

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of May 14, 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
Wrentham:	Ms. Cait Lanza, Ms. Erin Greaney

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	TBD
Plainville:	Ms. Michele Sharpe, TBD
Wrentham:	Ms. Veronica Gonzalez

Mr. Lehan noted that the Committee did have a quorum this evening and that a representative from each town was present plus two making a quorum of five members present. Two new members are awaiting appointment to the full Committee.

DELEGATIONS and VISITORS

Dr. Rich Drolet, Ms. Jill Brilhante, Ms. Kyle Santos, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Ashley Cleverdon,
Ms. Melissa Boynton, Ms. Venessa Petit

FY27 SCHOOL CHOICE PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to open the FY27 School Choice Public Hearing.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to open the FY27 School Choice Public Hearing. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (5): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 5-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan opened the FY27 School Choice Public Hearing at 7:02 PM.

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

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

Dr. Drolet informed the Committee that The Education Reform Law of 1993 requires any city, town, or regional school district to enroll non-resident students, if seats are available, unless the school committee

votes, following a public hearing, not to participate. Dr. Drolet's recommendation was to not participate in School Choice for the 2026-2027 school year.

Seeing no further comments Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to be brought forward:

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Greaney, not to participate in School Choice for the 2026-2027 school year. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (5): Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 5-0-0.**

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

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Greaney, to close the public hearing. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (5); Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 5-0-0.**

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

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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 27, 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 April 27, 2026 as presented. All in favor: Yes (5) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 5-0-0.**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The May 14, 2026 KPHS Student Council Report was submitted and read into the minutes by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon. Ms. Cleverdon also added they will host a Student Council Jeopardy (teachers and students) on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Murder on the Orient Express performance
- National Letter of Intent Signing Day
- DECA ICDC in Atlanta

- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- Ashley Cleverdon Voted as a Delegate on SEMASC
- Presenting our FY27 Budget at Norfolk Town Meeting

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

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS UPDATE

See under new business FY2026 Quarter 3 Budget Review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2025-2026 School Calendar amendment (June 16 Early Release Day)

Dr. Drolet shared that June 19th is a holiday. June 23rd will be the last day of school due to three snow days this school year. This will be a half-day. In addition to these dates, he requested the Committee's approval of an additional early release day on June 16th. This recommendation was made due to a World Cup game at Gillette Stadium. In consultation with local elementary school superintendents and recommendation for all tri-town police chiefs, this is intended to help mitigate traffic congestion and prevent buses and other vehicles from experiencing significant delays. Hearing no comments from the Committee, a motion was made.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Greaney, to approve the revised 2025-2026 School Calendar as presented. All in favor: Yes (5) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 5-0-0.**

KPRSD Facilities Condition Assessment-Habeeb & Associates Architects

Dr. Drolet introduced Ms. Melissa Boynton, Project Manager from Habeeb & Associates Architects to the Committee. Ms. Boynton reviewed the KPRSD Facilities Condition Assessment Report with the Committee. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes along with a copy of the Executive Summary.

During the Finance Subcommittee meeting held prior to this evening's meeting, Ms. Lanza suggested the creation of a Facilities Subcommittee. Mr. Lehan noted that the work involved would be extensive and believes that having a dedicated committee to work with Habeeb & Associates and the Administrative Team would be beneficial. Dr. Drolet added that this committee could also report regularly to the Select Boards of each town to provide updates on facility projects.

Mr. Harmon asked whether the MSBA reimbursement funds of 51% were already incorporated into the amounts presented by Ms. Boynton. Dr. Drolet clarified that the MSBA reimbursement was indeed already included in the analysis.

FY 2026 Quarter 3 Budget Review

Ms. Brilhante shared the FY 2026 Quarter 3 Budget Review with the Committee. Ms. Brilhante informed the Committee that she had received notification regarding FY25 Maintenance of Effort. DESE, through

Ms. Goodman, the former Interim Finance Director, had identified an outstanding issue last spring and has since determined that the District met the FY25 Maintenance of Effort requirement. Dr. Drolet noted that this had been one of the major outstanding issues identified last spring and clarified that the District had not reduced special education spending from one year to the next. He added that the District should now be in good standing regarding MOE moving forward. A copy of her review is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Finance Subcommittee

Under New Business, the Finance Subcommittee discussed the KPRSD Facilities Condition Assessment and the FY2026 Q3 Budget Reviews.

Wellness Committee

Mr. Harmon informed the Committee that school counselors at both the middle school and high school are readily available for anyone with concerns. He also noted that food pantries in North Attleboro and Franklin are available to support families in need. In addition, he shared that the Food Services Department will be exploring the development of scratch cooking in place of pre-prepared meals.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative:

No report

Plainville School Committee Representative:

Mr. Cates shared with the Committee that seniors will be visiting their former elementary schools prior to graduation.

Wrentham School Committee Representative:

No report.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

- **At 7:52pm, a motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates to adjourn the meeting. All in favor: Yes (5) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 5-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on May 14, 2026:

Agenda

Draft Minutes from April 27, 2026

Bills/Warrants

Stuco Report May 14, 2026

Superintendent's Update

2025-2026 School Calendar Amendment

KPRSD Facilities Condition Assessment-Habeeb & Associates Architects

KPRSD Executive Summary

FY 2026 Quarter 3 Budget Review

