

King Philip Regional School Committee

June 24, 2026 - Approved

Remote via Google Meet

4:00 P.M.

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Opening of Meeting:

Mr. Lehan, Chair, opened the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Introduction to Remote Meeting:

On March 28, 2025, Governor Healey signed into law a supplemental budget bill which extends the temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to June 30, 2027. Specifically, this further extension allows public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body physically present at a meeting location, and to provide “adequate, alternative” access to remote meetings. The language does not make any substantive changes to the Open Meeting Law other than extending the expiration date of the temporary provisions regarding remote meetings from March 31, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

Recording of Meeting:

This meeting was recorded by Ms. Venessa Petit via Google Meet.

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Dr. Drolet, Ms. Brilhante, Mr. Bois, Ms. Petit

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Mr. Jim Lehan,
Plainville:	Mr. Bruce Cates, Ms. Shannan Kerrigan
Wrentham:	Ms. Erin Greaney, Ms. Cait Lanza, Ms. Veronica Gonzalez

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Mr. Eric Harmon, Mr. Peter Svalbe
Plainville:	Ms. Michele Sharpe
Wrentham:	Present

FY26 YEAR END BUDGET TRANSFERS:

The Committee met to consider the recommendation from Ms. Brilhante, Director of Finance and Operations, to transfer \$73,000 from the 2000 Salary Series to the 7000 Capital Series to support the replacement of a Ford F-350 dump truck in the District's facilities fleet. The Committee also considered the use of any remaining available funds for the purchase of air-conditioning units for the middle and high schools, with any unexpended balance to be closed into Excess & Deficiency (E&D).

A detailed memorandum outlining the proposed transfers and related expenditures is attached to these minutes.

Ms. Brilhante explained that, following the official close of the fiscal year on June 30, the final amount of unexpended funds would be determined. At that time, it is anticipated that a portion of those funds would be used to purchase air-conditioning units for the middle and high schools, with installation to occur during FY27. Dr. Drolet noted that any funds remaining after these purchases would be closed into Excess & Deficiency (E&D).

Mr. Cates inquired about the proposed transfer of \$73,000 for the replacement of the dump truck and asked whether a contingency plan would be needed if the final purchase price was above or below that amount. Ms. Brilhante explained that the estimate was based on a quote obtained

through the Massachusetts Statewide Contract Vendor List. The quoted price was \$72,935 and she is therefore requesting a transfer of \$73,000. She expressed confidence that the quoted amount accurately reflects the anticipated purchase price.

Seeing no further comments, a motion was brought forward.

- **A motion was made by Mr. Cates and seconded by Ms. Greaney to approve the transfer of \$73,000 from the Salary Series to the Capital Series for the purchase of a dump truck. The motion was approved by roll call vote: Yes (6) Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Kerrigan, and Ms. Gonzalez; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried, 6-0-0.**

Dr. Drolet explained that, with respect to the purchase of air-conditioning units, he anticipates acquiring approximately 40–50 units for the middle school and 60–70 units for the high school, at an estimated cost of approximately \$1,000 per unit. He indicated that he would recommend an expenditure ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000, depending on the amount of unexpended funds available at the close of the fiscal year.

Ms. Brillhante added that the current estimate is to use approximately \$75,000 for the purchase.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates seconded by Ms. Greaney, to authorize the expenditure of funds for the purchase of air- conditioning units for the middle and high schools, not to exceed the amount available within the applicable line item. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (6); Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Gonzalez; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 6-0-0.**

Dr. Drolet reported that he has tentatively scheduled Mr. Ed Lee from the Teacher & Learning Alliance to facilitate the School Committee's summer retreat, which is scheduled for July 28th from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The retreat will be held in the middle school library, and a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. The purpose of the retreat is for the Committee to develop its goals and priorities for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Drolet announced that Mr. Derek Phinney has been hired as the District's new Athletic Director and will officially begin his role on July 1. Ms. Gonzalez was part of the hiring committee and she said he was knowledgeable and impressed everyone on the committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 4:12 P.M., a Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (6); Mr. Cates, Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Gonzalez; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 6-0-0.

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mrs. Venessa Petit
Secretary to the School Committee*

Documents presented on June 24, 2026:

2026 Budget Transfer of Funds Memo Ms. Brillhante