

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of Monday, November 4, 2024 –Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

OPENING OF MEETING

Mr. Lehan, Chair opened the meeting at 7:01pm.
Pledge of Allegiance.

RECORDING OF MEETING

This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

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| Norfolk: | Present |
| Plainville: | Present |
| Wrentham: | Present |

VISITORS

Dr. Rich Drolet, Ms. Colleen Terrill, Mr. Larry Azer, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Carolyn Collins, Ms. Barbara Snead, Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy, Mr. Joshua Wolloff, Mr. Birch Duggins-Warf, Ms. Michelle Kruzer, Ms. Nicole Bottomley

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Birch Duggins-Warf, Norfolk MA-Topic: IHAMA Sex Education Notification Policy

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Draft October 16, 2024 Minutes
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including the draft minutes of October 16, 2024. All in favor: Yes (9): Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sheldon; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The October 16, 2024 KPHS Student Council Report was read into the minutes by Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy. This report was submitted by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon and Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Update

- DECA Ceremony and Breakfast on December 4th
- Norfolk Temporary Respite Shelter Update
- KPHS Superintendent Residency Week
- KP Marching Band National Champs

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

Assistant Superintendent's Update

- Home School Students
- Local Staff Development Opportunities (LSDO)
- November 5 Full PD Day
- Innovation Career Pathways
- MCAS Scores and 2023-2024 School/District Accountability
- MassCue
- MASS/MASC
- Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

Mr. Lehan requested a comparison be done between King Philip's MCAS results to other schools in the surrounding areas. Ms. Terrill will facilitate this information to Mr. Lehan. A copy of the Assistant Superintendent's update is also attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2025 Winter Music Fees

Mr. Joshua Wolloff gave a summary of changes for the FY 2025 winter music program fees to the committee. Mr. Azer submitted a memo of changes to the FY 2025 winter music program fees. A copy is attached to these minutes. A motion was brought forward:

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to approve the FY 2025 winter music program fees as presented. All in favor: Yes (9): Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sheldon; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

School Improvement Plans 2024-2025

High School:

Student representatives Mr. Jason Silva and Mr. Talia Westbrook along with Ms. Bottomley presented an overview of the high school improvement plan for 2024-2025. A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes.

After a brief discussion a motion was brought forward.

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

Middle School:

Ms. Kreuzer presented an overview of the middle school improvement plan for 2024-2025. A copy of this presentation is attached to these minutes.

After a brief discussion a motion was brought forward.

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

Policy Revision IHAMA-Sex Education Notification

Mr. Harmon informed the committee that the policy subcommittee met to review modifications for two existing policies and that both policies are a first read.

This policy had changes in the third paragraph and in item #2. It was discussed what should be identified in the notification. Topics of abortion, birth control and laws regarding minors' access to reproductive healthcare was new language added to the policy. Item #2: The idea is to streamline the opt in or opt out process by the notification being sent home with the child, if the parent wants to opt out they sign the notification and check an opt out box.

Dr. Drolet shared with the committee that he as well as the principals and the Director of Wellness do not support this change but would respectfully implement whatever the committee decides. Legal advised against imposing more requirements than what the law requires (adding “topics of abortion, birth control and laws regarding minors' access to reproductive healthcare” to the notification). Dr. Drolet feared a parent might inadvertently check a box to opt out and unknowingly restrict students to important information.

Currently the parent would contact the principal through the teacher to opt out. Ms. Sharpe expressed her concern with a check off box. She shared that she knows of only four districts in the state that included a check off or sign off regarding health education. This revised policy does not require for the parent to return the notification form. This would be a notification to opt out only. Ms. Sharpe said it is important to have the parent know exactly what is being taught. If nothing was returned with this new procedure, then the student would still be in the health class.

Mr. Harmon recommended to the committee that this be taken as a first read tonight and do a second reading at the next meeting. Committee members agreed to take up a second reading.

Ms. Sharpe recommended that the committee also have a copy of the MASC's recommendation of the IHAMA-Parental Notification Relative to Sex Education which was updated in 2023. Ms. Sharpe will provide Dr. Drolet with a copy of the MASC's recommendation. Mr. Lehan recommended that if anyone else had any changes that you get these to Mr. Harmon who chairs the policy subcommittee, who could then get this to the subcommittee members for review.

Policy Revision IMG-Animals in Schools

Mr. Harmon said this is a substantial update to the previous policy. This policy specifies procedures for if a staff member or other community member wants to bring in a comfort dog or animal. The individual has to get permission from the superintendent or building principal. The dog has to be trained and licensed/registered. This has to go through a whole process. Health considerations, such as allergies with staff and all students' needs, would also be followed.

Mr. Harmon recommended members of the committee read it. Dr. Drolet said he brought forward these policy revisions and concurred with the policy subcommittee on changing the policy. This policy differentiates between service animals and comfort dogs. Especially since Covid, there have been more benefits (social-emotional) of comfort dogs in school. Dr. Drolet said he has seen this to be a positive experience with kids and staff. This policy outlines procedures. This policy will be discussed at the next meeting.

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Policy Subcommittee-See policies above.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative:

Ms. Sheldon reported that the shelter is at manageable levels of enrollment. The school committee will be asking the town, at the next town meeting, for \$4 million dollars to fund the schematic design for the proposed school expansion. There will be an informational session on November 6th.

Plainville School Committee Representative:

Ms. Sharpe reported that the committee talked about having a career day at the school, fire safety, Grade 2 Learning Lunch, Lite box Learning for Grade 5 (interactive ebooks). Haunted house and Trunk or Treat were held. Educator Induction Program and town professional development. Ms. Sharpe is the MASC/MASS delegate for the assembly. They did go over the district strategic plan as well.

Wrentham School Committee Representative:

Ms. Greaney reported that the committee had not met since the last meeting.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Drolet informed the committee that there will be a Finance Subcommittee meeting on Monday, November 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. The Collective Bargaining Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Sharpe pointed out that the DECA Breakfast invitation states Wednesday December 4, 2024. At the top it states December 14th, 2024. The actual date is Wednesday, December 4, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **At 9:00 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Cronin, seconded by Mr. Cates, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (9): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sheldon; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on November 4, 2024:

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Draft Minutes from October 16, 2024

Stuco Report 11/4/24

Superintendent's Update

Assistant Superintendent's Update

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School Improvement Plans KPHS/KPMS 2024-2025

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