

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of May 22, 2023 – **Approved**
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Lehan, chair, opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

FY24 SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING-7:00PM

Mr. Lehan opened the FY24 School Choice Public Hearing at 7:02pm.

Mr. Lehan asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Zinni recommended that the District move not to participate in School Choice for FY24 due to the current enrollment within the District. Discussion ensued on how the determination is made to set a cap for class size and financial implications.

The motion was brought forward:

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, not to participate in School Choice for the 2023/2024 school year due to the current enrollment in the King Philip Regional School District. A roll call of members was taken: Yes(7); Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin; No(0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 7-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to close the public hearing. A roll call of members was taken: Yes(7); Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin; No(0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 7-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan closed the public hearing at 7:07pm

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.

- May 8, 2023 Draft Minutes (correction: Mr. Cates to Mr. Lehan)
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications

Mr. Lehan had one correction to the May 8, 2023 minutes. Nomination for vice chair, the motion should read **“A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to nominate Mr. Cates as Vice Chair of the King Philip Regional School Committee for the 2023/2024 school year.”**

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Hamon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including the correction to the Minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting. All in favor: Yes (7); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.**

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azer, Ms. Petit, Ms. Snead, Mr. Shaughnessy, Ms. Bottomley, Ms. Kawas

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

None

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The May 22, 2023 HS Student Council Report was read into the minutes by Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

District Update

Mr. Zinni thanked all of the staff who helped out in proctoring the AP exams. There were many students that took these exams. Today was the seniors last full day of school and they will be taking their finals. Graduation will be on June 4, 2023 at Stonehill College.

Mr. Zinni announced the Awards/Scholarship Night will be held on June 1, 2023 at 7:00pm. There will be a reception prior to this event at 6:00pm. Community organizations and individuals, who have supported the King Philip schools, will be giving either awards and or scholarships at this event. Mr. Zinni welcomed school committee members to attend this event to help thank the contributors for their support to the King Philip School District.

Mr. Zinni said the musical “Chicago” was a phenomenal performance. He commended the cast and everyone for doing a great job. Mr. Zinni reminded that there are additional arts events going on at both the middle and high school.

Mr. Zinni gave an update on the three town meetings. Plainville and Wrentham will have their town meetings on June 5th. Mr. Zinni requested that school committee members that live in either Plainville or Wrentham attend to help support the budget. The assessments did not come out equal this year. Norfolk was hit with the biggest assessment of 11.2%. Plainville was 1.5%, Wrentham was 1.6%. The Norfolk budget was passed. Mr. Zinni thanked the Norfolk community who will feel a significant strain on their budget for next year.

Mr. Lehan thanked Mr. Zinni for presenting the budget to the Town of Norfolk.

INTRODUCTION TO MS. BOTTOMLEY NEW HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Zinni introduced Ms. Bottomley, as the next high school principal, to the committee. Ms. Bottomley was recently named “Massachusetts Principal of the Year”. Ms. Bottomley has spent a day in the district and is thrilled to be here. She met with a lot of different groups and heard the pride they felt in KP. She is from Holliston and has been there for thirteen years, ten as principal. She is excited to bring that experience and knowledge with her to KP. She will begin on July 1st. Committee members welcomed Ms. Bottomley to the district.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Zinni presented the second reading of handbook changes for 2024. There is one policy change regarding athletic transportation. Mr. Wehmeyer said the language that he had asked about was clarified with the second reading. Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to approve.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to approve the second reading of handbook changes for 2024 as presented. All in favor: Yes (7); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried. 7-0-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Unit A Contract Ratification (taken out of order)

Mr. Zinni was pleased to inform the committee that Unit A-teachers met this afternoon and approved the next contract. While there was one more year left in the teacher’s contract they had asked in the fall if we might consider meeting and extending the contract out two years. They approved the agreement that was reached in the spring. Mr. Zinni asked the committee to approve the same agreement. This agreement would run for three years. Mr. Zinni said Dr. Drolet would only have one association to negotiate with next year. With no questions being asked, Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to accept the new Unit A contract.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Cronin, to approve the new Unit A Contract. All in favor: Yes (7); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried. 7-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan thanked Mr. Harmon, Mr. Wehmeyer and Mr. Zinni for working on the negotiations. Mr. Zinni has appreciated the collaborative work done together in the district. There are five different negotiating groups who negotiate three year contracts. Mr. Zinni has been a part of ten negotiations for the district. All ten have been negotiated in one night and were to be able to walk away with an agreement that everyone has felt good about. Mr. Zinni said it is because of the hard working dedicated people of the district who want to work for the benefit of the students.

HEALTHY KP PRESENTATION

Ms. Oomiya Kawas gave a presentation on Healthy KP serving the towns of Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham. A copy of her presentation is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Wynn- No update.

Plainville School Committee Representative: Ms. Sharpe reported that the town budget meeting will be held on June 5th at 7pm. There have been layoff notices sent out but may be rescinded if the school budget is passed. Support for the town meeting is needed and free childcare will be made available for the parents that may need it for their children.

There are LB signs going up around the local towns to show support for Loughlin Brown who is a fifth grade student at the Wood School who is battling brain cancer. Loughlin is an avid baseball player. If you are interested in supporting you may visit Plainville Athletic League website. All money raised goes directly to Loughlin's family.

Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney-No update.

Late Communications

None

Reports of Special Committees

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Lehan reminded members that the next school committee meeting will be on June 12, 2023. He also reminded members that there will be a retreat held in August. He asked members to share dates with him.

ADJOURNMENT

- **At 8:12 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr.**

Waxman, Mr. Cronin; Ms. Sharpe; Mr. Wehmeyer; Yes (7); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on May 22, 2023:

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Draft Minutes from May 8, 2023

Stuco Report May 22, 2023

2023-2024 Student Handbook Changes (2nd Read)

Healthy KP Presentation