

King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of May 8, 2023 – Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093

OPENING OF MEETING

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

RECORDING OF MEETING

This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8

WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Mr. Cates welcomed Ms. Michele Sharpe as the new Plainville representative to the King Philip School Committee.

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, Ms. Erin Greaney

MEMBERS ABSENT

Norfolk: Present
Plainville: Present
Wrentham: Present

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION:

NOMINATION FOR CHAIR:

Dr. Gilson, who filled in for Superintendent Zinni while away on a conference, asked for nominations for the Chair position of the school committee. Mr. Cates nominated Mr. Lehan for chair. There were no other nominations made for chair.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Waxman, to nominate Mr. Lehan as Chair of the King Philip Regional School Committee for the 2023/2024 school year. All in favor: Yes(9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried. 9-0-0.**

NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIR:

Dr. Gilson asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Lehan nominated Mr. Cates as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations made for vice chair.

- **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. All in favor: Yes(9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried. 9-0-0.**

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Dr. Susan Gilson, Mr. Larry Azer, Ms. Venessa Petit, Ms. Barbara Snead, Mr. Aidan Shaughnessy, Dr. Lisa Mobley, Mr. Joshua Wolloff, US Veterans Motorcycle Club Representatives, Coach John Adams, KPHS Wrestling Team

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.

- April 24, 2023 Draft Minutes
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Waxman, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including the Minutes of the April 24, 2023 meeting. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 9-0-0.**

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Waxman, to approve and hold the Executive Session Minutes from April 24, 2023 meeting as presented. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 9-0-0.**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The May 8, 2023 HS Student Council Report was read into the minutes by Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Gilson invited Dr. Mobley to speak on behalf of the accomplishments of the wrestling team and the US Veterans Motorcycle Club Representatives. (taken out of order)

Dr. Mobley reminded everyone that this week is teacher appreciation week. Teacher's would love to hear from the people that represent our communities. Dr. Mobley said any good wishes can be emailed to her at mobleyl@kingphilip.org and she will pass the messages on to the faculty.

Dr. Mobley said the KP Wrestling Team is an amazing group of young people. Each year they chose a Veterans organization to support and fundraise for in order to give back to our Veteran community. This year they selected USVMC. As a result of the charity work the team has done, the USVMC has decided to present a scholarship to a King Philip student. Dr. Mobley congratulated Coach Adams on his 200th win. Dr. Mobley introduced Coach Adams, Assistant Coach Poirier, and President Vachon. Coach Adams has entered his 23rd year as a counselor for King Philip School District and 10th year as head coach of KP Wrestling. Assistant Coach Poirier has been in the classroom and on the mat for 8 years. This year's program is the largest they have had in history, the youngest, and the most diverse. Coach Adams introduced each member of the King Philip Wrestling Team and recognized each of them with a certificate.

Coach Adams also recognized Coach Cloutier, Coach Butler and Mrs. Adams. The team has a very strong core value belief system and civic action is important to them in particular affinity for veterans in which Coach Adams is one. Coach Adams presented the USVMC with a plaque that details the wrestling team's accomplishments this year and gave a donation to the cause generated by the wrestling team's young men and women. President Vachon presented the KP Wrestling Team with a certificate of appreciation for the wrestling team's donations. Donations like this help the USVMC to allow them to do their mission. 100% of donations go back out to their veteran community. President Vachon thanked everyone for their support. Mr. Lehan thanked Coach Adams, the KP Wrestling Team and the USVMC Representatives.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023-2024 Student Handbook changes (1st read) taken out of order

Dr. Mobley explained the handbook policy change regarding athletic transportation language needed to be aligned with both the coach's handbook along with the district handbook. A copy of Dr. Mobley's handbook changes for 23-24 is attached to these minutes. Mr. Cates recommended that since this is the first reading and since it affects the community, he would like to not vote on this tonight and would like to have time for feedback if any. Mr. Wehmeyer asked that the language be clarified about the exceptions that can and cannot be made. Dr. Gilson said they will contact the attorney on how to revisit this. Mr. Lehan asked Dr. Mobley if the wording "injury, medical or family" would do? Dr. Mobley will clarify this language and bring this change back to the committee for a second read.

Dr. Gilson extended her professional congratulations to Dr. Mobley on her new appointment as executive director of the Advanced Math and Science Public Charter School District. Dr. Gilson has worked with Dr. Mobley for 15 years and you can see through her enthusiasm that she has been a champion for the King Philip School District. Dr. Gilson said she will do very well in her new role and will be missed greatly. Mr. Lehan and the committee applauded Dr. Mobley for all of her hard work. Dr. Mobley thanked Dr. Gilson and the committee for their kind words.

KPRHS Jazz Ensemble Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Joshua Wolloff gave a brief overview of the KPHS Jazz Ensemble overnight field trip to Camp Mataponi in Naples, ME. Mr. Wolloff is looking for approval from the committee for this trip. This trip is a traditional trip and has been going on for a long time. Their fees change from year to year. This is funded by the students themselves. The approximate cost of the field trip is around \$500 this year. No student is ever turned away.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for the KPRHS Jazz Ensemble to attend Camp Mataponi in Naples, ME August 13-August 18, 2023. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 9-0-0.**

FY 2024 Marching Band Fee

Mr. Joshua Wolloff gave a brief overview of the FY2024 Marching Band Fees. There is an increase in fees every year depending on the number of students. The cost is approximately \$530 this year. Again, no one is turned away.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Greaney, to approve a fee of \$530 for the FY2024 marching band program. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 9-0-0.**

Superintendent Reports and Recommendations: (continued)

Dr. Gilson recognized the DECA efforts at the international conference held in Orlando, FL. There were 58 students who represented King Philip. Some of these students earned “the glass” trophy. These trophies are displayed in the main lobby. Ms. Abby Hoyt was recognized for first place trophy presented “A Start Up Business Plan”, Phil Harmon and Liam Hickey were recognized for second place in their financial literacy project. Luke Anderson and Ryan Taylor were recognized for third place for their independent business plan. KP DECA was the only chapter in the state that won first place trophy for the large contingent that went and did so well. Trinjan Kaur was elected the North Atlantic region vice president of DECA and will be in the role next year. Dr. Gilson thanked Mr. Dow for being the DECA advisor and supporter of all of DECA student accomplishments.

Dr. Gilson mentioned that there was an event on Saturday, May 6th, called “Saturday School for Parents” hosted for KP for all in the tri-town community. Several organizations were present such as Families for Depression Awareness, Healthy KP, and the parents/community members led by our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director that was there to share information about the community book read “How to Raise An Anti-racist.” Ms. Dot Pearl, Wellness Director for the district is looking at how to bring different stakeholder groups to connect with the information that would help students prevent substance abuse, mental health issues, along with many other issues that are challenging to parents of today.

Dr. Gilson said there were two professional development sessions held last week. The middle school is working on PBIS-Positive Behavior Intervention Systems. They have been working on designing a school wide positive plan for the behavior at the middle school. At the high school they are continuing to develop the Vision of a Graduate and link this vision to specific performance outcomes. The Vision of a Graduate deals with six levels: think, accept, innovate, communicate, contribute and learn. These categories emerged from a process in 2021-2022 where information was gathered from many different stakeholders. They are important because they highlight our expectations for student experiences at King Philip along with what is an expected part of the accreditation process. We will have a site visit next year from NEASC as part of the high school accreditation process.

Dr. Gilson said Career Day on April 26th was very successful. There were organizations that were represented that will help students launch careers immediately after graduation. There were stem based companies, business organizations, training institutes, and health based organizations. It was a very well attended event.

Dr. Gilson thanked Mr. Shaughnessy for the Stuco Report. She also said the performance of Chicago was outstanding this weekend as put on by our King Philip students.

NEW BUSINESS-Continued

FY2024 Bi-County Board Appointment

Mr. Lehan informed the committee Dr. Drolet would need to be appointed as the next Bi-County Collaborative representative effective July 1, 2023.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to appoint Dr. Drolet to be the King Philip Regional School District representative to the Bi-County Collaborative effective July 1, 2023. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 9-0-0.**

Disposal of Old Weight Room Equipment

Mr. Azer explained the disposal of surplus weight room equipment. A copy of the memorandum is attached to these minutes.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon, that the district declare the old weight room equipment at King Philip High School as surplus and that it be disposed of according to School Committee policy. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 9-0-0.**

Quarterly Financial Report

Mr. Azer reviewed the quarterly financial report with the committee. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Wynn- No update at this time. The next meeting will be on May 9th. Norfolk's town meeting will be on May 17th.

Plainville School Committee Representative: Ms. Sharpe reported that on May 4, 2023 the committee reorganized and subcommittees were established. The chair remains as Mr. Alexander and vice chair is Mr. Albert. There was a budget update preparing for the town meeting that will be held on June 5th. Mrs. Mazzario along with the historical society gave a presentation related to the Palms Project. The summer enrichment program will be held from July 10-July 27. This program will run for four weeks and have a variety of activities and educational programs. The committee also appointed their superintendent to the BICO Collaborative and also went over the superintendent's evaluation and approved their PTO fundraisers.

Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney-No update at this time. Next meeting will be on May 16th. She will return as the KP School Committee representative.

Late Communications

None

Reports of Special Committees

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Lehan reminded members that there are two school committee meetings remaining. May 22, 2023 and June 12, 2023. He also reminded members that there will be a retreat held in August. If there are any thoughts or subject matters you would like to see on the agenda to let him or Mr. Cates know.

Dr. Gilson reminded everyone that graduation will be held at Stonehill College on Sunday June 4, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

- **At 8:04 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (9): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Wynn; Ms. Sharpe; Ms. Greaney; Mr. Wehmeyer; Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on May 8, 2023:

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Draft Minutes from April 24, 2023

Draft Executive Session Minutes from April 24, 2023

Stuco Report May 8, 2023

KP Regional High School Jazz Ensemble Overnight Field Trip Request (Camp Mataponi Naples, FL)

FY 2024 Marching Band Fee

FY 2024 Bi-County Board Appointment Form

2023-2024 Student Handbook Changes (1st Read)

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