

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of June 15, 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, Mr. Peter Svalbe
Plainville:	Mr. Bruce Cates, Ms. Michele Sharpe, Ms. Shannan Kerrigan
Wrentham:	Ms. Cait Lanza, Ms. Veronica Gonzalez, Ms. Erin Greaney

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Present
Plainville:	Present
Wrentham:	Present

DELEGATIONS and VISITORS

Dr. Rich Drolet, Ms. Jill Brilhante, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Ashley Cleverdon, Ms. Barbara Snead, Mr. Owen Hurwitz, Mrs. Hurwitz, Ms. Karen Archambault, Mr. Kip Lewis, Mr. Josh Wolloff, Ms. Kyle Santos, Ms. Venessa Petit

WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Lehan welcomed Mr. Peter Svalbe, recently appointed by the Norfolk School Committee, and Ms. Shannan Kerrigan, recently appointed by the Plainville School Committee, as the newest representatives to the King Philip Regional School Committee.

STUDENT RECONGITION

Dr. Drolet presented a certificate of recognition to Mr. Owen Hurwitz, President of the Leo Club and a King Philip High School junior, in honor of receiving the Melvin Jones Award. Dr Drolet noted that the award is one of the highest honors presented by the Lions Club in recognition of outstanding community service and that many Lions members never receive this distinction. Owen is the first Lion in Massachusetts to receive this award. Mr. Lehan, a fellow Lion member, also congratulated Owen on this distinctive achievement.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION/SUB COMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Lehan turned the meeting over to Dr. Drolet for the school committee reorganization. Dr. Drolet asked for nominations for the Chair position of the school committee. Mr. Harmon nominated Mr. Lehan as Chair. Hearing no further nominations for chair, a motion was brought forward:

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe to nominate Mr. Lehan as Chair of the King Philip Regional School Committee for the 2026-2027 school year. All in favor: Yes (9) Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza,**

Mr. Svalbe, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Gonzalez; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried. 9-0-0.

Dr. Drolet congratulated Mr. Lehan on another term as Chair. Dr. Drolet then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Lehan.

Mr. Lehan, Chair, nominated Mr. Harmon for the Vice-Chair position of the school committee. Hearing no further nominations for Vice Chair, a motion was brought forward:

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Cates to nominate Mr. Harmon as Vice Chair of the King Philip Regional School Committee for the 2026-2027 school year. All in favor: Yes (9) Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Svalbe, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Gonzalez; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried. 9-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan congratulated Mr. Harmon on another term as Vice-Chair.

SUBCOMMITTEE REASSIGNMENTS:

Mr. Lehan asked Committee members to indicate their preferred subcommittee assignments for the 2026–2027 school year. Following discussion, the Committee reached consensus on the following subcommittee assignments for the 2026–2027 school year:

Subcommittee	Norfolk	Plainville	Wrentham
Need to post meetings			
Policy	Eric Harmon	Michele Sharpe	Veronica Gonzalez
Finance	Jim Lehan	Bruce Cates	Cait Lanza
Collective Bargaining	Jim Lehan	Bruce Cates	Erin Greaney
Representatives to Sick Bank	Peter Svalbe	Bruce Cates	Veronica Gonzalez
School Committee Goals	Eric Harmon	Michele Sharpe	Erin Greaney
Facilities/Capital	Jim Lehan	Bruce Cates	Cait Lanza, Erin Greaney
Do not need to post meetings			
Superintendent's Evaluation	Eric Harmon	Bruce Cates	Erin Greaney
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group	Jim Lehan	Michele Sharpe	Cait Lanza
KP Wellness Special Liaison	Eric Harmon	Michele Sharpe	Veronica Gonzalez
Legislative Liaison/MASC Delegate		Michele Sharpe	
Norfolk Sheriff's Task Force on Substance Abuse	Peter Svalbe	Michele Sharpe	

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Cates to approve the 2026-2027 subcommittee reassignments. All in favor: Yes (9) Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Svalbe, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Gonzalez; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried. 9-0-0.**

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.

-Payment of Bills/Warrants
-Communication

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor: Yes (9) Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Svalbe, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Gonzalez; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried. 9-0-0.**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The June 15, 2026 KPHS Student Council Report was submitted and read into the minutes by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- New Athletic Director Update
- 2nd Annual Senior Stroll
- Owen Hurwitz Lions Club Melvin Jones Award
- King Philip High School Senior Awards Night
- Class of 2026 Graduation
- King Philip Middle School Arts Night, Awards Night, and Farewell Dance
- KPHS Baseball and Softball Team D2 Championships

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

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS UPDATE

Ms. Brilhante provided an update on the accomplishments of the Business Office since July 2025. Mr. Lehan commended Ms. Brilhante for the tremendous amount of work she has accomplished over the past year, particularly in addressing audit-related issues and numerous other initiatives. Members of the Finance Subcommittee also expressed their appreciation for her dedication and the significant progress made under her leadership. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

KPRHS Student Handbook (second read)

Dr. Drolet informed the Committee that Ms. Bottomley was unable to attend the meeting and that Ms. Archambault and Mr. Lewis were present to answer any questions regarding the King Philip Regional High School Student Handbook for the 2026–2027 school year.

Dr. Drolet explained that he had incorporated the Committee's feedback from the previous meeting into Ms. Bottomley's memorandum, with all proposed revisions highlighted in the updated document provided to the Committee. He asked members to review each proposed change and determine whether to approve the revisions as presented, modify the language, or remove the proposed changes from the handbook.

A copy of the proposed changes to the *King Philip Regional High School Student Handbook, 2026–2027*, incorporating School Committee member feedback compiled by Dr. Drolet on June 11, 2026, is attached to these minutes.

- **A motion was made by Mr. Harmon and seconded by Ms. Kerrigan to approve the King Philip Regional High School Student Handbook for the 2026–2027 school year, as amended to incorporate the revisions discussed and agreed upon by the School Committee. All in favor: Yes (9) Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Svalbe, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Gonzalez; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried. 9-0-0.**

Copies of both the marked-up version identifying the approved and unapproved proposed changes and the final approved King Philip Regional High School Student Handbook for 2026–2027 are attached to these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2027 Marching Band & Winter Group Fees

Ms. Brilhante and Mr. Wolloff discussed the recommendation of fees for FY 2027 Marching Band and Winter Music Group Fees with the Committee. These recommendations were based on expenses and student participation.

Recommendation:

Move the Committee approve a fee of \$660 for the FY 2026-2027 marching band program and that the fees for the FY 2026-2027 winter programs are approved as follows:

Winter Guard	\$670
Winter Percussion	\$260
Jazz Ensemble	\$400
Jazz Ensemble 2	\$ 55

Ms. Lanza asked Mr. Wolloff whether any of the proposed fees would come as a surprise to families compared to the previous school year. Mr. Wolloff responded that they would not, noting that the fees had increased only slightly from last year. Seeing no further comments a motion was made.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the FY 2026-2027 Marching Band and winter music group fees as presented. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Svalbe, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Award of Computer Equipment Bid-Ockers Technologies

Ms. Brillhante explained that a new request for quotes was issued for computers for teachers and the incoming seventh-grade students since prior award recipients could not fulfill our orders. She noted that increased demand, driven in part by advances in artificial intelligence, has contributed to higher computer costs. Two bids were received, with Ockers Technologies submitting the lowest bid in the amount of \$280,024.00. She requested the Committee's approval to award the bid to Ockers Technologies.

In response to a question from the Committee regarding the quantity of devices being purchased, Ms. Brillhante stated that the bid includes 90 computers for teachers and 332 computers for incoming 7th graders. Seeing no further questions, a motion was brought forward.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to approve the bid amount of \$280,024.00 to Ockers Technologies for computer equipment. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Kerrigan, Mr. Svalbe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Mr. Cates inquired about approving the exact dollar amount and asked what would happen if the final cost came in slightly higher. Ms. Brillhante and Mr. Bois explained that the vendor had confirmed the computers were in stock and would honor the quoted pricing. Mr. Lehan added that, through the bid process, pricing is guaranteed for a specified period, during which the quoted rates are locked in.

Ms. Brillhante informed the Committee that the Business Office is currently reviewing open purchase orders to determine which can be closed and which expenses can be charged to FY 2026. This review will help identify the District's potential year-end turnback funds to E&D.

She explained that there are two purchases she hopes to fund through FY 2026 if sufficient turnback funds are available. The first is the replacement of a District fleet truck, estimated at approximately \$72,000. She noted that the existing truck, which dates back to the 1990s, failed during the winter blizzard and is no longer serviceable.

The second proposed purchase is air conditioning units for the second floor of the high school. Ms. Brillhante explained that while the District cannot currently afford the full installation, including the necessary electrical work and window modifications, the plan is to begin purchasing the units now and stockpile them. During FY 2027, the District would fund or seek funding for the electrical work needed to install the units on the second floor of the high school. Over the next three years, the District would like to continue purchasing additional units and completing installations as funding becomes available, with the long-term goal of providing air conditioning throughout both the high school and middle school.

Ms. Brillhante stated that the District expects to have a better understanding of the available turnback funds during the coming weeks. She noted that any transfer of funds for the truck replacement and the air conditioning units would require School Committee approval at a future meeting.

The Committee agreed to hold a Zoom meeting on June 24th at 4:00pm to approve a transfer of funds.

School Committee Meeting Dates 2026-2027

Mr. Lehan and Dr. Drolet informed the Committee of proposing a few changes to the upcoming school committee meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year. The changes would be:

Removing 11/2/26, 12/21/26, 6/7/27 meeting dates and adding 6/14/27.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to modify the school committee meeting calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, removing the November 2, 2026, December 21, 2026 meetings from the calendar and changing the June 7, 2027 meeting to June 14, 2027 instead. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Kerrigan, Mr. Svalbe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Dr. Drolet informed new members that the school committee does a summer retreat each year. It usually is held from 8:30am-1:00pm. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. This is an official meeting. Dr. Drolet indicated how over the past couple of years we have had a consultant come in to help run it and the committee goes over the district strategic plan, and sets school committee goals, which then help him set his Superintendent goals. This is usually the only school committee meeting in the summer. The proposed date of this retreat would be July 28, 2026 and held in the middle school library.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to have the school committee retreat on July 28, 2026. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Kerrigan, Mr. Svalbe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative:

Mr. Svalbe said 11 retirees were honored at the last meeting. School improvement plans were shared. A Committee has been formed for the work with MSBA. An executive session was held regarding negotiations of the teacher contract. Results from that session will be known at a later date.

Plainville School Committee Representative:

Ms. Kerrigan said the last couple of meetings was to appoint new school committee members. A new student services director will be hired. Negotiations with the teacher union are ongoing.

Wrentham School Committee Representative:

Ms. Greaney said they received a very thorough assessment report for the curriculum going back to 2018. Ms. Vanessa Beauchaine, Assistant Superintendent, is leaving. They are currently interviewing for a new director of curriculum and instruction. Funding was also approved tonight for the new elementary school.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

- **At 8:36 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates to adjourn the meeting. All in favor: Yes (9) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Kerrigan, Mr. Svalbe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on June 15, 2026:

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Stuco Report June 15, 2026

Superintendent's Update

Director of Finance & Operations Update/Business Office Accomplishments Since July 2025

KPRHS Student Handbook (second read-marked up version with proposed changes)

KPRHS Student Handbook-(Final Approved changes)

FY 2027 Marching Band & Winter Group Fees

Award of Computer Equipment Bid-Ockers Technologies

School Committee Meeting Dates 2026-2027