

King Philip Regional School Committee
September 20, 2021 - Approved
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093

APPROVED

Opening of Meeting:

Mr. Khan, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Recording of Meeting:

This meeting was not recorded.

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Mr. Lehan, Ms. Ward
Plainville:	Christopher Brenneis, Bruce Cates, Samad Khan
Wrentham:	Trevor Knott, Grey Almeida

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Eric Harmon
Plainville:	Present
Wrentham:	Marc Waxman

HS Student Council Representative: Ahunna James

Delegations and Visitors:

Mr. Zinni, Superintendent, Dr. Susan Gilson, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Azer, Director of Finance
Mrs. Pearl, Wellness Director

Public Comment:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

(All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required.)

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Brenneis, to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes dated September 7, 2021. All in favor: Yes (7); No (0); Abstain (0) Motion carried.

Communication:

HS Student Council Report – Miss James, HS Student Council Representative, presented her report dated September 20, 2021.

(Eric Harmon arrived at 7:05pm.)

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

None

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

KP Wellness in the Norfolk, Plainville, Wrentham and King Philip Schools: Mrs. Pearl

Mr. Zinni introduced Mrs. Dot Pearl, Wellness Director, who serves the four districts under a grant for \$125,000 for five years. Mrs. Pearl has been instrumental in providing guidance throughout the Covid Pandemic, including districtwide testing, vaccination information and clinics on an on-going basis and she is currently working with the CIC on the Test & Stay Symptomatic Testing within the schools.

Mrs. Pearl presented an update on Healthy KP in a coordinated effort with Mr. Lewis, HS Assistant Principal. Some of the projects they have been working on is providing information bags that will be distributed to each student during student homerooms this week; the 5th quarter Initiative, offering events for the students as a substance free alternative post football game. Healthy KP has also partnered with Big Y promoting the importance of family dinners. All of this work is striving to keep our students away from substance abuse, such as drugs, alcohol and vaping.

Mrs. Pearl outlined the support services and resources that are offered to all students and families throughout the four districts. This includes increased access to tier 3 mental health supports through partnerships with outside agencies to provide school site-based counseling and through partnerships with referral agencies. Healthy KP has partnered with Community Counseling of Bristol County for high-risk students with access concerns, Northeast Partnership, William James College and Behavioral Health Partners MetroWest (Norfolk residents only) referral services as well. Other local and state supports and programs include student mental health awareness, *Project Nan* and health classes; *Break free from Depression*; and *KP Active Minds Student Chapter*. Suicide Prevention Hotline Numbers have now been placed on Student IDs.

Mrs. Pearl has created an employee wellness guide available to all staff members. All of this information is located on the new KP website at www.kingphilip.org

Discussion ensued on MetroWest surveys; Covid Vaccination Clinics; Test & Stay and Symptomatic Testing with onsite support to be provided from the State from CIC at the high school and the middle school. Meal distribution to families in need in coordination with the Hockomock YMCA and Mrs. Reynolds, KP Food Service Director and members of the cafeteria staff was also discussed.

Thanks to Healthy KP for the 5th Quarter Initiative scheduled for 9/24/21:

Mr. Zinni announced that Healthy KP, a community coalition formed to keep students away from drugs and alcohol and tobacco, will be sponsoring the 5th Quarter on 9/24/21 from 9:30-11:30pm in coordination with the Safe Coalition, Police and Fire Departments and other groups that have pledged to assist to offer a fun evening for our students, free of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

Presentations:

- Mr. Brown, Athletic Director and the Athletic Department hosted an event and presentation from Duke University on Sportsmanship, that was very well attended according to Mr. Zinni. The hope is to bring back this presentation once every 4 years so that each HS student-athlete will be able to attend at least once over their HS career.
- MS Open House was held this week. The Safe Coalition – *Hidden in Plain Site* presentation for adults was very well received. Mr. Zinni is hopeful to have it set up for 8th grade night.

Covid-19 Test & Stay:

Mr. Zinni provided an update on the Test & Stay program within the district. Any positive cases in school will be reported to the state.

Vaccination Update:

Mr. Zinni gave an update on vaccination statistics of staff and students within the district. Depending on the data as of October 1, DESE will notify districts whether or not they meet the 80% requirement regarding masks. If the district meets 80% for having staff and students within the district vaccinated, then this could allow people who are vaccinated to be unmasked. He further explained that the Massachusetts immunization system keeps track and that populates into SNAP. The school nurses populate this system for the Covid vaccination for our students.

Discussion ensued on vaccination mandate for employees.

TikTok Challenge:

Dr. Mobley sent a notice to families re the *TikTok* challenge that encourages kids to vandalize schools. Discussion ensued on means of protecting school property from being vandalized including soap dispensers and appropriate disciplinary action.

Plainville Regionalization:

Mr. Zinni noted that Plainville is creating a regionalization study committee. Mr. Cates will be serving on this committee. Discussion followed.

Review of Summer Hires and Hiring Process

Mr. Khan asked for a review of the hiring process to ensure that students have access to effective teachers. Discussion ensued on guidelines in licensure in which Mr. Zinni provided detailed information on teachers' certification levels and licensure.

Mr. Zinni indicated that over 50 employees were on-boarded over the summer months by the District Office and provided a review of the hiring process for teachers, teacher assistants, custodians, cafeteria workers and substitute staff. He indicated that there are hard to fill positions that are currently still open which may include special education, science, math and world language candidates. The district posts open positions on *School Spring* for administrative and teaching positions; *Indeed* for non-teaching positions and also works with college career planning and placement offices through Stonehill and Bridgewater where Mr. Zinni is an adjunct professor. This year, the District recruited a world language teacher through international placement with DESE.

Mr. Khan asked that this topic be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

FY23 Budget Calendar:

A draft of the FY23 Budget Calendar was presented. Mr. Azer asked that any adjustment of meeting dates be provided to him so that he may prepare a final budget calendar to be presented at the next meeting for approval.

Home School Report:

Mr. Zinni provided the 2021/2022 Home School Report to the School Committee that included a breakdown of students by town and grade level. Currently 29 students have been approved for home school for this school year.

Goals:

The School Committee Goals Subcommittee, along with Mr. Zinni, met on 9/2/21 to review the current goals. Minor adjustments were made to this document and timelines were added to indicate accountability for each goal. Also, the Subcommittee suggested that the Goals be revisited in December, March and May each year.

✦ **A Motion was made by Mr. Brenneis, seconded by Mr. Harmon to accept the 2021/2022 School Committee Goals, as presented. All in favor: Yes (7); No (0); Abstain (0) Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 MASC Delegate Assembly Nominations will be tabled to the October 4, 2021, meeting.

2021 MASC Delegate Resolutions. Following discussion, the voting delegate will be allowed to vote their conscience at the business meeting on behalf of the School Committee.

(Mr. Cates left the meeting at 9:05pm)

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Ward – Norfolk’s 150th anniversary was held on school grounds; hiring positions reviewed; presentation on bus driver training; adoption of new cleaning procedures; approval of a mask mandate policy. The next meeting will be held on 10/19.
- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis – No report at this time.
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Almeida – No report at this time.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

ADJOURNMENT:

⚡ At 9:10pm, a Motion was made by Ms. Ward, seconded by Mr. Knott, to adjourn. All in favor: Yes (7); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried
Mr. Khan adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elisa B. Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee*

Documents presented on September 20, 2021

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes dated September 7, 2021
- Warrants
- School Committee Goals
- FY23 Budget Calendar – Draft
- 2021/2022 Home School Report
- 2021/2022 School Committee Goals
- 2021 MASC Delegate Resolutions

**KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 - AGENDA – 7:00PM
KING PHILIP REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY**

1. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2. DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azer, Mrs. Pearl

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anyone interested in commenting on an agenda item during the meeting or making a statement during the public comment period is asked to complete an information card and hand it to Mrs. Lisa Witkus, School Committee Secretary.

4. CONSENT ITEMS: *All items listed below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so requests, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

A.R.

- Minutes from September 7, 2021
- Payment of Bills/Warrants/ Budget Transfers
- Communication

5. APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

None

6. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

I.O.

7. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- Healthy KP and Wellness Update: Mrs. Pearl I.O.
- District Update I.O.
- Review of Summer Hires and Hiring Practices I.O.
- Budget & Finance Process and calendar I.O.
- 2021/2022 Homeschool Report I.O.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2021/2022 School Committee Goals (2nd reading) A.R.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

2021 MASC Delegate Assembly Nominations A.R.
2021 MASC Delegate Resolutions A.R.

11. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES:

10. REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Ward I.O.
- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis I.O.
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Almeida I.O.

11. LATE COMMUNICATIONS

12. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

13. RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

14. ADJOURNMENT

A.R.

he items listed on this agenda are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

King Philip Regional School Committee
September 7, 2021 - Draft
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093

Opening of Meeting:

Mr. Knott, Vice Chair, opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

Recording of Meeting:

This meeting was recorded by NorthTV and Wrentham Cable 8.

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Eric Harmon
Plainville:	Christopher Brenneis, Bruce Cates
Wrentham:	Trevor Knott, Marc Waxman, Grey Almeida

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Jim Lehan, Sarah Ward
Plainville:	Samad Khan
Wrentham:	Present

HS Student Council Representative: Ahunna James

Mr. Knott held a Moment of Silence for colleague Donald Brothers, who passed away unexpectedly. Mr. Brothers served as a MS Custodian for 17 years.

Delegations and Visitors:

Mr. Zinni, Superintendent, Dr. Susan Gilson, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Azer, Director of Finance

Public Comment:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

(All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required.)

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to approve the Consent Agenda, including the Minutes dated August 23, 2021. All in favor: Yes (5); No (0); Abstain (1-Almeida). Motion carried 5-0-1**

Communication:

HS Student Council Report – Miss James, HS Student Council Representative, presented her report dated September 7, 2021.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

None

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

District Update:

- **Building Walk-Throughs:** Annual building walk-throughs of the Middle School and the High School were conducted. The KP Facilities Team was thanked for providing clean and well-maintained schools.
- **Staff and Scheduling:** Mr. Zinni indicated that the school year is off to a great start. District Office onboarded over 40 positions, including teachers, teacher assistants, cafeteria workers, along with substitute and permanent building substitutes. There are some high needs positions that are still in the process of being filled by highly qualified individuals.
- **Opening Day:** Opening Day for staff and faculty was August 31st. Mr. Zinni, Mr. Khan, and Mr. Gentili had opening comments for the staff. Students acclimated well to the new school year which started on September 1, 2021.
- **Covid-19 Update:** Mr. Zinni provided an update to positive Covid cases reported at the HS level. He reviewed the contact tracing and quarantining procedures based upon the Board of Health and state guidelines. The Test and Stay Initiative is moving forward, and the district is waiting on the State's vendor (CIC) to finalize those details. A program coordinator has been assigned but has not yet been on site to set up the database that is shared with the state. Parents and students will need to register for the Test and Stay program. District Nurses will support the program coordinator and will be fitted with KN95 masks.
- Mr. Zinni thanked Mrs. Pearl, Wellness Director, for crafting a letter to all families and providing a flow chart on Covid, which was distributed to School Committee members as well.
- Mr. Zinni reviewed the vaccination rate of the District. As of October 1, if the district has an 80% vaccination rate, then the staff and students in the district do not need to wear masks.

Discussion ensued on the wearing of masks. Mr. Zinni indicated that available information was communicated to families during town halls and schools in the state are awaiting a decision from the DESE Commissioner. Mr. Zinni will communicate as more information becomes available.

Report on AP Capstone Scholars:

Mr. Zinni gave a report on the Class of 2021 AP Capstone Diploma recipients in which 4 students earned this award. KP also had 37 AP Scholars, 32 AP Scholars with Honors, and 54 AP Scholars with Distinction. In total, KPRHS had 123 AP Scholars, averaging a 3.87 AP exam score. A Press Release dated 8/27/21 was issued.

Digital Literacy Now Grant: Dr. Gilson:

Dr. Gilson provided an update on the Digital Literacy Now Grant Part 2, which is a competitive grant received by the District in the amount of \$12240 to support technology training at the HS level and the purchase of some equipment. In the first year of the grant, the district received \$26328. The grant has enabled teachers to benefit from innovative professional development that will influence STEM courses over the past two summers. At the MS level, teachers are looking at aligning digital frameworks with

three STEM courses offered at the middle school. At the HS level, course development is continuing in physics, programming, robotics, and biotechnology.

Thanks to Healthy KP for the 5th Quarter Initiative scheduled for 9/24/21:

Mr. Zinni announced that Healthy KP, a community coalition formed to keep students away from drugs and alcohol and tobacco, will be sponsoring the 5th Quarter on 9/24/21 from 9:30-11:30pm in coordination with the Safe Coalition, Police and Fire Departments and other groups that have pledged to assist to offer a fun evening for our students, free of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

Alcohol Free Zone Sign-Healthy KP

Signage has been prepared and will be installed around the schools.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

School Committee Goals:

The School Committee Goals Subcommittee, along with Mr. Zinni, met on 9/2/21 to review the current goals. The update will be reviewed by the School Committee at their next meeting on 9/20/21.

School Committee Protocols:

School Committee Protocols were distributed for review on how the committee and its members behave and conduct themselves during meetings but also as committee members. Discussion was held on last sentence and was amended to read:

“If a School Committee member or the Superintendent violates any of the above-mentioned commitments in any way, they will be referred to the Chair or Vice Chair to determine next steps.”

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Brenneis, seconded by Ms. Almeida, to amend the School Committee Protocols, as presented and to add the last sentence as follows: If a School Committee member or the Superintendent violates any of the above-mentioned commitments in any way, they will be referred to the Chair or Vice Chair to determine next steps.**

All in favor: Yes (6); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 6-0-0

Following no further discussion,

- **A Motion was made by Ms. Almeida, seconded by Mr. Brenneis, to approve the School Committee Protocols, as amended. All in favor: Yes (6); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 6-0-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Ward - None
- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis – Review of open staff positions, summer programs, recognition of staff, kindergarten, open comments on mask policy, school supplies funding, approval of donations.
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Almeida – Back to school, opening day, mask mandates, a vote on masks for students 5 and under, voted not to mandate.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

ADJOURNMENT:

- At 8:20pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Brenneis, to adjourn. All in favor: Yes (6); No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 6-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa B. Wilkus

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on September 7, 2021

Agenda

Draft Minutes dated August 23, 2021

Warrants

School Committee Goals and Protocols

King Philip High School School Committee Report

Submitted by Ahunna James

September 20, 2021

School Wide

Paint the school Green and Gold on Friday, September 24! KP Cares and StuCo have met with all the clubs to assign various parts of the school for green and gold decoration! The school will be transformed after school on Thursday.

Homecoming, sponsored by Student Council, is taking place on Saturday, September 25. The dance will take place from 7pm until 10pm on the turf field. They are holding the dance early so we can have it outside while it's still warm and students can be maskless. This will also allow the marching band to attend as they have a local competition and will be back by 8. Any school committee members who would like to chaperone are welcome. Contact Mrs. Snead.

Sports

The sports season has started off with many happy students competing in track, volleyball, field hockey, soccer, golf and football. The first home football game was last weekend with KP beating out BC High. The stands were packed with students and students got to attend the KP Kickoff, sponsored by KP Cares and StuCo, before the game which included food and games.

The athletes all had a guest leadership speaker on Monday night, September 13 with captains meeting on Tuesday morning.

Fine and Performing Arts

KP Drama & KP GAPS

KP Drama & the Grady Auditorium Production Staff (GAPS) held their first meeting jointly on Thursday, September 9 in the Grady Theatre. Approximately fifty students attended the meeting. A dozen of those students expressed an interest in joining GAPS and learning technical theatre while the vast majority are interested in auditioning for either or both the Fall and Spring shows.

Tech theatre workshops for the Fall play, The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon, began Friday, September 17th under the direction of Drama Director Missy Taddeo. Auditions were held 14 - 16 September in the Grady Theatre and the cast list was posted on Friday, September 17. Rehearsals begin tonight, Monday, September 20. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, December 3 & 4 (evening performances) and Sunday, December 5 (matinee).

GAPS technicians continue to provide technical theatre support to various events at both schools (including providing audio for all of the School Committee meetings). This included the Athletics guest speaker presentation on Monday, September 13 as well as the introductory evening meeting for DECA on August 31st, both held in the Grady Theatre.

Music

The marching band held a preview of their 2021 show, "Your Choice" on Saturday, September 11. They served chili and hot dogs to all attendees in the afternoon before the game.

The marching band's home show is on Saturday, October 9 at 6pm. Bands from around the region will join KP in competition. After a year of not traveling and competing, the band is very excited to be back on the road.

Clubs

Peer Mentor Program

Advisers will be meeting with the mentors on the 15th and 16th of September to go over expectations of the program. The Program will hold their first social on September 23rd.

Senior Class of 2022

We will be holding a fundraiser at Uno's in Wrentham on September 30th (The same night as Open House). 100% of funds raised will go to the planning and prep for Senior Prom

KP DECA

has returned with new energy and excitement for our upcoming school year. Our organization is excited to welcome many new members to our "DECA family". We will be holding our annual DECA Ceremony on November 18th to kick off our year as well as attending the DECA Power Trip conference in Boston also in November.

Debate Club

The first debate club meeting will be held September 21st. The main purpose of this meeting is to increase club turnout. An introduction to the club will be provided for new members and a short debate will follow with the assertion "Is English or Science more important in schools?".

GSA

GSA started off the year with snacks, music, introductions, elections, and voting at their first meeting.

KP Cares

KP Cares will be having a Backpack Drive for foster children who are quickly removed from their households and do not have time to grab any of their belongings. Members will donate new items that will go into backpacks for these high-risk and vulnerable children by October 1st.

We are holding a dog wash on September 18. Money raised will be used to support club activities as well as money to go to the Henry Carr Memorial Scholarship.

On Wednesday September 15, KP Cares and Student Council hosted a breakfast for all new transfer students. Members of both groups have been assigned as mentors to help these students navigate their new school.

The space hallway is currently set up with notifications for all of the clubs and groups at KP so students can join. The board will be changed periodically throughout the year with positive messages and interactive activities.

Lastly, we are collecting gently used SAT books from the year 2018 and newer. These will then be donated to families who may not be able to afford them.

Student Council

StuCo will be hosting Homecoming on September 25. In conjunction with the spirit of the week, they are sponsoring Spirit Days the entire week prior to the dance.

Student Council is sponsoring Freshman elections which includes spots in class government and student council on the half day, September 29.

Lastly, mark your calendars for the Henry Carr Memorial 5K Color Run on Sunday, October 3. All proceeds go towards a scholarship in Henry's name. Henry graduated in 2015 having had a strong impact on so many organizations not to mention students and teachers. Money raised goes towards a senior scholarship.

Follow the following social media accounts--@kpcares, @kpstuco, @kphighschool,
@kphsathletics

FY 2023 KPRSD Budget Calendar

Yeritative - Subject to Change

Day / Date	Description	Comments
Mon 8/2/2021	School Committee Meeting	
Mon 9/8/2021	Labor Day	
Tue 9/7/2021	School Committee Meeting	
Mon 9/20/2021	School Committee Meeting	
Mon 10/4/2021	School Committee Meeting	
Oct 2021	Review current staffing levels	
Mon 10/11/2021	Columbus Day	
Mon 10/18/2021	School Committee Meeting	
Oct - Nov 2021	Preparation of budgets by Admin Team & Departments	
Mon 10/25/2021	Finance Sub-Committee Meeting	Review final FY 2021 financials
Mon 11/1/2021	School Committee Meeting	Review final FY 2021 financials
Nov 2021	Revenue projections	
Thu 11/11/2021	Veteran's Day	
Mon 11/15/2021	School Committee Meeting	
Mon 11/22/2021	Finance Subcommittee Meeting	Review FY 2022 YTD financials
Thu 11/25/2021	Thanksgiving	
Mon 11/29/2021	Admin Team & Department budget requests due	
Mon 12/6/2021	School Committee Meeting	Review FY 2022 YTD financials
Dec 2021	Review of Admin Team & Department budget requests	
Mon 12/13/2021	Finance Subcommittee Meeting	Review enrollment & revenue projections
Mon 12/20/2021	School Committee Meeting	Review enrollment & revenue projections
12/24/21 - 1/2/22	Winter Vacation	
Mon 1/10/2022	School Committee Meeting	
Mon 1/17/2022	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
Mon 1/24/2022	School Committee Meeting	
4th Wed in Jan	Governor's budget released	
Mon 1/31/2022	Finance Subcommittee Meeting	Review draft of public budget hearing
Mon 2/7/2022	School Committee Public Budget Hearing	first regular SC meeting in February
Feb 2022	Follow-up meetings with Departments & Admin Team	
2/21/22 - 2/25/22	February Vacation	
Mon 2/28/2022	School Committee Meeting	
Wed 3/2/2022	Finance Subcommittee Meeting (WEDNESDAY)	Review draft of final budget
Mon 3/7/2022	School Committee Adoption of Final Budget	no later than March 15th
Mon 3/14/2022	Final date for budget certification	up to 7 days after budget adoption
Mon 3/21/2022	School Committee Meeting	
Mon 3/28/2022	Finance Subcommittee Meeting	(if necessary)

FY 2023 KPRSD Budget Calendar

Tentative - Subject to Change

Day / Date	Description	Comments
Mon 4/4/2022	School Committee Meeting	
Mon 4/11/2022	Finance Subcommittee Meeting	(if necessary)
Fri 4/15/2022	Good Friday	
April	House budget released	
4/18/22 - 4/22/22	April Vacation	
Mon 4/25/2022	School Committee Meeting	
Mon 5/2/2022	School Committee Meeting	
Wed 5/4/2022	Finance Subcommittee Meeting (WEDNESDAY)	before Norfolk ATM (if necessary)
Tue 5/10/2022	Norfolk Town Meeting	second Tuesday in May
Mon 5/16/2022	School Committee Meeting	
May	Senate budget released	
Mon 5/30/2022	Memorial Day	
Wed 6/1/2022	Finance Subcommittee Meeting (WEDNESDAY)	before P+W ATM's (if necessary)
Mon 6/6/2022	School Committee Meeting	
Mon 6/6/2022	Plainville & Wrentham Town Meetings	first Monday in June
Jun 2022	Distribute final budgets to Departments & Admin Team	
Mon 6/13/2022	Finance Subcommittee Meeting	after ATM's (if necessary)
June	Conference Committee resolves budget variances	
Mon 6/20/2022	Juneteenth (observed)	
Tue 6/21/2022	School Committee Meeting	
by July 1st	State budget adopted	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING KP High School - 7:00 PM	21
FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Superintendent's Office - 7:00 PM	10
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	3
BUDGET PREPARATION (Internal)	
HOLIDAYS / VACATIONS	

MEMORANDUM

TO: School Committee
FROM: Mr. Paul Zinni, C.A.G.S.
DATE: September 20, 2021
SUBJECT: 2021/2022 Approved Home School Plans

As the School Committee authorized me to approve home school education applications on their behalf, I would like to provide you with a report for the 2021/2022 school year as of today's date.

The Superintendent's Office has processed and approved a total of 29 home school education applications received from 21 families for the 2021/2022 school year. The residential and grade level breakdown is as follows:

Norfolk – 11 students:

Grade 7 – 3 students
Grade 8 – 5 students
Grade 9 – 0
Grade 10 – 2 students
Grade 11 – 0
Grade 12 – 1 student

Plainville – 8 students:

Grade 7 – 2 students
Grade 8 – 2 students
Grade 9 – 1 student
Grade 10 – 2 students
Grade 11 – 1 student
Grade 12 – 0

Wrentham – 10 students:

Grade 7 – 1 student
Grade 8 – 2 students
Grade 9 – 3 students
Grade 10 – 1 student
Grade 11 – 1 student
Grade 12 – 2 students

/ebw

MEMORANDUM

TO: School Committee
FROM: Mr. Paul Zinni, C.A.G.S.
DATE: September 20, 2021
SUBJECT: MASC – Annual Business Meeting – Saturday, November 6, 2021
(Joint Conference to be held November 3-6, 2021)

2021 MASC Delegate Assembly Nominations:

In order for the school committee to have a vote at the annual business meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), it is necessary that an official voting delegate be designated and submitted to MASC by October 27, 2021. An alternate voting delegate may also be voted upon.

2021 MASC Delegate Resolutions:

Attached are the Resolutions to be discussed and voted upon during the annual business meeting.

- Resolution 1 – Dedicated Funding for School-Based Clinics and Services
- Resolution 2 – Homework Gap and WIFI/Internet Access
- Resolution 3 – IDEA Full-Funding Act
- Resolution 4 – Recess
- Resolution 5 – Zero Tolerance Policies
- Resolution 6 – Alternative to MCAS
- Resolution 7 – Free Internet
- Resolution 8 – School Committees and Receivership
- Resolution 9 – Electric School Busses
- Resolution 10 – Prohibiting the use of Native American mascots

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Attachment



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Ellen Holmes, President

Date: March 2021
To: MASC member school committees, c/o superintendent of schools
Re: Voting delegate to annual business meeting

Date: **DURING JOINT CONFERENCE. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Location: **RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER AT HYANNIS, HYANNIS** (see footnote on prior page)

FIRST NOTICE

In order for your school committee to have a vote at the annual business meeting of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, it is necessary that an official delegate be designated in pursuance of Article IX, Sec. 6 of the By-Laws, as follows:

All members of the Association, and all members of school committees which are active members of the Association, may attend and speak at any meeting of the Association. Only active members shall be entitled to vote on the election of officers or on any other matter as to which members of the Association shall have the right to vote and each active member shall have one vote. No later than seven days prior to each meeting of the Association each active member shall, by written notice to the Executive Director, designate one of its members as its voting delegate and may by such notice designate one of its members as its alternate voting delegate. All ballots and other votes cast by an active member at any meeting of the Association shall be cast by and only by its voting delegate or if the delegate be absent, by its alternate voting delegate if one shall have been designated.

PLEASE NOTE:

- An official delegate is only that delegate whose school committee has complied with annual dues regulations as spelled out in Article IV of the MASC By-Laws.
- Deadline for receipt of delegate forms by the Executive Director for the 2021 annual meeting is October 27, 2021.

Official Delegate Form

For the school committee of _____

The official voting delegate is: _____

The alternate voting delegate is: _____

Signed _____

NOTE: In order to register for the annual business meeting, delegates must send in this form in addition to the conference registration form.

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RESOLUTION 1: Dedicated Funding for School-Based Clinics and Services

SUBMITTED BY Framingham School Committee

PROPONENT Beverly Hugo

WHEREAS there are several overall benefits associated with a coordinated school health program including improved student performance, decreased risky behaviors, reduced drop-out rates, less absenteeism, and support teacher teamwork,

WHEREAS school-based health centers represent cost-effective investments of public resources by reducing inappropriate emergency room use reducing Medicaid expenditures, preventing mental health issues and suicide attempts, and reducing hospitalizations,

WHEREAS there is a significant increase in healthcare access by students who used school-based health centers,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that MASC support proposals that would establish dedicated funding for school-based physical health and mental health clinics and services.

RATIONALE: Maintaining physical, social, and emotional wellness in students translates into establishing an optimal learning environment and sets students up for future excellent health standards, in addition to decreasing absences, having a decrease in school discipline referrals, reduction in Medicaid expenditures, reduced inappropriate emergency room use, decreased pregnancies, and increased overall physical and mental health.

Chair Adam Freudberg. Voted on by Framingham School Committee in Open Session. Date: May 19, 2021

RESOLUTION 2: HOMEWORK GAP and WIFI/INTERNET ACCESS

WHEREAS: The Homework Gap, is a widely known and documented aspect of the Digital Divide, by which students without access to reliable high speed broadband Internet at home fall behind their peers academically; and

WHEREAS: Remote and Hybrid Learning Models exposed the Homework Gap phenomenon and compounded the deeper Learning Gap dilemma whereby students without reliable, high speed broadband Internet access are unable to engage in meaningful digital learning activities; and

WHEREAS: The students who are most likely not to have access to reliable high speed broadband Internet are already chronically and systemically underserved, such as low income, minority, and/or rural students making this a critical equity issue; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Public School Districts continue to invest in digitally rich curriculum materials which provide students with authentic learning opportunities coupled with real work skill development which prepares our students for a digitally rich global economy, the need for reliable high speed broadband Internet access will only become more necessary for the students of Massachusetts Public Schools to fully access their curriculum;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees file for and support legislation which seeks to provide free broadband Internet to all K-12 students in Massachusetts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: MASC support Federal initiatives and legislation to improve national high-speed broadband internet infrastructure, expansion the FCCs E-rate Program to include the homes of K-12 students, or any other steps to expand free access to reliable high speed broadband access to the students of our Nation.

RESOLUTION 3: "IDEA Full Funding Act"

WHEREAS: It is the legal responsibility for public schools to provide a free and appropriate education for all students in the least restrictive environment; and

WHEREAS: The cost to educate students with disabilities who qualify for special education services can be an extraordinary burden on the finances of our public schools, impacting the resources available to all students, and

WHEREAS: Federal funding through IDEA is currently only providing approximately 15% of the extra cost to educate students receiving special education services, far less than the 40% promised in IDEA, and

WHEREAS: The IDEA Full Funding Act had been proposed to fully fund IDEA through an incremental, seven-year increase in funding which had both bipartisan and bicameral support;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees calls upon the Massachusetts Congressional to reintroduce and promote the passage of the IDEA Full Funding Act.

RESOLUTION 4: "Recess"

WHEREAS: Due to regulations promulgated by Massachusetts Education Reform of 1993 which excluded recess from time learning calculations and the federal No Child Left Behind Act which tied funding and local control of schools to standardized test scores, recess in many Massachusetts Elementary Schools has been diminished or eliminated to provide more time for academics; and

WHEREAS: The CDC and the Society of Health and Physical Educators jointly stated that all students should be given at least 20 minutes of recess daily; and

WHEREAS: Research provided by the US Department of Health and Human Services has shown the benefits of recess to include improved social and emotional development, improved memory, attention and concentration, reductions in disruptive behavior in class and increased levels of physical activity;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees supports legislation calling for at least 20 minutes of uninterrupted, supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess per day which cannot be excluded from structured learning time requirements and any not increase the total number of hours required in the school year for Massachusetts elementary school students.

Current Bills: S.383, H.695

RESOLUTION 5 - "Zero Tolerance Policies"

WHEREAS: "Zero Tolerance" policies and harsh school discipline policies had been shown by the United State Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights to have a disproportionately negative impact on students of color, students with disabilities, and students who identify as LGBTQ+; and

WHEREAS: The US Department of Justice and the US Department of Education have jointly called for public elementary and secondary schools to meet their obligation under Federal law to administer student discipline without discrimination on the basis of race color or national origin and urged in guidance for public schools to find alternatives to "zero tolerance" and harsh discipline policies; and

WHEREAS: The majority of suspensions in Massachusetts public schools do not involve violent, criminal or drug related incidents; and

WHEREAS: Students who have been suspended are three times more likely to be "pushed out" or "drop out" of school and these students are 3.5 times more likely to be arrested than students who complete high school;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees call upon the Legislature to enact or amend legislation to encourage the use of restorative, therapeutic and educational approaches to incidents whenever possible over the use of "Zero Tolerance" policies in order to provide students the best chance to remain in the public school systems of the Commonwealth.

Current Bills: S.344, H.664

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 6 - "Alternative to MCAS"

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Association of Schools has taken a firm position opposing high stakes testing; and

WHEREAS: MCAS testing is considered a "high stakes" test because it is used to determine students' eligibility to graduate from school regardless of their academic standing in school; and

WHEREAS: Other states, universities and colleges have shown that project based assessments, authentic assessments, portfolios and other tools can provide students with the opportunities to demonstrate academic achievement as an alternative to "high stakes" testing;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees call upon the Legislature to establish a commission to research and analyze alternative means for students to demonstrate academic achievement which can be used to satisfy graduation requirements for individual students and accountability standards for Massachusetts Public Schools and School Districts.

Current Bills: S.293, H.612

RESOLUTION 7 - "Free Internet"

WHEREAS: The Homework Gap, is a widely known and documented aspect of the Digital Divide, by which students without access to reliable high speed broadband internet at home fall behind their peers academically; and

WHEREAS: Remote and Hybrid Learning Models exposed the Homework Gap phenomenon and compounded the deeper Learning Gap dilemma whereby students without reliable, high speed broadband internet access are unable to engage in meaningful digital learning activities; and

WHEREAS: The students who are most likely not to have access to reliable high speed broadband internet are already chronically and systemically underserved, such as low income, minority, and/or rural students making this a critical equity issue; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts Public School Districts continue to invest in digitally rich curriculum materials which provide students with authentic learning opportunities coupled with real world skill development which prepares our students for a digitally rich global economy, the need for reliable high speed broadband internet access will only become more necessary for the students of Massachusetts Public Schools to fully access their curriculum;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees file for and support legislation which seeks to provide free broadband internet to all K-12 students in Massachusetts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

MASC support Federal initiatives and legislation to improve national high-speed broadband internet infrastructure, expansion the FCCs E-rate Program to include the homes of K-12 students, or any other steps to expand free access to reliable high speed broadband access to the students of our Nation.

RESOLUTION 8 – School Committees and Receivership

{This resolution has been edited by the MASC Staff}

WHEREAS: State receivership includes all powers of the superintendent and school committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Massachusetts Association of School Committees file for and support legislation which seeks to preserve the authority of the elected body, the school committee, as provided in MGL Ch. 69, Sec. 1K by deleting the words "and school committee" as noted and by inserting the following: "Nothing in this section shall permit the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or the Commissioner to remove the authority of the school committee."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

MASC support local initiatives and legislation to restore school committee oversight of the superintendent and/or receiver, including but not limited to goal setting, performance review, and the evaluation process.

Reason for resolution:

1. Receivership is an equity issue which can be seen in the types of districts that are taken into receivership (high population Latino communities and economically disadvantaged),

2. Receivership strips away the voices of the community that elected school committee members in their communities, this resolution gives the power back to the board.
3. There are no clear set guidelines on the measures which need to be taken for districts to get back local control with no clear timeframe on the expectation that DESE will turn around a district.

(3) Appointment and powers of receiver for a chronically underperforming district

- (a) Following the designation of a district as chronically underperforming under 603 CMR 2.06(1)(b), the commissioner, on behalf of the Board, shall appoint a receiver for the district pursuant to M.G.L. c. 69, § 1K(a).
- (b) The receiver shall have the powers provided to the receiver by M.G.L. c. 69, § 1K, including all of the powers of the superintendent and school committee and full managerial and operational control over the district, provided that the district shall remain the employer of record for all other purposes, and provided further that the commissioner may define the scope of the receiver's powers up to those set forth in M.G.L. c. 69, § 1K, based on conditions in the district or its schools. The commissioner may from time to time modify the scope of the receiver's powers based on conditions in the district or its schools.
- (c) **PROPOSED AMENDMENT.** The receivership shall last no longer than five years.

RESOLUTION 9: Electric School Buses [Prepared at the Direction of the Resolutions Committee]

Whereas: Whereas transitioning to electric-powered school buses would reduce the level of greenhouse gas emissions and limit the health risks from fumes, and

Whereas: Congress has been deliberating on strategies to address global warming, including incentivizing low and zero-emission motor vehicles, including school buses, and

Whereas: Advocates for the environment across the country have called for the expenditure of \$30 billion dollars over to help to replace at least half of the nation's school bus fleets with zero-emission electric buses

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That MASC petition the Congress to appropriate \$30 billion dollars for electric buses and charging stations.

RESOLUTION 10: "Prohibiting the use of Native American mascots"

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Association of School Committees passed a resolution last year resolving that all school districts in the Commonwealth should guarantee that racist practices be eradicated, and diversity, equity and inclusion be embedded and practiced for our students, families, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights called for an end to the use of Native American images and team names by non-Native schools in 2001, stating that "the stereotyping of any racial, ethnic, religious or other groups when promoted by our public educational institutions, teach all students that stereotyping of minority groups is acceptable, a dangerous lesson in a diverse society"; and

WHEREAS: The American Psychological Association called for the immediate retirement of Native American mascots, logos and nicknames back in 2005, citing research showing that the use of Native American mascots (a) undermines the educational experiences of members of all communities; (b) creates a racially hostile learning environment for all students; (c) has a negative impact on the self-esteem of American Indian children; and (d) undermines the ability of American Indian Nations to portray accurate and respectful images of their culture;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: The Massachusetts Association of School Committees supports legislation calling for regulations prohibiting public schools from using an athletic team name, logo, or mascot which names, refers to, represents, or is associated with Native Americans, including aspects of Native American cultures and specific Native American tribes.

Current Bills: S.294

***Regulations would not prohibit a Native American tribe, as identified by the commission on Indian affairs, located within the boundaries of the commonwealth, from choosing to use a Native-related name or logo for a sports team comprised of its tribal members, including a tribal school or intramural league, or from that tribal nation giving explicit consent for a school to use their particular tribal name.