

**King Philip Regional School Committee  
Minutes of June 12, 2023 – **Approved**  
King Philip Regional High School – Library  
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

**OPENING OF MEETING**

Mr. Lehan, chair, opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

**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, Ms. Erin Greaney**

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Norfolk: Present  
Plainville: Present  
Wrentham: Present**

**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 22, 2023 Draft Minutes  
-Payment of Bills/Warrants  
-Communications

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including the draft Minutes of the May 22, 2023 meeting. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 9-0-0.**

**DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS**

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azer, Ms. Petit, Ms. Snead, Mr. Shaughnessy, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Reynolds, Dr. Mobley, Dr. Drolet, Mr. Brenneis, Mr. Knott, Ms. Kreuzer

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

None

## **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

The June 12, 2023 HS Student Council Report was read into the minutes by Ms. Addison Lewis. Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy said both the KP softball and baseball teams have successfully advanced to the finals. Ms. Lewis and Mr. Shaughnessy will share the role of student representative for next year.

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

### District Update

Mr. Zinni said there have been a number of shows held at the middle and high schools which showcased student's artwork and some great musical performances.

Mr. Zinni said the senior awards night was held last week and sixty-six guests attended. There were a number of other awards given by organizations where no representative was able to attend. We have a huge number of generous community people who have helped in one way or another to either honor our students' achievements and/or provide scholarships for them as they move on to the future. Over \$120,000 were given out in scholarships and additionally there were four ROTC scholarships. When the ROTC full tuition scholarships were added in, it totaled over \$1,000,000 worth of scholarships. Kudos to all of the hardworking students. 147 students received an award and/or scholarship. Mr. Zinni gave a huge thank you to everyone involved. Mr. Zinni's speech was written by artificial intelligence (AI) on innovation for the future.

Mr. Zinni said the graduation at Stonehill was a wonderful event. Mr. Zinni thanked committee members for attending these special events.

Mr. Zinni said the middle school will be holding field days and field trips. Mr. Zinni thanked all of the staff and Wrentham Parks and Recreation for opening up Rice Field to allow our students to have a great field day. The middle school held a dance and was a huge success and a great send off for our 8th graders. The 8th grade awards night will be held tomorrow night. The high school is finishing their finals and wrapping up the year.

Ms. Greaney mentioned that an 8th grade family has donated graduation signs for all the 8th graders. Pick up will be held at the middle school tomorrow between 12:30-3:00pm and then at the high school for the awards ceremony from 5:30-6:30pm. If someone cannot make these times, please contact Ms. Greaney to arrange for pick up. Mr. Zinni thanked the family who donated the yard signs for their generosity.

### Welcome to Dr. Drolet Superintendent

Mr. Zinni introduced Superintendent Rich Drolet to the committee. Dr. Drolet thanked the committee for their vote of confidence and congratulated Superintendent Zinni on his retirement. Dr. Drolet comes from the Seekonk school district and will begin at King Philip on July 1, 2023. The committee welcomed Dr. Drolet to the district.

### Human Resources Update

Mr. Zinni shared the "Why You Should Work for the King Philip Regional School District video."  
<https://vimeo.com/829420268>

### Teacher of the Year Honoree

Mr. Zinni sent congratulations to Ms. Erin Nerlino to honor her for being named one of the finalists in Massachusetts for “Teacher of the Year”. Unfortunately, she could not attend this meeting. Mr. Zinni recommended bringing Ms. Nerlino back in the fall to honor her when they announce the recipient.

### 2023-2024 School Calendar Update

Mr. Zinni said the calendar has been updated to include MCAS dates and because of that we recognized a couple of our half days were actually MCAS days. Because the test is untimed and students can take as long as they would like, we did not want students leaving half way through the day making sure they have the full day for that so thus adjustments were made to three half days. This will also be updated on the website as well. A copy of the updated calendar is attached to these minutes.

### School Committee Retreat

Mr. Lehan notified the committee that in speaking with Dr. Drolet, they have agreed on a date for the school committee retreat. This will be held on August 9, 2023 at the middle school library. There will also be a school committee meeting held on August 28, 2023. Dr. Drolet will reach out to members over the next couple of months to see what topics members would like to see on the retreat agenda.

### KP Strategic Plan Accomplishments Update-Year 4 (taken out of order)

Mr. Zinni said the strategic plan was written four years ago (a comprehensive 5 year strategic plan). Each summer during the administrative retreat the team looks at this plan and looks at the year in review. How many of the action steps were accomplished, what does that look like, are there new things that need to be added and tweaked and then a document was provided to members that then listed those accomplishments for that year. The first year that this was done the accomplishments were in bold. Purple for the second year. Blue for third and this past year are in red. There is one more year to finish this plan with Dr. Drolet. This document was shared with all members. A copy of the strategic plan is attached to these minutes.

### KPRSD Tiered Support Inventory-MTSS

A copy of the Tiered Support Inventory is attached to these minutes.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### KP Football Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Zinni gave a brief overview of the KP Football Team Overnight Field Trip Request to Camp Mataponi in Naples, ME.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for the KP Football Team to attend Camp Mataponi in Naples, ME August 22-August 27, 2023. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 9-0-0.**

### KP DECA Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Zinni gave a brief overview of the KP DECA Overnight Field Trip Request to State Competition in Boston, MA March 7, 2024-March 9, 2024.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for the KP DECA Team to attend State Competition in Boston, MA March 7, 2024-March 9, 2024. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 9-0-0.**

Mr. Cates asked if chaperones would be ensured for this field trip since the status on the request is TBD. Mr. Zinni and Dr. Mobley assured that Mr. Dow is meticulous on fulfilling the number of chaperones.

### KP DECA Overnight Field Trip Request

Mr. Zinni gave a brief overview of the KP DECA Overnight Field Trip Request to International Competition in Anaheim, CA April 25, 2024-May 1, 2024.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Greaney, to approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for the KP DECA Team to attend International Competition in Anaheim, CA April 25, 2024-May 1, 2024. All in favor: Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 9-0-0.**

Mr. Cates asked for more details of this trip before approving. Dr. Mobley explained that this request is a bit pressing since DECA Inc. sets the costs, names your hotel and then you are allowed to buy group airline tickets. They also do not know until they make it through states who will be attending ICDC. So chaperone numbers are up in the air for that reason. Historically this request has been approved ahead of time. Mr. Dow is always willing to come back and fill in the details. The students are able to do independent fundraising to defer some of their cost. If we wait too long to approve this request, he does not get on to the group rates. The last trip went very smoothly. DECA Inc. makes the arrangements for most of the details of the trip. Mr. Lehan agreed that the details of the trip be shared at a future meeting. Mr. Cates and Mr. Lehan have been very supportive of this trip but would like the details to be shared with the committee beforehand. Mr. Dow will be invited to a future meeting to give an update.

### Declaration of surplus items from high school library

Mr. Zinni shared a memo from Mr. Azer outlining what the surplus items are from the high school library. A copy of the memo is attached to these minutes.

### Proposed changes to the KPRSD Student Handbook, 2023-2024 (first read)

Mr. Zinni said the memo from Ms. Kreuzer explains the proposed changes to the KPRSD Student Handbook. A copy of the memo is attached to these minutes.

Mr. Harmon questioned the language on restorative practices for the tardy and the cheating but not for the truancy. Was there a reason for this? Ms. Kreuzer said this could be added in that section. It would be more logical to see this under all of them.

Mr. Waxman questioned the cell phone policy, it looks like there is not a restorative practice. The committee decided to defer this item and that a second reading would be needed at the next school committee meeting on August 28, 2023 to finalize a vote.

### **REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES**

None

### **REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Wynn-Norfolk School Committee will be honoring their long term retirees tonight, Ms. Linda Balfour, principal and Ms. Julie Gallagher, preschool teacher. The Norfolk town budget passed. Lots of great activities were held with the students this spring. The Great Color Fun Run, spring band and chorus concert, and lots of activities to send the 6th graders off. Negotiations with the Norfolk Teachers Association are continuing. A new principal was hired for the H. Olive Day School. Mr Lehan commented that Ms. Balfour was the only principal H. Oliver Day has ever had and she will be deeply missed.

Plainville School Committee Representative: Ms. Sharpe-There was a group of sixth grade students who gave a presentation on how much their last school year experience meant to them and the support they had. The Plainville town budget was passed. Sixth grade graduation will be held this week.

Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney-The Wrentham town budget passed. At the town meeting the elementary school choir sang the "Wrentham 350" song. The sixth graders went to Camp Bournedale last week. Graduation was held this morning. Last day of school will be on 6/13/23.

### **LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

None

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None

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

#### **RECOGNITION OF RETIREES & SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Mr. Zinni loves books and read the book "The End Is Just The Beginning" by Mike Bender.

Mr. Zinni "hopes that we can honor some special people tonight and not talk about the end of their time here at King Philip but of the beginnings of their journeys to happy days ahead".

Recognitions were given to the retirees of the District during 2023:

Ms. Mary Ann Reynolds recognized and congratulated Ms. Ellen Carter, Food Services worker, who was not present, for her 19 years of service and dedication to the district.

Mr. Azer recognized and congratulated Ms. Reynolds, Food Services director, who was present, thanked her for 27 years of service and dedication to the district.

Dr. Mobley recognized and congratulated Ms. Julie Habib, school guidance counselor working in education, who was not present, for her 35 years of service and dedication.

Mr. Lehan recognized Mr. Christopher Brenneis for his year of service as the Plainville representative to the King Philip School Committee. His contribution has been greatly appreciated.

Mr. Lehan recognized and congratulated Mr. Trevor Knott for being on the search committee which brought Mr. Zinni to King Philip. Mr. Knott has been on the KP School Committee for two 3-year terms from 2017-2023 with the last two years as Chair. He has been a leader for the school committee, an advocate for children, an advocate for the committee's work, brought the committee together and kept the committee together, a great leader as chair and is grateful for all that he has done. Mr. Lehan presented Mr. Knott with a citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts signed by Representative Marcus Vaughn for all of the work he has done for King Philip. Dr. Gilson presented Mr. Knott with a citation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts signed by Senator Becca Rausch for all of the work he has done for the King Philip School District. Mr Zinni thanked Mr. Brenneis and Mr. Knott for their dedicated work and service to the King Philip School District.

Mr. Zinni, recognized and congratulated Dr. Mobley, High School Principal for 15 years of service and presented her with a clock award. Mr. Lehan, acting as Norfolk Selectboard member, presented Dr. Mobley with a proclamation from the Town of Norfolk. Dr. Gilson presented Dr. Mobley with proclamations from Senator Becca Rausch and Representative Macus Vaughn for all of the work she has done for the King Philip School District.

Mr. Lehan, acting as Norfolk Selectboard member, presented Mr. Zinni with a proclamation from the Town of Norfolk. Mr. Lehan also received a communication from the President of the Teacher's Association Mr. Adam Gentilli. A copy of this communication is included in these minutes. Dr. Gilson presented Mr. Zinni with proclamations from Senator Becca Rausch and Representative Macus Vaughn for all of the work he has done for the King Philip School District. Mr. Knott, as former past school committee chair, presented Mr. Zinni with a clock award and thanked him for his five years of service to the King Philip School District.

Mr. Lehan thanked everyone for all they do for the King Philip students.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- **At 8:46 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. Sharpe; Mr. Wehmeyer; Ms. Greaney; Ms. Wynn; Yes (9); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mrs. Venessa Petit  
Secretary to the School Committee*

**Documents presented on June 12, 2023:**

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Draft Minutes from May 22, 2023

Stuco Report June 12, 2023

2023-2024 School Calendar Update

KPRSD Tiered Support Inventory-MTSS

KP Strategic Plan Accomplishments Update- Year 4

KP Football Overnight Field Trip Request-Camp Mataponi

KP DECA Overnight Field Trip Request-State Competition Boston, MA

KP DECA Overnight Field Trip Request-International Competition Anaheim, CA

Declaration of surplus items from high school library

Proposed changes to the KPRSD Student Handbook, 2023-2024

Letter from Mr. Adam Gentili, President of KPTA re: Mr. Zinni's retirement