

**KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023 -AGENDA – 7:00PM  
KING PHILIP REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY**

**1. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**2. DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS**

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azer, Mrs. Petit

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anyone interested in commenting on an agenda item during the meeting or making a statement during the public comment period is asked to complete an information card and hand it to Mrs. Venessa Petit, School Committee Secretary.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS *All items listed below 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:*** **A.R.**

- Draft Minutes from April 3, 2023
- Draft Minutes from April 10, 2023 remote meeting
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications

**5. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

None

**6. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

-Student Council Report: Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy I.O.

**7. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- District Update I.O.
- High School Principal Search Update I.O.
- High School Memory Project I.O.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

-August 2023 School Committee Retreat/Location I.O.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- Appointment of King Philip Regional Treasurer A.R.
- Appointment of Crossing Guard A.R.
- Appointment of Secretary to the School Committee A.R.

**10. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES**

**11. REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Wynn I.O.
- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis I.O.
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney I.O.

**12. LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

**13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**14. RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**15. ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**A.R.**

Purpose to Executive Session:

No. 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so dealers

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**A.R.**

The items listed on this agenda are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

**King Philip Regional School Committee  
Minutes of April 3, 2023 – Draft  
King Philip Regional High School – Library  
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mr. Knott, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:05p.m. Mr. Knott asked for a moment of silence due to the recent tragedy in Nashville and all of those that have lost their lives due to gun violence.

**RECORDING OF MEETING**

This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Members Present:**

Norfolk: Mr. Jim Lehan, Mr. Eric Harmon, Ms. Jennifer Wynn  
Plainville: Mr. Bruce Cates, Mr. Christopher Brenneis  
Wrentham: Mr. Trevor Knott, Mr. Marc Waxman

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Norfolk: Present  
Plainville: Mr. Greg Wehymeyer  
Wrentham: Ms. Erin Greaney

**VISITORS**

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Susan Gilson, Mr. Larry Azer, Mrs. Venessa Petit

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Knott read the policy on public participation at school committee meetings. There were four public comments.

1. 1. Mr. Luis Sousa, Seekonk MA-Mr. Sousa works in Plainville. Topic: Performance of superintendent-elect.
2. 2. Ms. Krista Andberg, Wrentham MA -Ms. Andberg is a resident and parent of Wrentham. Topic: Support of new superintendent and welcoming the committee's decision.
3. 3. Ms. Laura Beltis, Wrentham MA-Ms. Beltis is a resident and parent of Wrentham. Topic: Support of new superintendent.
4. 4. Ms. Stephanie Bird-Wrentham MA-Ms. Bird is a resident of Wrentham. Topic: Welcome new superintendent.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- March 20, 2023 Draft Minutes
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications

- A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Lehan, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (5): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Knott; Mr. Brenneis (minutes); Mr. Waxman (warrants); No (0); Abstain (3)-Mr. Brenneis abstained from the warrants. Ms. Wynn and Mr. Waxman abstained from the minutes. Motion carried 5-0-3.

### APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

-March 20, 2023 Draft Executive Minutes

- A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Lehan, to approve and hold the Executive Session minutes as presented. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (4): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Knott; No (0); Abstain (3)-Ms. Wynn, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Brenneis. Motion carried 4-0-3.

### STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Ms. Addison Lewis was excused from tonight's meeting. A copy of the April 3, 2023 HS Student Council Report is included in the packet.

### REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

#### District Update

Mr. Zinni thanked Dr. Gilson who has used some of the diversity grant money that we received to diversify the workforce. Dr. Gilson has been working with Diversity and Ed and they will be having a virtual fair on Saturday 4/15/23. We are one of nine communities in Massachusetts that have availed ourselves to this national search program. Dr. Gilson and Ms. Collins will be attending this virtual event. Mr. Zinni informed the committee we will have additional job fairs that King Philip will be participating in.

#### High School Principal Search Process

Mr. Zinni informed members that a search committee for the high school principal position has been established. Mr. Zinni is the chair of this search committee. The committee consists of twelve members. There have been 21 candidate submissions. The screening committee went through the submissions, and spoke about the characteristics and qualities they are looking for in a new principal. They also talked about the questions they would like to ask the candidates. The committee has chosen 6 candidates out of the initial 21 candidates and interviews will be set up for later this week. Dr. Drolet has been participating up to this point and he is getting to know the search committee, staff, and has had a chance to see the packets early on. He will participate in the interviews but will not be staying for the processing of them. Once the committee has decided on three finalists, then these finalists will be sent to Dr. Drolet who will continue the process at that point with an interview, and references. The search committee is confident that a final decision will be made by school vacation week.

#### School Safety Update

Mr. Zinni said King Philip received a \$55, 300 federal grant through the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Grant Program. The grant is managed and administered by the Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research. King Philip is one of 14 grant recipients announced by the state on March 30th. Ms. Dot Pearl applied for the grant on behalf of King Philip, Norfolk, Wrentham

and Plainville school districts. All four districts work collaboratively on school safety alongside their local law enforcement agencies. This grant will allow the four districts to focus on threat assessment and crisis intervention teams at all levels. Mental health and counseling teams, building administrators and school staff will be trained along local law enforcement in Comprehensive Threat Assessment Guidelines. Mr. Zinni thanked Ms. Pearl for writing for this grant. Ms. Wynn also gave kudos to Ms. Pearl for all of her hard work.

#### Recent Swatting Incidents

Mr. Zinni gave an update to the committee regarding several area districts receiving “swatting” calls. “Swatting” is a hoax in which a caller seeks to bring about a significant police response by making a non-credible threat of violence. Out of an abundance of caution, KP school officials were in contact with the Wrentham and Norfolk Police Departments and there was an increased police presence at the schools. There was no threat made toward any KP schools. In the event that any schools were to receive a threat, we would immediately initiate our established safety procedures to ensure the well-being of students and staff. Mr. Zinni thanked Dr. Gilson, the local law enforcements, building principals and staff for keeping everyone safe. Mr. Lehan recommended that this topic be placed on the agenda for the school committee’s retreat.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### August 2023 School Committee Retreat

Mr. Knott will reach out to Dr. Drolet regarding dates for the August retreat. If committee members would like to see any key topics on the agenda please contact Mr. Knott.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Zinni informed the committee that the Finance Subcommittee which was scheduled to meet on April 10, 2023 would not be needed but would like to hold a fifteen minute “virtual” school committee meeting instead to vote and award the bid for the high school library renovation project. The committee agreed to cancel the finance subcommittee meeting and have a “virtual” school committee meeting on April 10, 2023 at 7:00pm instead.

#### REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Wynn-there was a budget vote for level service funded budget. On Tuesday 4/4/23, they will take another vote on the budget due to a finance budget issue.

Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis-No report

Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney-No report

#### Late Communications

Mr. Knott congratulated the KP softball and baseball teams today on their season openers.

#### Reports of Special Committees

None

### **RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Mr. Knott informed members that elections are taking place today in Wrentham and Plainville. Mr. Knott and Mr. Wehmeyer are up for re-election. Mr. Knott said that if he is re-elected he will be unable to attend the school committee meeting scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2023. Mr. Cates has agreed to chair the meeting. Mr. Knott reminded members of the negotiations subcommittee that the meeting is still on for Tuesday, April 4, 2023. If one of the two committee members gets re-elected tonight there will be a quorum.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- **At 7:55 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Brennis to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Knott, Ms. Wynn; Mr. Brenneis No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.**

Mr. Knott, Chair, adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mrs. Venessa Petit*

*Secretary to the School Committee*

### **Documents presented on April 3, 2023:**

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Draft Minutes from March 20, 2023

Draft Executive Session Minutes from March 20, 2023

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**King Philip Regional School Committee**  
**April 10, 2023 - DRAFT**  
**King Philip Regional High School – Remote**

**Opening of Meeting:**

Mr. Cates, Acting Chair, opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Mr. Cates read the **Introduction to Remote Meeting:**

On March 29, 2023, Governor Healey signed into law a supplemental budget bill which, among other things, extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025. Specifically, this further extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide “adequate, alternative” access to remote meetings. The language does not make any substantive changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from March 31, 2023 to March 31, 2025.

**Recording of Meeting:**

This meeting was recorded by Zoom.

**Roll Call of Members:**

**Members Present:**

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| Norfolk:    | Mr. Jim Lehan, Mr. Eric Harmon, Ms. Jenn Wynn     |
| Plainville: | Mr. Bruce Cates, Mr. Greg Wehmeyer                |
| Wrentham:   | Ms. Erin Greaney, Mr. Joe Cronin, Mr. Marc Waxman |

**Members Absent:**

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| Norfolk:    | Present            |
| Plainville: | Mr. Chris Brenneis |
| Wrentham:   | Present            |

**DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS**

Mr. Zinni, Mr. Azer, Mrs. Petit

Mr. Cates recognized Mr. Trevor Knott, who was the prior chair, and said he would be missed by the committee. Mr. Cates welcomed and congratulated Mr. Joe Cronin from Wrentham and also incumbent Mr. Greg Wehmeyer from Plainville.

**HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER RENOVATIONS BID AWARD:**

The committee met to award a bid for the high school library renovation project. Mr. Zinni gave a brief overview on the high school media center renovation.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan seconded by Mr. Harmon, to award a contract to CJM Services for the King Philip Regional High School Media Center Renovations in the amount of \$899,300 and award additional contracts to CJM Services in the amount of \$39,000 for the King Philip Middle School Entrance and in the amount of \$38,000 for the King Philip Regional High School Entrance. All in favor by roll call vote: Mr. Cates, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Wynn: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 7:25PM, a Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to adjourn. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0**

Mr. Cates, Acting Chair, adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mrs. Venessa Petit*  
*Secretary to the School Committee*

**Documents presented on April 10, 2023:**

High School Media Center Renovations Bid Award Memo



# King Philip High School

## School Committee Report

Submitted by Addison Lewis

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April 24, 2023

### School Wide

Students just got back from break! AP Exams are right around the corner and will be held from May 1-12, and MCAS will be on May 16 and 17 for all sophomores.

### Sports

Spring sports are in full swing!

### Fine and Performing Arts

#### Drama

The musical Chicago will be held in the High School Auditorium on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, 6 from 7:00-9:00 and on Sunday, May 7, from 1:00-3:00. Get your tickets now! You can preorder them online.

### Clubs

#### Business Honors Society

Business Honors Society delivered food & supplies on Tuesday, March 28, Sunday, April 2, and Thursday, April 6.

#### Peer Mentoring

On March 24th, the Peer Mentor Program attended their annual field trip to Pinz in Medfield. This trip gives special education students a chance to spend time in the community with their mentors where they can work on community and life skills. Advisors of the program were told that it was the best high school group that Pinz has hosted and students were complimented for being extremely kind and respectful to each other and the staff.

The Peer Mentor Program, along with students from the Student Council, are planning a King Philip Field Day/Special Olympics event for May 15th. The event will be from 11:30am until 1:30pm on the turf field. Local first responders and several clubs will be on the field to cheer the students on. Students and families are looking forward to this event. Members of the school committee are welcome to join in the festivities.

#### GSA

The week before April vacation GSA sold Day of Silence T-shirts and rainbow Mardi Gras beads in the cafeteria. Students observed the annual Day of Silence on Friday April 14, in honor of the bullying and harassment that LGBTQ students face. On Tuesday, April 25, members will attend the Southeast

Regional GSA Meeting at Bridgewater Raynham High School, and on Wednesday April 26 members will attend the GSA Day at Bridgewater State University.

### **KP Cares**

KP Cares is hosting a dog wash on May 6th. They will also be holding a drive for new furniture, and will be helping with senior citizens in Plainville planting flowers. Additionally they have a Gilly House dinner planned, Norfolk yard raking, the Jackson school family dinner, and a teacher appreciation breakfast. They will also be helping with the 350th birthday of Wrentham.

### **Student Council**

Twenty six Students attended their final district event early in the month at North Plymouth HS. Vicky Cosmo ran for a district board position and was elected as a delegate for the 2023-24 school year. She will work with other district board members in planning events and facilitating the development of all student councils.

StuCo also finished up several earth month events and worked with GSA to recognize the Day of Pink, an anti homophobic and anti bullying day started by two boys in Nova Scotia who saw a fellow classmate bullied for wearing pink. As mentioned earlier, StuCo is also working with our Peer Mentoring Group to create a fun field day event for our Special Olympics.

Student Council has both presidential and board elections coming up in April and May. They will also run class elections in May as well.

**Follow the following social media accounts--@kpcares, @kpstuco, @kphighschool, @kphsathletics and Arbiter Live for sports schedules.**

MEMORANDUM

**TO: School Committee**  
**FROM: Mr. Zinni**  
**DATE: April 24, 2023**  
**RE: Reappointment of Regional Treasurer**

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**Recommendation:**

**To reappoint Mr. Joseph Meichelbeck to serve as the District Regional Treasurer from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at a salary rate to be determined.**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: School Committee**  
**FROM: Paul Zinni**  
**DATE: April 24,2023**  
**RE: Reappointment of Crossing Guard**

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**Recommendation:**

**To reappoint Lynn Chapin as a Crossing Guard for the 2023/2024 school year at a salary rate to be determined.**

MEMORANDUM

**TO: School Committee**  
**FROM: Mr. Zinni**  
**DATE: April 24, 2023**  
**RE: Reappointment of Secretary to the School Committee**

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**Recommendation:**

**To appoint Mrs. Venessa Petit to serve as the Secretary to the School Committee from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.**

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