

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of April 28, 2025 –Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lehan opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with a Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Norfolk: Present
Plainville: Present
Wrentham: Ms. Cait Lanza

FY26 SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to open the FY26 School Choice Public Hearing.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to open the FY26 School Choice Public Hearing. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (8): Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Ms Sheldon; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 8-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan opened the FY26 School Choice Public Hearing at 7:02 PM.

Mr. Lehan asked for comments from the School Committee. There were none.

Mr. Lehan asked for any public comments. There were none.

Mr. Lehan asked for Dr. Drolet’s recommendation. Dr. Drolet’s recommendation was to not participate in School Choice for the 2025-2026 school year due to the current enrollment. Dr. Drolet said school choice was seriously considered and discussed in more detail last year, as there was a budget shortfall for FY25.

Seeing no further comments Mr. Lehan asked for a motion:

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin, not to participate in School Choice for the 2025-2026 school year due to the current enrollment in the King Philip Regional School District. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (8): Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Sheldon; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 8-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to close the public hearing. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (8); Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 8-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan closed the public hearing at 7:03 PM.

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Lehan opened the regular session meeting at 7:04 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

VISITORS

Dr. Drolet, Ms. Terrill, Mr. Shaughnessy, Ms. Moy, Ms. Kreuzer, Mr. Bois, Mr. Jones, Ms. Orlando, Ms. Brillhante, Ms. Petit

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Draft Minutes from April 7, 2025
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communication

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to approve the Consent Agenda, including the draft minutes from April 7, 2025 as presented. All in favor: Yes (7) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sheldon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (1) Mr. Cates; Motion carried 7-0-1.**

AGENDA

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The April 28, 2025 KPHS Student Council Report was submitted by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon and read into the minutes by Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy. In addition to this report, Dr. Drolet congratulated Mr. Shaughnessy on becoming President of the Student Council for next year.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Norfolk Temporary Respite Shelter Update
- "ThinkFast" Presentation
- Interim Business Managers, Treasurer Position, and new Director of Finance & Operations
- April 15th Wrentham Select Board Meeting
- Spring Tri-Town Meetings and KP School Committee Meetings
- Senior Stroll Tradition Starting with our Class of 2025

- Student Council President for 2025-2026
- Shadow a Student Day

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

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Applied Learning Leadership Discovery - Ms. Kreuzer, Mr. Jones, Ms. Orlando and Ms. Terrill shared their experiences participating in the Discovery Leadership Program (copy of slide deck is included in these minutes)
- ELPAC Meeting
- Career Fair at KPRHS
- Career and Connected Learning Grant
- Learning Walks at KPRHS
- PE/Health Teachers
- Anxious Generation by Jonathan Haidt
- Advocacy Day in Washington, DC
- School Committee Retreat and the Strategic Plan

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy BGB-Policy Adoption (Second Read)

Mr. Harmon brought forth a second read on Policy BGB-Policy Adoption. Mr. Harmon said the reason for this change was that the by laws were different from the actual policy BGB. The only change would be if there were any changes or amendments to any policies in the school district brought forward, that the committee would need at least (5) members of the school committee and of which at least one of the (5) members would have to be from each member town to vote in the affirmative for approval.

After seeing no questions from the committee a motion was brought forward.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Wehmeyer, to adopt the changes to Policy BGB-Policy Adoption as presented (see policy attached). A roll call of members was taken: Yes (8); Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 8-0-0.**

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose of Executive Session:

The Committee seeks to convene into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, §21(a) (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to enter into Executive Session. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (8); Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 8-0-0.**

The Committee will return into open session. The committee adjourned into Executive session at 7:50 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to return into open session.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to return into open session. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (8): Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Sheldon; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 8-0-0.**

At 8:47 PM the committee returned into open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Reappointment of KP Crossing Guard

Dr. Drolet asked the committee for their approval to reappoint Ms. Lynn Chapin as the district Crossing Guard for the 2025-2026 school year.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to approve the reappointment of Ms. Lyn Chapin as the district Crossing Guard for the 2025-2026 school year. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sheldon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Superintendent Contract

Mr. Lehan informed the committee that he and Mr. Harmon will meet with Dr. Drolet to explain the contract parameters discussed in the Executive Session in regards to the Superintendent's contract.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to approve the contract parameters that were discussed in the Executive Session for the Superintendent's contract. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sheldon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 8-0-0.**

For Consideration: To award a contract to Jill Brillhante, Director of Finance & Operations, subject to successful contract negotiations

Dr. Drolet asked for the committee's consideration for him to enter into contract negotiations with Ms. Jill Brillhante, Director of Finance & Operations. Hearing no discussions from the committee, Mr. Lehan asked for a motion.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to award a contract to Ms. Jill Brillhante, Director of Finance & Operations, subject to successful contract negotiations. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Sheldon, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Sharpe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 8-0-0.**

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Plainville School Committee Representative:

Ms. Sharpe did not attend the last meeting, but the committee reorganized and she was again appointed as the King Philip Representative.

Norfolk School Committee Representative:

Ms. Sheldon reported that the committee adopted a resolution that encourages revisiting Chapter 70, funding regional transportation, and special educational reimbursement. This resolution was sent to State Representatives and the Governor in support of the proposal.

Wrentham School Committee Representative:

Ms. Greaney reported that the committee reorganized and she was again appointed as the King Philip Representative. The committee opted out of School Choice for next year.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

- **At 8:54 PM, a Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Sheldon, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Wehmeyer; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on April 28, 2025:

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Draft Minutes from April 7, 2025

Student Council Report April 28, 2025

Superintendent's Update

Assistant Superintendent's Update

What is Applied Learning? Slide Presentation

Policy BGB-Policy Adoption (Second Read)

KP Crossing Guard Appointment