

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of March 20, 2023 – Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

OPENING OF MEETING:

Mr. Knott, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:01p.m.

RECORDING OF MEETING:

This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8 & North TV-Plainville Channel

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Members Present:

Norfolk: Mr. Jim Lehan, Mr. Eric Harmon
Plainville: Mr. Bruce Cates, Mr. Greg Wehmeyer, Mr. Christopher Brenneis
Wrentham: Mr. Trevor Knott, Ms. Erin Greaney

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Norfolk: Ms. Jennifer Wynn
Plainville: Mr. Marc Waxman
Wrentham: Present

VISITORS:

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Susan Gilson, Mr. Azer, Ms. Barbara Snead, Mr. Addison Lewis, Ms. Venessa Petit

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- February 6, 2023 Draft Minutes
- March 1, 2023 Draft Minutes
- March 2, 2023 Draft Minutes
- March 6, 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 (6): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Knott, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (1)-Mr. Brenneis abstained from the warrants. Motion carried 6-0-1.**

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

-February 16, 2023 Draft Minutes

-March 6, 2023 Draft 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 (7): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Knott, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Brenneis No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:

The March 20, 2023 HS Student Council Report was read into the minutes by Ms. Addison Lewis.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

District Update:

Mr. Zinni congratulated Ms. Addison Lewis as one of the DECA winners going to Florida for the National Competition.

Mr. Zinni said the Friday Night Live event was a huge success and everyone did a great job.

Mr. Zinni shared that Dr. Mobley will be leaving the district at the end of this school year to become the Executive Director at the Advanced Math and Science Public Charter School District. Mr. Zinni publicly thanked Dr. Mobley for doing a stellar job of leading the high school and wished her well as she moves forward with her career. She will be missed.

Mr. Zinni and Dr. Drolet have had conversations regarding the principal search. The new principal will need to be appointed while Mr. Zinni is still Superintendent so this person can start on July 1. Dr. Drolet will be the key person hiring this person.

Mr. Zinni received an email from Ms. Nerlino. Ms. Nerlino worked on a project with a couple of students and wanted to give major props to five KP high school students: Ahunna James, Christopher Sesay, Bastion Hamilton, Lauren Barriero and Victoria Cosmo who presented the Bystander Intervention Training at the 2023 Connections Conference. Their presentations were so amazing that administrators, teachers and several people from MIAA came up to Ms. Nerlino afterwards and marveled at what a wonderful job they did and asked if they would be willing to do other versions of the training. Mr. Zinni will respond to Ms. Nerlino's email congratulating her and those students.

Mr. Zinni said the budget presentation was presented on March 9th to the Plainville Finance Committee. Mr. Azer and Mr. Zinni will be presenting the budget to the Norfolk Finance Committee on April 5th.

Mr. Zinni said the spring middle school band concert was held last week and was a wonderful show. The middle school chorus will be held this week.

A follow up communication was sent to Senator Rausch and Representative Vaughn on behalf of Superintendents Allardi, Cameron, Parson and Zinni, asking them for their support again on some of the

legislation issues which they would like to have addressed. A copy of the letters are attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Middle School program of studies:

Mr. Knott asked members if they had any questions on the recommended changes on the middle school program of studies. Mr. Lehan commented that this package was very well presented.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Brenneis, to approve the changes to the middle school program of studies. All in favor: Yes (7): Mr. Brenneis, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Knott, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon; Mr. Wehmeyer; Mr. Lehan No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 7-0-0.**

Adoption of FY 2024 Budget:

Mr. Zinni said the budget presentation was done during the public hearing on March 6, 2023. The only update was just before the last meeting we received enough information to put the assessments together. Mr. Azer explained the FY 2024 Chapter 70 Aid which is included in the attached budget presentation.

Mr. Zinni explained that it was important to note that when the new formula came out, the student opportunity act and the formula came along with it. Mr. Zinni thanked Dr. Gilson for putting together the significant reporting and explaining how we are using the money that we normally would be using anyway.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates , seconded by Mr. Lehan , to adopt the FY 2024 total budget (including debt service) of \$40,008,775 with the member town assessments of:**

(including debt service)

Norfolk	\$10,861,293
Plainville	\$ 7,654,336
Wrentham	\$12,245,845

All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Knott, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Chris Brenneis; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023-2024 School Calendar (1st read):

Mr. Zinni explained that we try to get the school calendar out this time each year so that families may plan for next year. Dr. Gilson pointed out that the MCAS testing schedule is not published yet and that she would recommend approval of the school calendar with the option that it could be amended at a later date.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Harmon , to adopt the 2023-2024 school calendar as submitted. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Knott, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Chris Brenneis; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.**

Student Handbook Addendum:

Mr. Zinni explained that the law changed regarding student discipline last fall. Attorney Michael Joyce recommended updating our handbook language with this new language to reflect the updated law as it is now and to remove the old language.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to accept changes to the Addendum To King Philip Regional School District Student Handbook. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Knott, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Chris Brenneis; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.**

School Committee Retreat 2023

Mr. Zinni said Dr. Drolet would like to continue to have the school committee retreat in August. Mr. Knott suggested committee members reach out to him or Ms. Petit to get some dates put together and then bring them back to offer them to the full committee. The retreat would be a morning to early afternoon meeting.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Wynn-no report

Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis-Mr. Thurston, new band teacher, will be starting. A superintendent evaluation process was started. The school calendar was approved. The BICO agreement for 2023-2024 was approved.

Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney-no report

Late Communications:

None

Reports of Special Committees:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- **At 7:51 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Lehan, to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and to return to open session solely for the purpose of**

adjournment. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Knott, Ms. Greaney; Mr. Brenneis; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.

At 7:52 pm Mr. Brenneis left the executive session due to a conflict of interest.

The committee returned to open session at 8:34 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **At 8:35 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Cates to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (6): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Knott, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 6-0-0.**

Mr. Knott, Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on March 20, 2023:

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

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