

**King Philip Regional School Committee  
Minutes of October 16, 2023 – **Approved**  
King Philip Regional High School – Library  
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mr. Lehan, Chair opened the meeting at 7:04pm

**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, Ms. Michele Sharpe, Mr. Greg Wehmeyer  
**Wrentham:** Mr. Marc Waxman, Mr. Joe Cronin

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Norfolk:** Present  
**Plainville:** Present  
**Wrentham:** Ms. Erin Greaney

**VISITORS**

Dr. Rich Drolet, Dr. Susan Gilson, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Lisa Moy, Mrs. Venessa Petit, Mrs. Barbara Snead, Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy, Mr. Tim O'Connor

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Draft Minutes from September 11, 2023
- Draft Minutes from September 25, 2023
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including the draft minutes from September 11, 2023 and September 25, 2023. All in favor: Yes (8); No (0); Abstain (0) Motion carried 8-0-0.**

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

The October 16, 2023 HS Student Council Report was read into the minutes by Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

### **Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Drolet shared his update, which included but was not limited to the following topics:

- First KPRHS 2023-2024 Peer Mentor Social
- Meeting with Bill Rice
- New England Association of School Superintendents Conference
- Meeting with Wrentham Town Administrator
- Monthly Superintendent-Principal Visits Beginning

A copy of the Superintendent's Update is attached to these minutes. Dr. Drolet informed everyone that all of the Superintendent's Updates, along with his Entry Plan and Goals can be found on the KP website.

### **Assistant Superintendent Update**

Dr. Gilson gave a presentation on the 2022-2023 MCAS results and also gave an update on the following topics:

- 2023-2024 Home School Report
- Student Congratulations to our HS students

A copy of the Assistant Superintendent's Update is attached to these minutes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Overnight Field Trip Request for Model UN-Marriott Copley Plaza Boston MA 2/2/24-2/4/24**

Mr. Tim O'Connor gave a brief overview of the overnight field trip to the Model UN in Boston.

This is a simulation of the UN and is a club focused on public speaking, debate, and international issues.

This is a competitive conference which the students attend at area schools and conferences and will

debate real global issues. A copy of the overnight field trip request form is attached to these minutes.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cronin seconded by Mr. Harmon to approve the overnight field trip request to the Model UN-Boston MA 2/2/24-2/4/24. All in favor: Yes(8) Mr. Harmon, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Waxman, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Cates, Ms. Wynn; No(0); Abstain(0). 8-0-0 Motion carried.**

### **Approval of Chair's Recommendation of Subcommittee Assignments**

The committee had a discussion around subcommittee assignments and appointing chairs for each subcommittee. Mr. Lehan recommended that the full committee vote to approve the members of the subcommittee's tonight and then come back once the subcommittees have met, and vote to approve the prospective chairs. The committee also agreed that the subcommittee would consist of up to three members per policy BDE.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin to approve the subcommittee members as appointed for the 2023-2024 school year. All in favor: Yes(8) Mr. Harmon, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Waxman, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Cates, Ms. Wynn; No(0); Abstain(0). 8-0-0 Motion carried.**

### To Rescind the September 6, 2023 School Committee vote to change the King Philip logo

Mr. Lehan said the vote that was taken was a position vote, not a policy vote. Legal counsel was sought and they provided us with a motion that would allow us the opportunity to rescind the vote. In rescinding the vote this does not change the fact that the policy is still in effect because it was also learned that the principal of the high school has full authority to establish policy regarding logos. The principal has communicated this by memo to faculty. Even though the committee rescinded the vote, her memo communication is still in force. By rescinding the vote the committee is not changing anything in terms of the current policy. The committee is allowing the policy subcommittee to go back and revisit it or establish a policy recommendation and then bring it back to the full committee for review. This is a procedural vote. If the vote to rescind is made by the School Committee, this will allow the policy subcommittee to bring it back as a recommendation. If the vote is not to rescind it, the policy committee does not have the authority to bring back a recommendation. Mr. Wehmeyer clarified that legal counsel said that we are not required to rescind this vote.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, that the School Committee rescind its September 6, 2022 vote to change the King Philip logo and follow the process set forth in School Committee policy BGB on Policy Adoption. All in favor: Yes(7) Mr. Harmon, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Waxman, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cates, Ms. Wynn; No(1) Mr. Wehmeyer; Abstain(0). 7-1-0 Motion carried.**

### School Committee 2023-2024 Goal Setting

Mr. Waxman made a proposal to the committee to set one type of improvement goal in each of the three areas in the school committee's purview. Mr. Lehan agreed with Mr. Waxman's proposal. Ms. Sharpe said the goals should be measurable. It was decided that each member will give input to the chair of the School Committee Goals Subcommittee in the three areas (budget, policy, and superintendent's evaluation). The subcommittee will meet to discuss setting goals for the 2023-2024 school year and bring them back to the full committee.

### REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Mr. Waxman observed the Superintendent's Performance Evaluation Subcommittee. Mr. Waxman was very impressed by the subcommittee members and the superintendent and their work that they are doing.

### REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Plainville School Committee Representative: Ms. Sharpe-The Superintendent sent a letter to Governor Healy, Representative Vaughn and Senator Rausch, advocating to explain some of the difficulties of the enrollment going up and the need that is there and the lack of capacity if it continues to grow will Plainville be able to give the services and support to all students. Currently there are about 30 students that have been added. School committee members also signed this letter. Another topic of discussion was restorative budgeting.

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Wynn-The annual flu clinic will be held. A number of policies were voted upon: sexual harassment, bullying, and code of conduct. Currently going through a CPR review update for program review which is quite extensive for DESE. Dr. Drolet said that an

exemplary job has been done with our newcomer students by Superintendent Parson of Plainville and Ms. Lisa Moy for King Philip District. Wrentham School Committee Representative: None

**Late Communications**

None

**Reports of Special Committees**

None

**RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

- **At 8:30 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Wynn; Ms. Sharpe; Mr. Wehmeyer; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mrs. Venessa Petit*

*Secretary to the School Committee*

**Documents presented on October 16, 2023:**

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Draft Minutes from September 11, 2023

Draft Minutes from September 25, 2023

Stuco Report October 16, 2023

Superintendent Update

Assistant Superintendent Update

Overnight Field Trip Request-Model UN Boston MA

September 6, 2022 minutes

School Committee 2023-204 Goal Setting

Chair's recommendation of Subcommittee Assignments