

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of Monday, February 24, 2025 – 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.
Pledge of Allegiance

RECORDING OF MEETING

This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Norfolk:	Present
Plainville:	Mr. Bruce Cates
Wrentham:	Mr. Joseph Cronin

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:01pm Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

- **A Motion was made by Ms. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to adjourn into executive session. Roll call vote: Yes (7): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Greaney No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.**

The committee adjourned at 7:01 pm and will return to open session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:07 pm the committee returned to open session.

VISITORS

Dr. Rich Drolet, Mr. Larry Azer, Ms. Colleen Terrill, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Lisa Moy, Ms. Barbara Snead, Mr. Aiden Shaughnessey, Ms. Venessa Petit

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 Minutes January 27, 2025
- Draft Minutes February 3, 2025
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications

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- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including the draft minutes of January 27, 2025 and the draft minutes of February 3, 2025. All in favor: Yes (7) Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The February 24, 2025 KPHS Student Council Report was written by Ms. Ashley Cleverden and read into the minutes by Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent's Update

- Norfolk Temporary Respite Shelter Update
- King Philip Membership Update into The Education Cooperation
- Legislative Breakfast
- Emailing the School Committee Through our Website

A copy of the Superintendent's update is attached to these minutes and also can be found on the King Philip website.

Assistant Superintendent's Update

- Applied Learning Leadership Discovery
- ELPAC Meeting
- Learning Walks at KPMS
- PE/Health Teachers
- Panel Presentation

A copy of the Assistant Superintendent's update is attached to these minutes and also can be found on the King Philip website.

Dr. Drolet credited Ms. Terrill for bringing lots of educators together in regards to curriculum groups and teachers across the four districts in the short amount of time that she has been here.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

KP School Committee Bylaws (first read)

Mr. Lehan thanked Mr. Wehmeyer for bringing the bylaws forward to review. This is a first read of the bylaws. The committee was given copies of the original version and also a red-line version with some recommended changes (see attached). Mr. Lehan asked the committee to bring forth any additional changes to Mr. Harmon or himself so they may get them into the second read for the next school committee meeting. The advice from council was to update the bylaws first before revisiting any by-law policy.

FY 2026 Athletics User Fees

Mr. Lehan said the Finance Subcommittee met and discussed how to deal with the FY 2026 Athletic User Fees. All sorts of considerations were discussed and an athletic user fee increase recommendation was approved by the subcommittee. Today, there was a budget update from Dr. Drolet that made all of the Finance Subcommittee's athletic user fee increase recommendation go away. Dr. Drolet shared that a vote on this agenda item is no longer needed due to a healthcare insurance reduction. The health insurance had gone out to bid with the hopes of reducing the rates. There was a 8.5% increase that came in for next year but after it went out to bid, they met with the insurance broker and the rate is down now to 5%. This means that more funds can go towards the operational budget for Athletics, so the School Committee does not have to propose or vote on increasing athletic user fees. The remaining money would go towards bathroom doors at the high school and a speech-language pathologist teacher required for students with disabilities (this position was cut last year). The 4.38% increase will be kept as is. There will be no increase to the user fees for FY2026.

NEW BUSINESS

Jazz Ensemble (Essentially Ellington) Overnight Field Trip New York, NY 5/7/25-5/11/25

Dr. Drolet asked the committee's approval for the Jazz Ensemble I to attend the Essentially Ellington Festival and Competition overnight field trip to New York, NY on May 7, 2025-May 11, 2025.

With no questions or comments from the committee, Mr. Lehan asked the committee for a motion to approve.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Greaney, to approve Jazz Ensemble I to attend the Essentially Ellington Festival and Competition overnight field trip on May 7, 2025-May 11, 2025 in New York, NY. All in favor: Yes (7) Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

KPTA MOU-Early Retirement Incentive 2024-2025 school year

Dr. Drolet asked the school committee for their vote and approval for the MOU's (for the second year in a row) to propose an early retirement incentive with the KPTA.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Greaney, to approve the Memorandum of Understandings for the proposed early retirement incentive with the KPTA for the second year in a row. All in favor: Yes (7) Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

Copies of these Memorandum of Understandings are attached to these minutes.

FY 25 Budget Update

Mr. Azer gave a brief overview of the FY 25 Q2 budget to the committee.

Transportation

- Special education in-district and out-of-district 8% increase this year
- McKinney-Vento (homeless) trending \$100k over budget
- Using \$250k from transportation reimbursement reserve fund

Facilities

- MS HVAC trending \$51k over budget
- HS plumbing trending \$34k over budget
- Electricity trending \$60k under budget

Insurance

- Health Insurance trending \$450k under budget

Dr. Drolet and Mr. Lehan said the reimbursement of \$104.89 per day per shelter student that has been in place for a year and a half now was suspended since January 1st. There is an effort to get this reimbursement back from the state.

A copy of the FY25 Q2 budget is attached to these minutes.

SEPAC and District's Introduction of the New Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Individualized Education Program (IEP)

Ms. Moy reviewed the new Massachusetts DESE Individual Education Program (IEP) with the committee. A copy of Ms. Moy's presentation is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Moy also gave an overview of the Links program (ages 18-22) housed at King Philip Middle School. One part of the program is helping with job coaching, obtaining their licenses, and supporting the students so they can be successful in life. The other part of the program is for students who need support services. If a student does not meet these requirements by the age of 22, the adult service agencies step in such as assisted living agencies or the Department of Mental Health.

King Philip Regional School District Membership in The Education Cooperative, effective July 1, 2025 and to approve and accept the TEC Collaborative Agreement accordingly

Dr. Drolet said the School Committee had already taken a vote and approved exploring membership into the TEC Collaborative. Tonight's vote is to seek approval to accept the TEC Collaborative Agreement. The TEC Collaborative can have either a Superintendent or Chair of the School Committee sit on its board. The TEC Board provides fiduciary and organizational oversight to the TEC Cooperative. Mr. Lehan said that he is very appreciative that the TEC Collaborative is amenable to let King Philip Regional School District join the TEC Collaborative and accept the TEC Collaborative Agreement.

- **A Motion was made by Ms. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Harmon, for King Philip Regional School District to become a member of The Education Cooperative, effective July 1, 2025, and to approve and accept the TEC Collaborative Agreement. All in favor: Yes (7) Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Wehymeyer, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee

Dr. Drolet said he sent all school committee members an email packet which included all documents needed to complete the Superintendent's Evaluation. Evaluations should be sent via a hard copy or electronically to Ms. Petit no later than Monday, March 10th. This will give Mr. Lehan and Ms. Petit time to compile all nine individual evaluations the week of March 10th and prepare an overall evaluation rating for the committee to vote on at the March 17th School Committee Meeting. If members have any questions, please contact Dr. Drolet.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative: No report

Plainville School Committee Representative:

Ms. Sharpe said they worked on technology and facility policies. The 2025-2026 school calendar was voted on. Dr. Parson is presenting at the Board of Selectmen meeting tonight to give more information on special education tuition and transportation costs being part of the budget piece. Some of the Special Education Reserve funds will need to be used this year to support the students they have. There was a brief mention of the modular demolition project. They also had a curriculum update as well.

Dr. Drolet said he and Mr. Azer were invited to present the KP Budget to the Plainville Finance Subcommittee on Thursday evening, March 13, 2025.

Wrentham School Committee Representative: No report

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

The next school committee meetings will be held on March 3, 2025 and March 17, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:20 pm, a Motion was made by Ms. Greaney, seconded by Ms. Sharpe to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7); Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Wehmeyer; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 7-0-0.

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on February 24, 2025:

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Draft Minutes from January 27, 2025

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Superintendent's Evaluation Documents