

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of September 14, 2026 Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting began with a moment of silence to honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, in recognition of the 25th anniversary, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The 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. Erin Greaney, Ms. Cait Lanza, Ms. Veronica Gonzalez

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Present
Plainville:	Present
Wrentham:	Present

DELEGATIONS and VISITORS

Dr. Rich Drolet, Ms. Jill Brilhante, Ms. Colleen Terrill, Ms. Kyle Santos, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Ashley Cleverdon, Mr. Michael Keough, Ms. Sean Jones, Ms. Jill Poirier, Ms. Venessa Petit

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STUDENT& STAFF RECOGNITION

Dr. Drolet and the KP School Committee recognized Ms. Poirier, Mr. Jones, Ms. McIntyre, and Ms. Terrill, for their leadership in planning and participating in the KP “Unite in Remembrance” activities commemorating the 25th anniversary of 9/11. The students received certificates of recognition for their contributions. Please see additional information enclosed in the Superintendent’s Update.

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 June 2, 2026
- Draft Minutes from June 15, 2026
- Draft Minutes from June 24, 2026
- Draft Minutes from July 28, 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 June 2, 2026, June 15, 2026, June 24, 2026, and July 28, 2026 as presented. All in favor: Yes (7) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Svalbe, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Gonzalez, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, and Mr. Harmon; No (0); Abstain (2) Ms. Sharpe from the June 24, 2026 minutes and Ms. Kerrigan from June 2, 2026 and June 28, 2026 minutes. Motion carried, 7-0-2.**

AGENDA

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The September 14, 2026 KPHS Student Council Report was given by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dr. Drolet discussed the below topic

- Successful Opening of 2026-2027 School Year
- Official NEASC Accreditation for KPRHS
- KP "Unite in Remembrance" 25th Anniversary of 9/11 Activities
- Student and Staff Attendance Improvements Noted from Last Year
- KP Marching Band Annual Preview Show
- Upcoming KP Capital Projects and Collaborating with Town Leaders

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

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Open SciEd Curriculum
- Innovation Career Pathways Implementation Grant
- Innovation Career Pathways for Healthcare and Social Assistance
- MyCAP Training

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Overnight Field Trip Request-KPRHS Marching Band Met Stadium NJ 11/6/26-11/7/26

Dr. Drolet, on behalf of Mr. Keough explained that the KPRHS Marching Band will again be going to MetLife Stadium in NJ on November 6, 2026-November 7, 2026 for the USBands National Championships Competition. This is an annual event. With no further discussion, Mr. Lehan called for a motion to approve.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez, to approve the KPRHS Marching Band overnight field trip request to Met Stadium from November 6, 2026-November 7, 2026 in NJ to attend the USBands National Championships Competition. All in favor: Yes (9) Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Svalbe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Amendment to Increase FY 2027 Budget (Chapter 70 Increase)

Dr. Drolet explained that DESE provides three options to choose from when there is an increase in Chapter 70 funding. Last year, the District selected Option 1. The FY27 budget was based on a \$75 per-pupil increase; however, the State ultimately provided a \$160 per pupil increase. Under the \$160 per-pupil increase, the District would receive approximately \$296,800, compared to \$139,125 under the \$75 per-pupil increase. This represents an additional \$157,675, which could be used to address Facilities or Special Education costs.

Mr. Cates explained that the Finance Subcommittee's recommendation was to recommend Option 1 to the full Committee. Seeing no further comments, a motion was brought forward.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Ms. Harmon, to approve Option #1 for the Chapter 70 funds; that the King Philip Regional School Committee, pursuant to 603 CMR 41.05(5), amend the Fiscal Year 2027 budget of the King Philip Regional School District to incorporate the additional Chapter 70 state aid provided to the District under the final Fiscal Year 2027 state budget. The Committee hereby:**
 - 1. increases Fiscal Year 2027 Chapter 70 revenue from \$8,518,303 to \$8,675,978, an increase of \$157,675;**
 - 2. increases the total Fiscal Year 2027 expenditure budget by \$157,675, from \$43,184,424 to \$43,342,099; and**
 - 3. maintains without change the Fiscal Year 2027 assessments previously certified to the member municipalities of Norfolk, Plainville, and Wrentham.**

All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (9) Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Svalbe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.

FY28 Budget Calendar

Mr. Lehan stated that the Finance Subcommittee was comfortable with all of the dates proposed for the FY28 Budget Calendar, with one change. The November 2, 2026 meeting has been changed to November 9, 2026.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Ms. Greaney, to approve the FY28 Budget Calendar with one change, changing the November 2, 2026 meeting to November 9, 2026. All in favor: Yes (9) Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Svalbe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

KPRSD School Committee Goals 2026-2027

Mr. Lehan explained that the Committee met during the summer to review all of the goals and was comfortable with them. A few modifications were made. Seeing no further discussion, a motion was brought forward.

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

Superintendent Goals 2026-2027

Dr. Drolet provided an overview of his goals for the 2026–2027 school year and explained that, in February or March, he will provide self-reflections and an update on his progress toward these goals to support completion of the Superintendent’s evaluation by the end of the school year. He noted that the School Committee approves the Superintendent’s goals annually. A copy of the goals is attached to these minutes. Seeing no further discussion, Mr. Lehan called for a motion to approve.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Sharpe, to approve the Superintendent’s Goals for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. All in favor: Yes (9) Ms. Greaney, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Kerrigan, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Svalbe; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 9-0-0.**

Time-Out, Seclusion, and Physical Restraint of Students Policy (JKAA-First Read)

Mr. Harmon informed the Committee that this was the first reading of the proposed policy and noted changes from the existing policy related to physical restraints and seclusion.

Dr. Drolet noted that the update is required under regulations that took effect August 17, 2026 and were recommended by legal. Ms. Santos, Director of Student Services, explained that the revised policy provides additional detail on prohibited restraints and clarifies the limited circumstances under which restraints or seclusion may be permitted. Ms. Santos noted that the District’s handbook, procedures, and mandatory staff training have also been updated to align with the new regulations.

Copies of the old policy and new policy **JKAA** are attached to these minutes. The Committee agreed to conduct a second reading at the next School Committee meeting.

Interacting with Law Enforcement Officers Engaged in Civil Law Enforcement Policy (PROTECT Act-First Read)

Mr. Harmon informed the Committee that this was the first reading of a new proposed MASC policy related to the PROTECT Act, signed into law by Governor Healey on August 5, 2026, and effective September 1, 2026. The law establishes requirements governing interactions between schools and civil law enforcement, including federal immigration enforcement, and restricts certain civil enforcement activities on school grounds, during school hours, and during drop-off and pick-up periods.

The proposed policy directs the Administration to develop procedures for responding to civil or federal law enforcement requests for information and identifies designated individuals responsible for handling such requests. Dr. Drolet noted that he had also received guidance regarding the new law from legal counsel.

A copy of the proposed policy is attached to these minutes. The Committee agreed to conduct a second reading at the next School Committee meeting. Dr. Drolet asked if any Committee members have any feedback about the two policies to let him and the policy subcommittee members know in the next week.

FY27 Q1 Budget Transfers

Mr. Lehan explained that this change is part of the revisions made to the budget transfer process last year. Previously, the School Committee was not involved in approving transfers. The proposed change provides greater transparency and increased School Committee involvement in the transfer approval process.

Ms. Brillhante reviewed requests to transfer \$25,000 and \$21,800 from the Charter School tuition budget to fund schematic design services for the turf and track replacement and high school vestibule projects. The funds are available because the District's actual Charter School tuition obligation was approximately \$54,000 less than budgeted.

An additional transfer of \$66,682 is requested to replace wireless access points throughout the District. The funds are available because the District purchased the required Chromebooks with FY26 funds, leaving the current year's Chromebook budget available for transfer.

These transfers will support planned facility projects and address critical wireless infrastructure needs while making effective use of available budget funds.

Mr. Lehan added that the Finance Subcommittee reviewed this matter earlier at today's meeting and agreed to recommend approval. Seeing no further comments or questions from the Committee, a motion was brought forward.

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

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

Finance Subcommittee

Mr. Lehan reported that the Finance Subcommittee met earlier today and that all matters discussed were presented at tonight's meeting.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative:

Mr. Svalbe reported that Dr. Allardi shared the school readiness report and that the first day of school was successful. He also noted that Freeman-Kennedy School welcomed a new Assistant Principal, Mr. Gothorpe, and that the Committee conducted a first read of a district-wide AI policy.

Plainville School Committee Representative:

Ms. Kerrigan reported that the Physical Restraint Policy, Medication Administration Policies, and Self-Administration Carry Policy were approved. Ms. Kristen Conrad Garrity was also appointed as an advisor to the Plainville School Committee.

Wrentham School Committee Representative:

Ms. Greaney informed the Committee that their meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Cates raised an issue regarding murals in the schools and suggested an open discussion about the appropriate process for approving murals. Dr. Drolet explained that, currently, this falls within the Principal's purview, with the Superintendent involved as appropriate, and that there is no existing policy. The Committee agreed to refer the matter to the Policy Subcommittee for further consideration.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Purpose of Executive Session #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;

Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Ms. Harmon, to enter into the Executive Session. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (9); Mr. Svalbe, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Kerrigan; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 9-0-0.**

The Committee will approve the March 23, 2026 draft Executive Session minutes in Executive Session and will return to Open Session only to adjourn. The Committee adjourned into Executive Session at 8:22 PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:28 pm the Committee returned to open session Mr. Lehan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:28 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Ms. Greaney, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (9); Mr. Svalbe, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Kerrigan; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor. Motion carried: 9-0-0.

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit
Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on September 14, 2026

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