

**King Philip Regional School Committee  
Minutes of March 17, 2025 -Approved  
King Philip Regional High School – Library  
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

**OPENING OF MEETING**

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

**RECORDING OF MEETING**

This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Members Present:**

<b>Norfolk:</b>	<b>Mr. Jim Lehan, Mr. Eric Harmon (arrived at 7:07pm) , Ms. Lisa Sheldon</b>
<b>Plainville:</b>	<b>Mr. Greg Wehmeyer, Mr. Bruce Cates (arrived at 7:01pm), Ms. Michele Sharpe</b>
<b>Wrentham:</b>	<b>Ms. Erin Greaney, Mr. Joe Cronin, Ms. Cait Lanza</b>

**Members Absent:**

<b>Norfolk:</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Plainville:</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Wrentham:</b>	<b>Present</b>

**VISITORS**

Dr. Rich Drolet, Mr. Larry Azer, Ms. Lisa Moy, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Ashley Cleverdon, Ms. Barbara Snead, 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 from March 3, 2025
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications-None

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cronin, seconded by Ms. Sharpe , to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, including the draft minutes of March 3, 2025. All in favor: Yes (8) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Cates, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0) Motion carried 8-0-0.**

## **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

The student council report was read into the minutes by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon.

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

### **Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Drolet shared his update, which included but was not limited to the following topics:

- Norfolk Temporary Respite Shelter Update
- Grant for Behavioral and Mental Health Services
- Healthy KP Resource Fair a Great Success
- Essentially Ellington Clinic
- King Philip Educational Leaders Leading Professional Development in AI
- Superintendent Conference
- Pi Day Walk

A copy of the Superintendent's Update is attached to these minutes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **KP School Committee Bylaws (second reading)**

This was a second reading. The committee was comfortable with the revisions. Mr. Lehan asked the committee for a motion to adopt the revised King Philip School Committee Bylaws.

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

Mr. Lehan reminded the committee that the policy manual will need to be in conformance with the bylaws. This will be brought forth at an upcoming meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Final Adoption of FY 2026 Budget**

Dr. Drolet shared a final budget narrative for the FY 2026 budget with the committee. This includes a revision which decreased the overall increase from 4.38% to 4.13%. This reduced the overall total by \$100,000. There were changes in the last week with some special education out of district tuitions, which were able to be decreased based on move outs. Dr. Drolet also met with the Town Administrators who had requested if there were any ways to lower their assessments. Everything else in the budget remained the same. Dr. Drolet said this was the fiscally responsible thing to do. The budget narrative will be shared on the KP website and the town administrators. Mr. Azer's slides have been updated. Mr. Azer said that state law requires that the majority of the membership of the school committee would need to vote in the affirmative in order to adopt the FY 2026 budget (6 out of 9 members required).

Seeing no further discussion the motion was brought forward:

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon to adopt an FY 2026 total budget (including debt service) of \$43,181,721 with the following member town assessments:**

	<b>Operating Assessment</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Total Assessment</b>
<b>Norfolk</b>	<b>\$11,227,833</b>	<b>\$487,106</b>	<b>\$11,714,939</b>
<b>Plainville</b>	<b>\$8,068,912</b>	<b>\$348,681</b>	<b>\$8,417,593</b>
<b>Wrentham</b>	<b>\$12,578,513</b>	<b>\$548,462</b>	<b>\$13,126,975</b>

The increase from FY 2025 to each member town's operating assessments are as follows:

<b>Norfolk</b>	+ 5.19%
<b>Plainville</b>	+ 0.25%
<b><u>Wrentham</u></b>	+ 8.13%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	+ 5.01%

- **All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (9) Mr. Harmon, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Cates, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0). 9-0-0 Motion carried.**

### **Superintendent Evaluation**

Mr. Lehan presented the overall scores to committee members on the superintendent's evaluation. There were eight committee members who submitted individual evaluations. One committee member had a family matter to attend to. The eight evaluations were then combined to develop an overall rating of the Superintendent. The Superintendent is assessed in four fundamental categories:

1. Instructional Leadership
2. Management and Operations
3. Family and Community Engagement
4. Professional Culture

Each of these categories are assessed individually. The assessment also includes goals that were established by the superintendent and approved by the School Committee. The four ratings for assessment are Unsatisfactory (1), Needs Improvement (2), Proficient (3), and Exemplary (4). Once completed, the overall evaluation is voted upon and presented at a regularly scheduled School Committee meeting. The combined overall rating for Dr. Drolet for the 2024-2025 school year is Proficient (3.35 out of possible 4). Dr. Drolet was rated as Exemplary in Instructional Leadership, Proficient in Management and Operations, Proficient in Family and Community, and Exemplary in Professional Culture. The assessment also indicated Dr. Drolet met his district improvement goals, met his student learning goal, and exceeded his professional practice goal. Mr. Lehan thanked committee members for their due diligence that went into this process. Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to accept the superintendent evaluation as presented.

- A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin to approve the summative evaluation report for the superintendent. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Harmon, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Cates, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0). 9-0-0 Motion carried.

A copy of the summative evaluation report for the superintendent is attached to these minutes.

#### **REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES**

None

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

Plainville School Committee Representative: Ms. Sharpe said the Plainville School Committee was greeted by the chorus. They also approved the MSBA Statement of Interest for both school roofs. She also talked about the grant of \$100,000 from DESE for mental health for the four districts. The PTO held a Back to 90's fundraiser. Their school calendar for 2025-2026 was also approved.

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Sheldon said the Norfolk band director Mr. Fouracre was awarded the MICCA award. They approved the FY 2026 Budget and also approved an early retirement incentive. They voted not in favor of the School Choice Program for 2025-2026 and they are also applying to MSBA for the core program for their building expansion.

Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney said their meeting will be tomorrow night, March 18th. There will be a community forum on Wednesday, March 19th from 7-9pm for the potential new building or expansion for the Roderick Building.

#### **LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

None

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None

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

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- At 7:31 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, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 9-0-0.

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:31pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mrs. Venessa Petit  
Secretary to the School Committee*

**Documents presented on March 17, 2025:**

*Agenda*

*Draft Minutes March 3, 2025*

*Bills/Warrants*

*Stuco Report March 17, 2025*

*Superintendent's Update*

*KP School Committee Bylaws (second reading)*

*Final Adoption of FY 2026 Budget*

*Superintendent's Evaluation*