

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of March 23, 2026 Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lehan opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the 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
Plainville:	Mr. Bruce Cates, Ms. Michele Sharpe, Mr. Greg Wehmeyer (joined at 7:03pm)
Wrentham:	Mr. Joe Cronin, Ms. Erin Greaney, Ms. Cait Lanza (joined at 7:04pm)

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Ms. Grace Lochhead
Plainville:	All Present
Wrentham:	All Present

DELEGATIONS and VISITORS

Dr. Rich Drolet, Ms. Jill Brilhante, Ms. Kyle Santos, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Ashley Cleverdon, Ms. Barbara Snead, Mr. Rob Garrity, Ms. Venessa Petit

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Lehan informed the Committee that the KP Varsity Girls Hockey Team would not be present this evening due to the coach's schedule. The team will be recognized at the next April 6 meeting.

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.

- Approval of Draft Minutes dated February 25, 2026
- Approval of Draft Minutes dated March 9, 2026
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communication

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Consent Agenda, including the draft minutes from February 25, 2026 and March 9, 2026 as presented. All in favor: Yes (6) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms.**

Sharpe, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 6-0-0. Mr. Wehmeyer and Ms. Lanza were not present for the vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The March 23, 2026 KPHS Student Council Report was submitted by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

RECOGNITIONS (Continued)

Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, and Dr. Drolet recognized Mr. Wehmeyer and Mr. Cronin for their skill, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the School Committee, and expressed their appreciation for the significant contributions each has made in support of the District and its students. Both members were presented with plaques in recognition of their service.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Final FY27 Superintendent's Budget Narrative
- District Safety
- MSBA Roof Replacement Projects for KPRMS and KPRHS
- KP Girls Hockey Team in D2 State Championship-Mr. Lehan noted that the National Ice Hockey Officials Association will be awarding Mr. Ken Assad the "Coach of the Year" award. This award will henceforth be known as the "Ken Assad Coach of the Year" award for all future recipients
- King Philip DECA results from MASS-DECA State Conference
- KPHS Cheer Team

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Final Adoption of FY 2027 Budget

Dr. Drolet shared Ms. Brilhante's slides, his budget narrative, and the final assessments for each town. The budget includes \$500,000 from Excess and Deficiency (E&D). The overall operational increase is 2.96%, with a 3.56% increase when reflected in the towns' assessments.

Dr. Drolet requested a motion to adopt the FY2027 budget, noting that a majority vote of the full School Committee is required for approval (6 of 9 members). After a brief discussion, the following motion was brought forward:

- A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin to adopt an FY 2027 total budget of \$43,184,424 with the following member town assessments:

	Operating Assessment	Debt Service	Total Assessment
Norfolk	\$12,012,221	0	\$12,012,221
Plainville	\$8,658,952	0	\$8,658,952
Wrentham	\$12,339,011	0	\$12,339,011

- All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7) Mr. Harmon, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sharpe; No (1) Mr. Wehmeyer; Abstain (0). 7-1-0 Motion carried.

Establish a Peer Mentoring HS Student Activities Account

Ms. Brilhante stated that, while it was initially believed that no student activity account existed for peer mentoring at the high school, it was later determined that one had, in fact, been established. As a result, this item no longer requires a School Committee vote at this time. She further noted that any new subaccounts within the student activity accounts would require School Committee approval.

Award Computer Equipment Bid to Ockers Technologies due to Custom Computers Unable to Fulfill Order

Dr. Drolet informed the Committee that Custom Computer Specialists were unable to fulfill the equipment requirements outlined in the quote. He requested a motion to proceed with the next lowest bidder, Okers Technologies, at a total cost of \$117,620.00.

- A motion was made by Mr. Harmon and seconded by Mr. Cates to approve the quote from Okers Technologies in the amount of \$117,620.00 instead of the previous quote from Custom Computer Specialists. All in favor: Yes (8) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 8-0-0.

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative:

No report.

Plainville School Committee Representative:

Ms. Sharpe reported that the next meeting will be tomorrow. She said the last meeting focused on the budget.

Wrentham School Committee Representative:

Ms. Greaney reported that their budget hearing was held last week. The proposed increase was 6.98%, which is unusually high. She also noted that the vote for the new Roderick's School will take place in June and encouraged members to participate.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- **At 7:35 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin, 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. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan said the committee will reconvene in Open Session to have a vote on the 2026-2027 school calendar .

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- **At 8:01pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Cronin to reconvene in Open Session. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Dr. Drolet requested a motion and a vote from the Committee to approve the revised 2026–2027 school calendar. This revision moves the half-day from December 9, 2026, to December 23, 2026, and incorporates parent-teacher conferences on December 2, 2026, for the high school and December 3, 2026, for the middle school.

- **A motion was made by Mr. Harmon and seconded by Mr. Cates to approve the revised changes to the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

- **At 8:03pm, a motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit
Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on March 23, 2026:

Agenda

Draft Minutes from February 25, 2026

Draft Minutes from March 9, 2026

Bills/Warrants

Stuco Report March 23, 2026

Superintendent's Update

Final Adoption of FY 2027 Budget

Award Computer Equipment Bid to Ockers Technologies

2026-2027 Revised School Calendar

