

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 2, 2015
King Philip Regional High School - Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Martin, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Members Present: Norfolk: Michael Gee
Plainville: Ann-marie Martin, Patrick Francomano
Wrentham: Lynn Desrochers, Jim Killion, Danielle Schmitz
HS Student Council Representative: Eliza Sheehan

Members Absent: Norfolk: Jeff Chalmers, Noelle Tonelli (arrived at 7:10pm)
Plainville: Charlene McEntee
Wrentham: Present

The meeting is being videotaped by Wrentham Cable Access. Mrs. Martin explained that the public may visit the district's website at www.kingphilip.org to review informational documents pertaining to each school committee meeting. Videotaped meetings may be viewed in their entirety at www.wrenthamcableaccess.com Mrs. Martin also explained the procedure for public comment.

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Ms. DeLuca, HS Teacher

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Gee, to approve the Minutes of October 19, 2015, as presented. All in favor with Mr. Killion and Mrs. Schmitz abstaining.

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers

COMMUNICATION:

- Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, dated 10/5/15 was presented to the Committee.
- Board & Administrator, October 2015, Vol. 29, No. 6.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. Desrochers, to approve and retain the Executive Session Minutes of October 19, 2015, as presented. All in favor with Mr. Killion and Mrs. Schmitz abstaining.

New Business (taken out of order):

HS Overnight Ski Trip:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Killion, to approve the attendance of the HS Ski Club to travel to Sunday River in Bethel, Maine from February 26-28, 2016, according to Policy IJOA and JJH. All in favor.

Communications:

KP in the News:

- An article dated 10/23/15 in *The Sun Chronicle* about The Parent Network;
- An article dated 10/25/15 in *The Sun Chronicle* entitled, "Fenway honor for KP Teacher."

BICO Quarterly Information dated 9/30/15 was presented.

Special Education Review:

Dr. Zielinski updated the School Committee on the special education review and presented the 12 focus questions that will be the focus of the review. The posting of the draft position for the special education review consultant has been posted on School Spring. The superintendents will come back to school committees for their recommendation on who would be a good fit to do this work.

Mr. Francomano noted that this posting is very generic. Dr. Zielinski explained that this was the initial draft. The postings on School Spring, CASE and ACE are more detailed. It has also been sent to local colleges for professors who do this type of work. Consulting firms in this area may also apply. The approximate cost is expected to be in the \$10,000-15,000 range for the consulting fee (divided by 4 districts).

The final enrollment figures for October 1, 2015 have been determined, with an additional 40 students more than projected according to Dr. Zielinski.

(Noelle Tonelli arrived at 7:10pm.)

Finance Subcommittee minutes dated 9/28/15 were distributed.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Taken from Late Communication – Cleaning Effort – HS:

In a memorandum dated November 1, 2015, Mr. Schaefer explained the process that has been taken to disinfect the high school based upon two confirmed cases of MRSA. Dr. Zielinski explained that there is no reported link between the students and no confirmation that the students contracted MRSA from being in the HS building. However, the district is taking this matter very seriously and the lockers rooms, equipment, and the areas frequented by students have been sanitized. Affected students are being monitored by school nurses.

Dr. Zielinski indicated that the two students diagnosed with MRSA are being monitored by the school nurse, under doctor's care and are taking antibiotics; they are back in school. She noted that the doctors are responsible for notifying the DPH that MRSA has been diagnosed.

Discussion ensued on the cost of disinfecting the HS. Mr. Schaefer indicated that all time spent will be on time cards. Carpet cleaners and the plumbers, as well as any cleaning agents used will be combined for a total. Proposals received for outsourcing this work ranged from \$65,000 to \$205,000. The custodial crews from the MS and the HS cleaned the building and the maximum overtime would be approximately \$8500.

The school committee asked that Dr. Zielinski send a ConnectEd message to the community and attach Mr. Schaefer's memo and to also indicate that the CDC and DPH protocols are followed. Discussion ensued on the MRSA outbreak in other schools and resources that are available on the Internet.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Mr. Chalmers

None

Plainville School Committee Representative: Mrs. McEntee

- None

Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Schmitz

- The WSC met on October 20 and discussed the following topics:
- Emergency response is under review (ALICE Training), looking for feedback from Police Chief and teachers.
- Reviewed MCAS scores which have improved over last year.
- PTO road race fundraising for new playground;
- Food drive for Thanksgiving

HS Student Council Report: Ms. Sheehan

Schoolwide

On Thursday, October 22nd, KPRHS welcomed Michael Chase to our school. Michael Chase is affectionately known as “The Kindness Guy,” a bestselling author, and an inspirational speaker in addition to being one of today’s most powerful voices for creating a kinder world. After attending one of Michael Chase’s two assemblies throughout the school day, students were asked to reflect upon their experience listening to Michael’s story. Students reacted easily in their classrooms by providing their teachers with positive feedback. Many students said that they took Michael Chase’s words to heart.

Leo Club

The Leo Club Induction ceremony for new members will occur tomorrow night. This induction ceremony is primarily for the new freshman who have recently become involved in the club.

The Leo Club is also in the process of collecting International “Alpha” Applications to hand in the National Lions Association. A few years ago, King Philip Regional High School’s Leo Club was the largest in the nation! The Leo Club Board members are hoping to claim this title again by receiving proof from the National Lions Association with the data from the alpha applications.

Student Council

The Student Council attended the SEMASC Conference at Duxbury High School on Monday, October 26th. KPRHS StuCo was one of about 50 other schools in the SEMASC region of MASC (Massachusetts Association of Student Councils) to attend. Each executive board member attended several different workshops lead by presidents of other councils within SEMASC, and were given the opportunity to hear from keynote speaker, Jessica Funk; who shared her story regarding her declining of 3 record deals, and the pressure you can undergo from society.

The Student Council (as well as the following clubs) helped to host KP StuCo’s annual event: SpookTacular! SpookTacular occurred on Wednesday October 28th, 6-9PM.

Auxiliary & Executive Board Student Council

Leo Club, KP Cares, The Metacomets, National Honors Society, English National Honors Society, Debate Club, King Philip Field Hockey Program, King Philip Football Program, King Philip Volleyball Program, Sophomore Class Officers, Junior Class Officers, DECA Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

School Committee Goals were tabled.

Meeting of the Chairs: Mrs. Martin

On October 21st, the first meeting of the Chairs of the 2015/2016 School Year was held. In attendance were Ann-marie Martin, KP Chair, Linn Caprarella, Plainville Chair and Tracey Murphy, Wrentham Chair. The Norfolk Chair was

unavailable that evening. The meeting was informal, just a welcome back, and discussion of what is going on in the districts.

The discussion began with the Special Education Review. The superintendents met on October 27th and the Chairs are excited to see the collaboration happening in all 4 districts and look forward to continued cooperation as this process moves forward.

Discussion was held on the system-wide school committee meeting – potentially happening after the holidays. Mrs. Martin had an informal conversation with Representative Dooley and Senator Ross during the Plainville *Walk to School*. They both expressed a willingness to be involved. As the result of several sessions Mrs. Martin had attended at the MASSCue Conference earlier in the day, she also brought up the potential of looking at discussing how each District handles Digital Citizenship throughout a student's education. Everyone was receptive to looking at this as well.

Mrs. Martin updated the group on the KP Turf Field and Track restoration, the 2016 Graduation date and venue change, and discussed the shared services memo sent out by Dr. Zielinski.

Dr. Murphy shared information about the suicide prevention program in Newton Public Schools. Mrs. Martin has shared this information with Dr. Oliviera.

Solar Net Metering by Synergy Energy

Mr. Schaefer explained that the contract is all the same as previously presented except for Section 3.2 on the length of this term. Attorneys agree that it would be 180 days or no later than April 30, 2016. This contract has been vetted by Attorney LeBlanc and he feels that it is permissible for the School Committee to approve this document as it is presented now.

Motion: A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Killion, that the King Philip Regional School Committee approves the entering into a Net Metering Credit Purpose and Sale Agreement with Synergy Energy, LLC., for the purpose of purchasing and receiving net metering credits associated with energy generated by the facility for an aggregated capacity of 3,600 KW-AC (thirty six hundred kilo watts alternating current), and further That the King Philip Regional School Committee authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute said agreement. All in favor.

Mrs. Schmitz would like to share this with Wrentham. Mr. Schaefer will ask that Mr. Jenkins of Synergy Energy contact the 3 town administrators of Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

Quarterly Report:

Mr. Schaefer presented the Quarterly Financial Report. There were no reflections of changes to transfer the line items around, but wanted to wait until we have an agreement with the Association on their collective bargaining agreement.

Discussion was held by the Finance Subcommittee on Table 5, the Fund 60 lost books there was a conversation about using that money for its purpose and zeroing out that account. There was also discussion on Fund 53, DECA account. There is concern that the FY15 actual balance of \$10,780 which has grown from FY14 should be used to offset expenses for the cost of the trips which doesn't appear to have happened in FY15. Further clarification was asked for as part of an upcoming DECA discussion.

Fall town meeting warrant articles:

Mr. Francomano asked if written confirmation from both towns that the language has been reviewed and is acceptable? Mr. Schaefer will follow up with both Norfolk and Wrentham.

NSBA

Mrs. Martin will send out the information and recommends attendance to this conference, if members are available.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

Presented under Reports of the Superintendent.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- Mrs. Snead reminded members that the POPS Concert will be held on December 5.
- Mrs. Snead also shared a story and praised the KP Percussion group for sharing their equipment with the Shepardsville, CT group when their music equipment was lost in transit. KP music students were very gracious.
- Mr. Francomano, as President of MASC noted that the steel band world percussion group would be performing Friday night the MASC Joint Conference and that their attendance is greatly appreciated.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

- ✚ **At 7:55pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. Desrochers, to adjourn into Executive Session for the following purpose: 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, only to return for purposes of adjournment. All in favor by roll call vote, Yes (7); No (0).**
- ✚ **At 8:10pm, A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote. Yes (7); No (0).**

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Barrett Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee*