

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of September 9, 2024-Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Lehan, Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance.

RECORDING OF MEETING

This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8 and Noth TV Plainville Channel

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Mr. Jim Lehan, Mr. Eric Harmon, Ms. Lisa Sheldon
Plainville:	Mr. Bruce Cates, Mr. Greg Wehmeyer, Ms. Michele Sharpe
Wrentham:	Ms. Cait Lanza, Ms. Erin Greaney, Mr. Joseph Cronin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Norfolk:	Present
Plainville:	Present
Wrentham:	Present

VISITORS

Dr. Rich Drolet, Ms. Colleen Terrill, Mr. Larry Azer, Ms. Lisa Moy, Mr. Michael Bois, Mr. Rich Harwood, Mr. Jeff Plympton, Mr. Joseph Zahner, Ms. Barbara Snead, Ms. Venessa Petit

DONATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Dr. Drolet recognized the Sports Boosters, Hall of Fame Committee, and Gridiron Club for their generous donation of a phenomenal golf cart which will replace the aging Warrior Wagon. Mr. Jeff Plympton and Mr. Rich Harwood were in attendance for this donation acknowledgement. Mr. Joseph Zahner was also recognized for his help. This donation is immensely appreciated and will greatly benefit our Athletics Department at King Philip. The school committee is grateful for all of the support and commitment to the King Philip Community. Acknowledgement letters for this generous donation were given to each of the fundraising groups. The school committee brought forward a motion to formally vote to accept this generous donation to the district.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to formally accept the donation of a new golf cart given by the Sports Boosters, Hall of Fame Committee and the Gridiron Club for the benefit of King Philip's Athletics Department. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

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 July 22, 2024 Minutes
- Draft August 7, 2024 Minutes
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including the draft minutes of July 22, 2024 and August 7, 2024. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Cates, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The September 9, 2024 KPHS Student Council Report was submitted by Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy who could not attend tonight's meeting. Ms. Barbara Snead gave some highlights of the busy start to the new school year with clubs and athletics up and running. Ms. Snead also recognized the student council, along with KP Cares and Administration, for helping with the coordination of the new student orientation on August 28th. Homecoming is on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Ms. Snead is looking for volunteers to help out with this event. If interested, please contact her.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Update

- King Philip District Strategic Plan (2024-2029)
- Healthy KP Coalition Update
- Newcomer Students Update - Ms. Greaney asked if the extensions for the newcomer students can keep being requested (currently 5 to 30 days in some cases). Dr. Drolet and Mr. Lehan said there are qualifying factors that are needed to get the 30 day extension. King Philip is not involved in those extensions.
- Staffing

As a reminder, the Superintendent's Update can always be found on the district's webpage. A copy of this update is also attached to these minutes.

Superintendent Report of Entry Findings

Dr. Drolet shared his *Report of Entry Findings* which is a culmination of Dr. Drolet's first year at King Philip. This report includes:

- Introduction
- Background
- Core Values
- Arrival of Findings
- Major Findings and Impressions
 1. Community Support
 2. Student Learning
 3. Teaching Practices
 4. Special Education Programming

- Next Steps

Dr Drolet thanked Ms. Lisa Moy and Ms. Nicole Bottomley and Ms. Michelle Kreuzer for their feedback. He also thanked the school committee, faculty and staff, students, families and tri-county community members for welcoming him to the KP District. A copy of the *Report of Entry Findings* can be found on the district's webpage. A copy of the report is also attached to these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

School Committee Goals 2024-2025

Mr. Lehan shared a draft of the school committee's goals for 2024-2025. A facilitator was brought in to conduct a workshop with school committee members back in August. At that time the facilitator helped with the connectivity between the strategic plan and the school committee's goals. Members drafted their goals with the help of the facilitator's guidance. Members appreciated the facilitator's guidance. The draft goals for 2024-2025 are:

The School Committee will:

1. Support the ongoing development of student-centered learning to increase engagement, improve behavior, and elevate academic performance.
2. Strengthen two-way communication to promote understanding and increase collaboration between the school district, families, and tri-town community.
3. Ensure fiscally responsible budgets within the financial considerations of our member communities, and develop a capital improvement plan to meet the needs and goals of the school district.
4. Support social-emotional learning to promote self-awareness and responsible decision-making, instill a culture of wellness, and create a sense of belonging.

A motion was brought forward to approve the 2024-2025 King Philip School Committee Goals.

- **A Motion was made by Ms. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to approve the 2024-2025 King Philip School Committee Goals as presented. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Mr. Harmon informed the committee that the policy subcommittee will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 5pm. Mr. Lehan reminded that any committee member is free to bring a recommendation for a policy or amend an existing policy to bring the policy subcommittee at any time.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative:

Ms. Sheldon said they are currently expecting about 12 students from the shelter. The administration is working very hard to prepare for the newcomers. In addition they are completely out of space at the lower elementary school and are watching enrollment numbers very carefully. There was a smooth start to school opening.

Plainville School Committee Representative:

Ms. Sharpe reported that the opening of school went very smoothly. Enrollment is at 591 for K-6, with preschool it is 621 students. Specialized programs were discussed. The Jackson School will have the JLC (Jackson Learning Center). The Wood School will have two programs. TLP Program (Therapeutic Learning Program) and the Goals Program (Generalization of Academic Language and Social Skills). There will be an Open House on September 11th from 6-7pm.

Wrentham School Committee Representative:

Ms. Greaney reported there was a great start to the school year. They are working on a policy review. The committee reviewed their school committee goals. Student handbook was also reviewed.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Lehan received a late communication from a Norfolk resident. The person asked if this late communication could be read as part of a public comment. Mr. Lehan said that he cannot read an email as a public comment. Public comment must come from individuals who come to the meeting and address the committee in that manner.

Mr. Lehan did respond as he felt it was a reasonable request. The resident asked that when the agenda is uploaded for the school committee meeting that the documentation be included behind the agenda in advance of the meeting. Mr. Lehan said information that was confidential or unapproved minutes would be held back from posting in advance. Dr. Drolet said that there may be cases where documents are still being worked on that may not be included in the original agenda posting that may be brought to the actual meeting. Going forward it was agreed upon that the documents that are available at the time of posting will be included.

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Cates asked the committee to have a discussion on the updated Title IX and the Massachusetts State DESE and MIAA requirements. Dr. Drolet recommended our attorney to attend a future school committee to discuss this topic in further detail.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION - (not needed)

Mr. Azer said the purpose of the executive session was to ratify the King Philip Food Services Contract. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was previously approved by the school committee and the King Philip Food Service Association. He explained that nothing has changed with that agreement since then. The committee would need to ratify the full contract which incorporates the changes from the MOA into the full contract and sign the full contract. No questions were asked by the committee; therefore, no executive session was needed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The committee brought forth a vote to ratify the King Philip Food Services Contract.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the King Philip Food Services Association and The King Philip School Committee effective July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Draft executive minutes from June 10, 2024 were deferred to the next executive session meeting for approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **At 8:52 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (9); Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Sheldon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on September 9, 2024:

Agenda

Donation Acknowledgement: Golf Cart for Athletic Dept.

Bills/Warrants

Draft Minutes from July 22, 2024

Draft Minutes from August 7, 2024

Stuco Report 9/9/24

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Report of Entry Findings

School Committee Goals 2024-2025-Draft

KP Food Services Association Contract Ratification (7/1/24-6/30/27)