

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES –~~DRAFT~~
June 1, 2015
Beatrice Wood School – Plainville

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Zielinski called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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| Members Present: | Norfolk: | Michael Gee |
| | Plainville: | Patrick Francomano, Ann-marie Martin, Charlene McEntee (left the meeting at 6pm) |
| | Wrentham: | Lynn Desrochers, Danielle Schmitz |
| Members Absent: | | Noelle Tonelli, Jeff Chalmers, Jim Killion (arrived at 6:30pm) |
| Municipal Representative: | | Charles Kennedy not present |

DELEGATIONS, VISITORS:

Attorney Waugh
Dr. Zielinski, Mr. Schaefer, Mrs. Witkus

Reorganization of School Committee:

Dr. Zielinski asked for nominations for chair.

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. McEntee to nominate Mrs. Martin as chair. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Gee. Hearing no other nominations, the motion carried. All in favor. Yes (6); No (0).

Mrs. Martin asked for nomination for vice chair.

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano to nominate Mr. Gee as vice chair. The Motion was seconded by Mrs. McEntee. Hearing no other nominations, the motion carried. All in favor. Yes (6); No (0).

Adjournment into Executive Session:

- ✚ At 5:35pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Gee to adjourn into Executive Session for the following purposes:
 - To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual;
 - To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel;
 - 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 (6); No (0).

At 5:50pm, the School Committee returned to open session.

Unfinished Business: King Philip Regional Agreement - Amendment:

Mr. Francomano brought to the attention of the School Committee an inconsistency in the language of the regional agreement, as it did not resolve the other issues. Attorney Waugh recollected that the deadline has been moved later and later due to the budget vote for the School Committee, it was amended to move it back.

Mr. Francomano reviewed the original language from 1954 on or before November 1, adopt an annual operating budget on or before December 1. All of the changes have been to the November 1 date, but the December 1 date has never been changed. Added PP-D to Section 6. Our language that we are proposing does not address that.

- In all of the amendments, none of them have addressed 6D.
- 4F as it exists, referring to December 1
- Dissemination to the towns by December 31 of each year.
- We may be correcting the issue as practiced but not correcting the actual language.
- Discussion ensued to prepare and submit corrective language to Wrentham in time for their town meeting; prepare and submit it to Plainville in time if there is a multiple night town meeting, and Norfolk will have another town meeting in the fall.

Mrs. McEntee left the meeting at 6PM to attend a Plainville School Committee Meeting.

The School Committee asked that Attorney Waugh craft a motion authorizing the School Committee to amend the regional agreement language to be presented at town meetings in an attempt to harmonize the language so that it reads smoothly and vote on it to try and correct it at this town meeting.

- ✦ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. Schmitz, that the School Committee request legal counsel to prepare language that will address the inconsistencies contained within the current charter/regional agreement regarding dates and also to authorize any member of the King Philip Regional School Committee to make the motion at their town meeting to reflect the revised language. And, to request to place it as the last article at town meeting in Plainville if it comes up prior to language being received from legal counsel. All in favor.**

Artificial Turf Field:

Discussion ensued on the request made at the Plainville Finance Committee meeting to set up an account to hold the turf field income in order to use it to purchase the next carpet. The discussion at this meeting was that those in attendance could not commit the committee but the intent was always to use the funding for this purpose. Mr. Schaefer explained that he has set up income and expense account lines for this purpose.

Superintendent's Evaluation:

The School Committee reviewed the superintendent's 2015 evaluation. Discussion was held on the formatting of the document in comparison to the school committee self-evaluation document. It was noted that this format was easier to review than in the past.

Upon review of the document, Mr. Francomano noted that question 22 contained no evidence and 6 members decided to answer the question as proficient without having any evidence required. Mrs. Martin noted that she chose to rate the superintendent proficient on question 22 based on her knowledge of the superintendent's work when no evidence was available as had been done in previous evaluation cycles.

Mrs. Martin noted that many of the questions were answered in proficient or exemplary category. Those questions answered in the needs improvement or below categories were discussed. Mrs. Martin calculated the evaluation instrument as a 3.2 or just over a proficient rating overall. This average was obtained by eliminating question #22. In the future there may be a way to calculate this electronically and will be looked into.

(Jim Killion arrived at 6:30pm.)

Mrs. Martin noted that at the next meeting to be held on June 15, 2015, in Executive Session, discussion will be held on Dr. Zielinski's salary increase. This decision will then be voted upon in open session.

Mr. Francomano and Mrs. Martin will not be in attendance on June 15th and a verification of quorum will need to be tallied prior to this meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. Schmitz, to approve the Minutes of April 27, 2015. All in favor with Mr. Gee and Mrs. Desrochers abstaining.

Communication:

- KP in the News
- Journal of Emerging Investigators Article dated May 20, 2015
- ACL/NJCL National Latin Exam Correspondence
- Norfolk Lions Day:
Norfolk Lions Day will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015. Dr. Zielinski will check with Principal Oliveira on any plans to promote King Philip at this event. Discussion ensued that King Philip should have a presence with school committee information and any member who is available to attend this event.
- FY2016 Bi-County Education Collaborative Annual Operating Budget.

Reports from School Committee Members:

Wrentham: Mrs. Schmitz – There is a search for a new principal at the Roderick School and the intent is to hire someone by June 30. There is a tentative approval for a new roof with reimbursement of 46% to replace the roof. This is part of the capital plan as Article 11. Wrentham is seeking to increase the salary of substitute nurses. Mr. Schaefer offered to share the survey that King Philip used for this purpose recently.

Report of Student Council: Ms. Sheehan

- **Senior Class**

The Senior class attended their last prom at the New England Aquarium on May 22nd. From the pictures I saw on social media, the venue looked beautiful! Last week, the seniors were back at KPHS for graduation rehearsals. In addition to this, 11 students attended the Top Ten Student and Unsung Hero Breakfast on May 27th at Lake Pearl. The seniors attended the “All Night Party” after their graduation. Congratulations to the senior class that graduated on May 31st, here at KP.

- **Student Council**

King Philip Student Council is working in conjunction with a group of King Philip Students to publicize the “Fight Back Festival”. This event will be held at the KPHS Football Field this Friday, June 5th from 4-10pm. All proceeds will go directly to the families of Greg Jacobson and Colin Kelly who are currently fighting their battle with cancer. The Student Council also had their End-of-year banquet on May 27th at KPMS. This banquet included both executive board and auxiliary members.

- **KPMA**

Senior Chamber Recitals will be held tomorrow, June 2nd at 7pm. This will be the last time our graduating seniors perform on stage at KPHS. The KPMA is having a Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6th from 9am to 12 noon. The sale will be held in the Wrentham Municipal Parking Lot in Wrentham Center.

- **KP Cares**

KP Cares is gearing up for the Relay for Life of Bellingham, Franklin, and Wrentham which will be held here, at KPHS on June 12-13th. KP Cares is anticipating a big turnout at this event after encouraging all KP Sports Teams, extracurricular clubs, and faculty members to participate. Many of KP’s sports teams have been fundraising for the Relay throughout their current seasons. If you are interested in registering for this event, please visit relayforlife.org.

Unfinished Business:

Artificial Turf Field Update:

Dr. Zielinski reported that the artificial turf field is on the Plainville warrant this evening at town meeting. Wrentham's town meeting will be held on June 8, 2015.

Job Description: Human Resources Administrator (3rd Reading):

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Killion, to approve the job description of the Human Resources Administrator as prepared and presented. All in favor.

2015 School Committee Retreat Discussion:

Mrs. Martin has reached out to *Unlikely Story* in Plainville as the venue for this year's retreat on July 21. An August date for a school committee meeting and the building walk throughs will also need to be scheduled and Mrs. Martin asked that school committee members check their calendars.

New Business:

Appointment of Superintendent to BICO Board of Directors:

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Killion, to reappoint Dr. Zielinski, Superintendent of the King Philip Regional School District, to the Bi-County Educational Collaborative Board of Directors as the District's voting member for the 2015/2016 school year. All in favor.

Adjournment:

At 6:45 pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Gee, to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote. Yes (6); No (0).

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Barrett Witkus
Executive Assistant &
Secretary to the School Committee*