

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

Opening of Meeting:

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

Recording of Meeting:

This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8.

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Present
Plainville:	Present
Wrentham:	Present

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

State Representative Dooley, Mr. Khan, Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azer, Dr. Mobley, Ms. Kreuzer, Mr. Alves, Mr. Bois, Dr. Robbat, Mr. Francomano, Mrs. McEntee, Mr. Gee, Mrs. Martin

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required.

- Approval of Minutes dated: February 28, 2022
- Payment of Bills/Warrants/ Budget Transfers
- Communication - None
- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates seconded by Mr. Lehan, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including the Minutes of February 28, 2022. All in favor: Yes (7); No (0); Abstain (1-Brenneis). Motion carried: 7-0-1**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

HS Student Council Report prepared by Ms. James dated 2/28/22 was read into the Minutes by Mr. Knott.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

None

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

District Update:

Mr. Zinni gave an update on the following topics:

- Mask update
- Mask guidelines on school busses

The Wellness Committee met last week to discuss all of the KP Initiatives. Mr. Zinni thanked Mrs. Pearl, Wellness Coordinator of the 4 districts for her expertise and talent to get us through the Pandemic by setting up Covid clinics, flu clinics, distribution of Covid testing and all of the health and wellness tasks going on throughout the community.

Dr. Mobley provided an overview on concurrent enrollment and dual enrollment initiatives and has held 2 town halls for students on course selections. She also explained the difference between AP credits and college credits. Discussion ensued on

college initiatives, tuition and costs involved for the various programs being offered at Massasoit Community College, Stonehill College and Assumption. Dr. Mobley will offer more information in her upcoming newsletter on these topics.

Dr. Mobley is working with a KP student participating in the Photonics Program offered at Stonehill College. Mr. Zinni has been asked to serve on the Photonics Board that will meet quarterly. Gilson is working on obtaining grant funding for this program.

Dr. Gilson provided information on the Summer Bridge to KP Program being offered to rising 7th graders. KP, Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham are partnering to offer this program to rising 7th grade students to attend a one week summer program to support their transition to KP MS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
FY23 Budget Update

In a memorandum dated March 2, 2022, Mr. Azer outlines the proposed FY23 budget for review and final adoption by the School Committee.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, to adopt a FY2023 total budget (including debt service) of \$38,639,323 with the following town assessments:**

	Operating Assessment	Debt Service	Total Assessment
Norfolk	\$9,315,927	\$528,846	\$9,844,773
Plainville	\$7,172,297	\$431,849	\$7,604,146
Wrentham	\$11,507,527	\$646,930	\$12,154,457

Mr. Cates commented that the King Philip presentation of the budget was well received in Plainville. Mr. Zinni will be working with the three town administrators and the towns on the budget process through town meetings for each town.

- **Mr. Knott moved the motion on the table by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Lehan, to approve the FY23 budget, as presented. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Presentation of Citations:

State Representative Dooley made a presentation of Citations to Mr. Khan for his service as a former chair and member of the King Philip Regional School Committee and to Mrs. Elisa Barrett Witkus for her 15 years of service as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and King Philip Regional School Committee.

MS Special Education Program Development:

Mr. Zinni indicated that the MS Administration and the Special Education Department is deeply immersed in offering an impeding a new program at the Middle School. This program will assist students who have significant issues on the autism spectrum, based upon applied behavior analysis. The district would like to ensure that there is a very smooth transition for these students coming from the 6th grade from the elementary districts who reside in one of the three towns with placement in grade 7 to an in-house program at KP.

NEW BUSINESS:

22/23 School Year Calendar (1st reading):

Dr. Gilson presented the 1st reading of the King Philip 22/23 School Year Calendar. Professional Development days will be held monthly on Wednesdays throughout the school year rather than alternating days.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ms. Ward, Norfolk School Committee:

- Topics discussed and voted upon included:
- FY23 Budget Request
- School Choice
- MSBA New Application

- COVID Safety Protocols Update
- School Partner Renewal – Norfolk Recreation

Mr. Brenneis, Plainville School Committee: The next meeting will be held on 3/8/22.

Ms. Almeida, Wrentham School Committee: The next meeting will be held on 3/8/22.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:15pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Ms. Almeida, to adjourn. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0

Mr. Knott, Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Elisa B. Witkus

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on March 7, 2022:

Draft Minutes dated February 28, 2022

Warrants

HS Student Council Report

FY23 Budget

22/23 School Year Calendar (1st Reading)