained that the District facilitates the school committee's membership in MASC. Resolutions are voted upon at the MASS/MASC Joint Conference held yearly in November and an official delegate is chosen by the committee to vote at the annual business meeting.

HS KP Marching Band Overnight Field Trip Requests:

National Championships – November 5-7, 2021:

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Khan, to approve the attending of the KPRHS Marching Band students to attend the National Championships in East Rutherford, NJ and New York, NY from November 5-7, 2021, according to Policy JJH and IJOA, as presented. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Marching Band Camp – August 20-26, 2021:

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Knott, to approve the following:
 - To approve the attendance of King Philip Regional High School Marching Band students to attend Camp Winadu, located in Pittsfield, MA from August 20-26, 2021, according to Policy JJH and IJOA, as presented.

- To approve the Facility Use Agreement between King Philip Regional School District and Lakeside Retreats - Camp Winadu for attendance of the KPRHS Marching Band from August 20-26, 2021.
 - To approve the Pool/Lake Use Agreement between King Philip Regional School District and Lakeside Retreats - Camp Winadu for attendance of the KPRHS Marching Band from August 20-26, 2021.
- All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). 8-0-0 Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Ward - None
- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis - FY22 budget; subcommittee updates.
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Almeida – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Roderick Playground will be held on Friday, May 7; new DESE quarantine guidelines.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 8:40pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Khan, seconded by Mr. Lehan, to adjourn into Executive Session for the following: 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 (KP Food Services Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement 2021-2024 and KPTA Units A, B, C, D – Dental Insurance); and to return to open session. All in favor by roll call vote: Mr. Gee, Mr. Lehan, Ms. Almeida, Mr. Knott, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Brenneis, Mr. Cates, Mr. Khan: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). 8-0-0 Motion carried.

Reconvene: The School Committee reconvened into open session at 9:05pm with a roll call of members: Mr. Gee, Mr. Lehan, Ms. Almeida, Mr. Knott, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Brenneis, Mr. Cates, Mr. Khan.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued):

Ratification of KP Food Services Successor Agreement 2021-2024

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Khan, seconded by Mr. Lehan to ratify the KP Food Services Successor Agreement from 2021-2021, as presented. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). 8-0-0 Motion carried.

KPTA Units A, B, C, D - Dental Insurance Memorandum of Agreement:

- (Mr. Brenneis recused himself from the KPTA Units A, B, C, D Dental Insurance discussion and vote.)
- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Khan, seconded by Mr. Knott, to approve the Dental Insurance Memorandum of Agreement for KPTA Units A, B, C, D, as presented. All in favor: Yes (7); No (0); Abstain (0). 7-0-0 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Khan, seconded by Mr. Knott to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). 8-0-0 Motion carried.
- Mr. Gee, Chair adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elisa B. Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee*

Documents presented May 3, 2021:
FY22 School Choice Recommendation
Draft Minutes of April 26, 2021

Warrants
MS & HS Student Council Report
U.S. News & World Report – Education 4/27/21
2021 MASC Resolutions
HS KP Marching Band Overnight Field Trips (2)