

**School Committee Meeting
Monday, June 17, 2019 - Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

OPENING OF MEETING:

Mr. Gee, Chair, opened the meeting at 7pm

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Michael Gee, Ken Dow
Plainville:	Amy Abrams, Bruce Cates, Samad Khan
Wrentham:	Jim Killion

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Jeff Curry
Plainville:	Present
Wrentham:	Erin DeStefano, Trevor Knott

School Committee Representative: Ms. Linde was not in attendance this evening as she was attending Girls' State.

School Committee Reorganization:

Mr. Gee asked for nomination for vice chair. Mr. Dow nominated Mr. Killion that was seconded by Mr. Cates. Mr. Killion accepted the nomination.

- ✚ A Motion was held by Mr. Dow, seconded by Mr. Cates, to nominate Mr. Killion as the vice chair of the King Philip Regional School Committee for the 2019/2020 school year. All in favor: Yes (6); No (0). Motion carried.**

Mr. Gee announced that 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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Gee reviewed the procedure for public comment.

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS:

Dr. Gilson, Dr. Mobley, Mr. Azer, Mr. James Dow, DECA Advisor and DECA Student Presenters, Mrs. Lambert, HS Science Teacher, George ElMassih, Graduate Presenter, Mrs. Birk, MS Art Teacher and Mrs. Fischer, MS Assistant Principal and Mrs. Osborne, MS English Teacher

RECOGNITION OF RETIREES:

Mr. Gee, along with Mr. Zinni and Dr. Gilson, announced the District's 2019 Retirees in which he thanked and congratulated them on their years of service to the students of King Philip. Mrs. Birk, Mrs. Fischer and Mrs. Osborne attended the meeting and were presented with a retirement gift. (All retirees will be given a retirement gift on behalf of the School Committee.)

Middle School:

Eileen Bushnell, Teacher Assistant
Carla Birk, Fine Arts Teacher
Nancy Fischer, Assistant Principal
Jamie Osborne, English Teacher

High School:

Pam Buchanio, Teacher Assistant
Roseann Costello, Foreign Language Teacher
Doug Fayle, History Teacher
Cristina Figueiredo, Foreign Language Teacher

COMMUNICATION (Taken out of Order):

STEM Graduation Distinction Presentation:

Mr. Zinni introduced Mrs. Lambert and HS Graduate George ElMassih. Mrs. Lambert who is the curriculum team leader and department head of the High School Science Department, said that 11 students achieved the STEM Graduate of Distinction in which they were to develop a product that they will share with the greater community and become experts in the field. The results were documented in an overall paper that is presented to a faculty panel that Mr. ElMassih also presented to the School Committee.

Mrs. Lambert also shared an article with the School Committee written by Justin Willson and Ann Lambert entitled, "Assessing Materials' short-term effectiveness on controlling zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*) attachment," dated June 3, 2019.

DECA Presentation:

Mr. James Dow introduced several DECA students and their projects involved in the DECA Program. He gave an overview of the entire DECA Program in which he has been involved in since 2015. He indicated that Glass Trophies have been awarded to KP students at the International Level for their projects and concepts.

- Ryan Hastings: Creative Marketing Project "Give kids the world village" which is a week-long cost-free vacations to children with critical diseases and their families. He also partnerships with Dunkin Brands and received a donation of \$25,000. He received Top 16 internationally.
- Kyle Hurley, Zach Ball and Ramez Saad, Independent Business, received 8th place internationally presenting, "Mainframe Electronics."
- Emily Melanson and Hannah Mahoney, Stuffed with Love, Have a heart, help a heart. Which brings hope and happiness to critically ill students in the hospital and created pocket t-shirts. They received 7th place internationally.
- Dylan Powers and Tony Bozza, 1st Place in ICDC this year. Their project was entitled, "Tops Soccer" that assists families of people with disabilities.
- Kate Caravaggio, received 5th place internationally for her project entitled, "Child labor coalition – Caravaggio brand."
- Dan Sammarco and Ryan Wood, WooSox, received 1st place international DECA Glass Winners on their project entitled, "Embrace the Bear."

Mrs. Buckley volunteer chaperone thanked everyone for supporting DECA and Mr. Dow.

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD A 10 MINUTE RECESS AT 8:10PM AND RECONVENED AT 8:20PM.

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:

June 4, 2019 Minutes. Mr. Cates asked that the minutes of June 4, 2019 be edited to reflect that Mr. Curry was appointed as an interim vice chair at the June 4, 2019 school committee meeting for one meeting.

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Khan, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2019, with the noted correction. All in favor: Yes (4); No (0); Abstain (2): Mr. Khan and Mr. Killion. Motion carried.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT:

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers

COMMUNICATION:

Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, etc. was presented by Mr. Zinni dated June 17, 2019.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Executive Session of June 4, 2019:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. Abrams, seconded by Mr. Khan, to approve and retain the Executive Session Minutes of June 4, 2019 as presented. All in favor: Yes (4); No (0); Abstain (2) Mr. Khan and Mr. Killion. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Graduation & Close of Year Update: Mr. Zinni congratulated the administration and the high school Class of 2019 for a tremendous graduation event to celebrate students' success. Thank you to the tremendous efforts of the administration, for a successful senior awards night and senior prom and remembering that there was a loss to the faculty. He commended and congratulated everyone involved. Dr. Mobley added a thank you to the elementary superintendents and administrators for their help during this year's events so that there was adequate coverage at all of the events.

Mr. Gee said this was a great way to celebrate together as well as individually at Stonehill.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy J Review: Mr. Zinni

The Policy Review will be tabled to the next meeting on August 5, 2019.

Acceptance of Gift:

Dr. Mobley asked that the School Committee accept a donation from the KP Boosters. She explained that this donation is for renovations to the water closet that now houses large Gatorade water jugs, The Boosters will donate up to a \$5000 toward the renovation of that water closet for hydration, filtration system and renovating the room. Quote have been received from our plumber and preliminary discussions with Wrentham building inspector. Mr. Azer will work on the quote with Mr. Brown and Mr. Lawler. She asks that the School Committee accept this donation up to \$5000 as the quote is for \$4600 but does not include shelving. She indicated that the donation should cover the entire renovation. If it is over that amount, we will go back to boosters to see if they could accommodate or put it on hold until next year's budget but would like to get it done before fall sports.

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Killion, seconded by Mr. Cates, to accept the donation from the KP Boosters for a donation to renovate the water closet at the high school.

Job Description: District Receptionist (1st Reading):

Mr. Zinni, presented a new job description for a District Receptionist. He explained the role of the 504 responsibilities and their management, and that the out of district coordinator and the District Team chair will now oversee the 504 management. This position is being funded by various stipends and the school psychologist's salary who is going from 4 to 3 days per week, which would be covered in the budget. This position would also provide clerical support for Dr. Gilson as the full time assistant superintendent. Funding is not new to the budget but a relocation of funds, not increasing the budget in any way. The salary would be on the Unit C Secretarial Scale, Step 1. The School Committee has asked for evidence to show the funding for this position at the next meeting in August and the percentage of 504 plans data.

Discussion ensued on transparency. Mr. Zinni that this position will allow for a much more responsible method of managing this responsibility of the 504 process. The money is minimal impact to the budget.

Discussion ensued on the process of management of the 504s and the percentage of 504 plans data for the next meeting.

Mr. Gee noted that the School Committee is being asked to approve the job description at this time. He would like to have confidentiality added to this job description as it is implicit with all of these roles. Mr. Zinni agreed as it does pertain to student records.

Mr. Zinni intends to hire someone for this position this summer before the beginning of the school year. Mr. Cates indicated that this would streamline the process.

Public Comment:

Michele Austin, a MS Teacher and resident asked about what is the district doing with our money. It doesn't impact the budget, but it does impact kids without a full time school psychologist down to 3 days per week, but adding administrators' positions. She indicated that she would like to have teacher positions added instead of administrative level positions. Now we have a full time assistant superintendent and Facilities Manager, where is the burden taken off of the teachers who are here for the students. Spending money on the cost of the initiatives at the MS are not benefiting the students. We lost a MS Teacher in technology that we never got back.

Mr. Dow noted that this is how it is perceived in the towns by adding this position.

Mr. Gee indicated that a 2nd reading will be presented in August and Mr. Zinni will add confidentiality to the job description.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Mr. Curry - None
- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mrs. Abrams - None
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Mrs. DeStefano - None

LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

High School Notice of Tap Water Results were presented dated 7/11/18 from MassDEP Regional Office.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Gee presented a proposed agenda for the Retreat to be held on Tuesday, July 30 from 9am to 1pm. Mr. Cates indicated that he will arrange to reserve a room at the Plainville Town Hall for this meeting.

Mr. Azer indicated that he contacted DESE re the budget process with the three towns and that since 2 out of 3 towns had approved the budget, they felt that KP has satisfied the spirit of that guidance and that we do have an official adopted budget for FY20.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- ✚ **A Motion was made at 9:10PM by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Killion, to adjourn into Executive Session and to return to open 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 C - successor collective bargaining agreement). All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (6): Mr. Gee, Mr. Killion, Mrs. Abrams, Mr. Dow, Mr. Khan and Mr. Cates; No (0). All in favor, motion carried.**

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

Mr. Gee asked for a roll call at 9:15pm:

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Michael Gee, Ken Dow
Plainville:	Amy Abrams, Bruce Cates, Samad Khan
Wrentham:	Jim Killion

Members Absent:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Unit C Ratification of Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. Abrams, seconded by Mr. Khan, to approve the Unit C ratification of a successor collective bargaining agreement, as presented. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (6): Mr. Gee, Mr. Killion, Mrs. Abrams, Mr. Dow, Mr. Khan and Mr. Cates; No (0). All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. Abrams, seconded by Mr. Killion to adjourn at 9:15pm. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (6): Mr. Gee, Mr. Killion, Mrs. Abrams, Mr. Dow, Mr. Khan and Mr. Cates; No (0). All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa B. Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee