

**School Committee Meeting
Monday, October 15, 2018 - Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

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

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Michael Gee
Plainville:	Amy Abrams, Samad Khan
Wrentham:	Trevor Knott, Erin DeStefano

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Kenneth Dow, Paul Cochran
Plainville:	Bruce Cates
Wrentham:	Jim Killion

HS Student Council Representative: Miss Linde

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:

Mr. Zinni, Superintendent, Ms. Moy, Director of Student Support Services, Mr. Azer, Director of Finance & Operations

Consent Agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 1, 2018 Minutes:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. Abrams, seconded by Mr. Knott, to approve the Consent Agenda including Minutes of October 1, 2018, as presented. All in favor: Yes (3); No (0); Abstain (2) Mr. Gee and Mrs. DeStefano. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers

COMMUNICATION:

Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, etc.

In a memorandum dated October 15, 2018, Mr. Zinni presented a list of appointments, resignations and personnel changes along with corresponding stipend amounts, if any.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

None

COMMUNICATION:

HS Student Council Report:

- Ms. Linde presented the Student Council report dated October 15, 2018 that included upcoming Student Council events to be held at the High School.
- Ms. Abrams will contact Dr. Gilson to coordinate Middle School Student Council activities in the Student Council report to the School Committee.

KP in the News and summation of district events:

- At the October 1, 2018 School Committee Meeting, Mr. Zinni introduced the KP news blog. A question came about as to why they are in press release format and the reason is that we are linked to the news media and will hopefully be picked up in local newspapers to share good news stories beyond the KP school system.
- Mr. Zinni attended the Open House at Middle School for Grade 7 and Grade 8 last week. Ms. Abrams attended as well and commented that in the rooms that she visited as a parent, teachers were commenting freely about class sizes and advocating that they were looking for support for smaller classes and more teachers and budget in 3 or 4 classrooms. Mr. Knott attended as a parent as well and did not have that experience in the classrooms that he visited. Mr. Zinni indicated that in a school open house, there should not be political statements made during these events and will follow up. Discussion ensued on class size in the past. Mr. Zinni will refer to this in his MCAS presentation and indicated that class size is problematic for students who need additional services.
- Bi-County Collaborative Quarterly Information & Activities dated September 28, 2018.
- An e-mail from Michael Bois, Technology Director to School Committee members with instructions on how to access KP e-mail using Google. Mr. Knott indicated that these instructions were very helpful.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

KP MCAS Results: Mr. Zinni

Mr. Zinni presented the 2018 MCAS Results for the District. He started the presentation by stating that the students at KP are receiving a world-class education. Massachusetts outscored and outperformed the country in Mathematics. The 2017 NAEP Mathematics Assessment for Grade 4 was 53% and Grade 8 was 50%. In the 2017 NAEP Reading Assessment in Grade 4, with 51% of students at or above proficient in the Top 10 states and Grade 8 at 49%.

MCAS next generation 2018

In ELA and Math, statistics between the state and district, KP is far exceeding what the state has done. Far exceeding the science, ELA and math categories. There are a percentage of students who are still struggling but far fewer students falling in the lowest categories.

Mr. Gee indicated that it looked like for Grade 8, the state has set the state proficiency level and we are far exceeding the proficiency level in Grade 8 and Grade 10 in all categories.

Percentiles scores and student growth percentiles show how much KP students grew in comparison to other students who had the same score as them over a year. Mr. Zinni noted that growth is not where we want it to be and there are a number of factors to be looked at this year. One factor may be class size when presenting curriculum and instruction and to give each student the attention that they deserve. KP students are performing well and we will keep them performing well, but they are not growing as much as they should be.

Referring to State accountability, Mr. Zinni indicated how DESE has revamped how we are progressing toward goals and trends and are we growing in the right direction. KP is doing fine, in the middle of the pack but is listed as declining, not significantly, but declining by 1-2%, based on the link, not dramatic. We need to analyze subgroups and look at all the pieces. When students took the online test vs. the pencil test there is a difference and a decline in scores. KP did a slow conversion and everyone in spring 2019 will be taking it online.

One issue that Mr. Zinni referenced is that KP technology is old and outdated and some of the technology could not accommodate the test and the number of devices available for the students to take the test. Bandwidth needs to be looked at for all students to take the tests at the same time and the budget should be built with technology in mind.

KP is in good shape, but not growing according to Mr. Zinni.

Special Education Workshop: Mr. Zinni and Ms. Moy

Ms. Moy distributed a special education handbook to showcase her work in her first 3 months which includes protocols and procedures that she has put into place.

Mr. Zinni said that Ms. Moy has done an excellent job in updating 504, home and hospital services, and supports for students in foster care. She has been working with the attorney and has revised up to date clear documents. Ms. Moy has also conducted workshops or attended workshops with staff. Mr. Zinni expressed that Ms. Moy has done a fantastic job in the past 3 months putting all of this together.

Mr. Zinni gave an overview of the history of special education. Special education is specially designed instruction to meet the needs of students with disabilities.

Ms. Moy explained that evaluations and diagnosis are done in house with psychologists, speech pathologist, and occupational therapists who conduct evaluations or they may be diagnosed through a medical doctor.

Six principals of special education and their definitions were elaborated upon:

1. Parent and student participation
2. Free and appropriate public education (FAPE)
3. Appropriate evaluation
4. Individual education program (IEP)
5. Least restrictive environment (LRE)
6. Procedural safeguards

Ms. Moy announced that the District SEPAC is looking for a chair to oversee the operation and by Massachusetts law one is needed. Parents' rights training will be held as a joint effort with the elementary districts on Thursday, October 25 at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Job Description: Assistant Director of Student Services (1st reading):

Mr. Zinni presented a job description for an assistant director of student services. He explained that this is a redistribution of the team chair position, not proposing an additional position, but an effort to rework the districtwide team chair to a different role.

Ms. Abrams asked if this position would be posted internally and follow the interview process. And, where funding is huge issue, and budget, and how do we present it to the community to show that the money couldn't be used somewhere else and what is this position actually going to be doing for the district as opposed to other things.

Mr. Zinni explained that the budget could sustain the differential for this year.

Mr. Gee suggested that this agenda item be tabled to the first meeting in November and to go through the Finance Subcommittee for their review and recommendation to the full school committee.

2018/2019 Approval of Home School Plan:

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mrs. DeStefano, seconded by Mrs. Abrams, to approve the 2018/2019 home school plan for A.L., entering grade 10, according to School Committee Policy IHBG. All in favor: Yes (5); No (0). Motion carried.**

MASC Official 2018 Voting Delegate:

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Khan to appoint Mr. Gee as the 2018 Official Voting Delegate, and to have Mr. Killion as the Official Alternate Voting Delegate during the MASC Joint Conference. All in favor: Yes (5); No (0). Motion carried.**

MASC Delegate Resolutions:

Mr. Gee explained that in the past, the school committee has made a recommendation on each of the MASC resolutions to the voting delegate. This year he would like to add a caveat that if there is discussion at the conference on the resolutions, to leave it to the voting delegate to give a determination, or leave it up to the delegate to vote and give the best decision and for the committee to totally delegate to the delegate. Mr. Gee asked for any opinion from the committee on this. Hearing none a motion was made.

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mrs. DeStefano, seconded by Mr. Knott, to having the voting delegate decide and make the best decision for the committee on each of the MASC delegate resolutions. All in favor: Yes (5); No (0). Motion carried.**

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Mr. Cochran, Norfolk School Committee Representative: – None.
- Mrs. Abrams, Plainville School Committee Representative: Topics discussed at the October 9 Plainville School Committee Meeting included: Roof repairs to the gym, joint meeting with the board of selectmen and about changing the location of voting, walk to school event, fire truck pull for Special Olympics, and MCAS review and enrollment report.
- Mrs. DeStefano, Wrentham School Committee Representative: The Wrentham School Committee met on September 18. Topics discussed included a welcome back to school, introduction of teachers, professional teacher status, new website, report of new bus routes and bus stops, update on professional development, school safety (including lockdown procedures), and technology,

LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

None

Adjournment Into Executive Session:

- ✚ **At 8:48pm, a Motion was made by Mrs. DeStefano, seconded by Mr. Khan, to adjourn into Executive 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 to discuss Unit A – Collective Bargaining Negotiations: Educator Evaluation; and, to return to open session. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (5); No (0). Motion carried.



Reconvene to open session:

Mr. Gee asked for a roll call of members at 8:55pm:

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Michael Gee
Plainville:	Amy Abrams, Samad Khan
Wrentham:	Trevor Knott, Erin DeStefano

Members Absent:

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Approval of Educator Evaluation:



A Motion was made by Mrs. Abrams, seconded by Mr. Khan, to approve the Educator Evaluation as presented. All in favor: Yes (5); No (0). Motion carried. All in favor

Adjournment:



At 9:00pm, a Motion was made by Mrs. Abrams, seconded by Mr. Khan, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (5); No (0). Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Barrett Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee*

Documents presented on October 15, 2018:

Draft Minutes of October 1, 2018
Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, etc.
HS Student Council Report: Miss Linde
KP in the News
Bi-County Collaborative: Quarterly Information & Activities 9/28/18
School Committee Email Accounts
MCAS Results: Mr. Zinni
Special Education Workshop: Mr. Zinni and Ms. Moy
Special Education Handbook: Ms. Moy
Job Description: Assistant Director of Student Services – 1st Reading
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MASC Official Voting Delegate, and Alternate Voting Delegate
MASC Delegate Resolutions