

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
December 15, 2014
King Philip Regional High School Library

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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| Members Present: | Norfolk: | Michael Gee, Noelle Tonelli, |
| | Plainville: | Ann-marie Martin, Patrick Francomano, Charlene McEntee |
| | Wrentham: | Lynn Desrochers, Jim Killion, Danielle Schmitz |
| Members Absent: | | Jeff Chalmers |
| | | Municipal Representative: Charles Kennedy present. |
| HS Student Council Representative: | | Edward Cullinane |

The meeting is being videotaped this evening 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.

Introduction of Appointed New Member:

Mrs. Martin introduced Danielle Schmitz, the appointed representative of the Wrentham School Committee who will complete the term of Mr. Goddard who has resigned from this position.

DELEGATIONS, VISITORS, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, ETC.:

Dr. Oliveira, Ms. Lacher, Ms. Monnell

CONSENT AGENDA

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT:

Warrants/Budget Report & Transfers

The following documents were presented as the Consent Agenda

- Appointments, Retirements, etc. dated December 15, 2014;
- Murphy, Hesse: *Labor & Employment Alert*, December 2014;
- Murphy, Hesse: *Labor & Employment Client Advisory*, November 2014;
- Budget & Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes:
 - November 10, 2014
 - November 24, 2014

✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Francomano to approve the Minutes of November 17, 2014 as presented. All in favor.**

✚ **A Motion was made by Mrs. Desrochers, seconded by Mr. Francomano to approve the Minutes of December 1, 2014 as presented. All in favor, with Mr. Gee and Mrs. McEntee abstaining.**

AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes:

✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mrs. McEntee to approve and retain the Executive Session Minutes of November 17, 2014. All in favor.**

Reports and Recommendations of the Superintendent (Taken out of Order):

Ms. Lacher, Director of Special Education, introduced Erin Monnell, the HS Special Education Adjustment Counselor. Ms. Monnell is in her third year at the High School and recognized that there is a great need at the High

School for services for students who have academic, social, emotional and short-term medical needs or who have a short-term need for some type of support such as a transitional program.

Ms. Monnell received a grant in the amount of \$73,000 from the MetroWest Health Foundation to start a Transitional Program at the High School. During a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Monnell gave an overview of the program and the services that will be provided. The referral process and the protocol that will be followed were explained.

Discussion ensued on the funding of the program for the second year if the grant was not funded. She explained that the District would need to find funding from another source or discontinue the program. Ms. Monnell explained that detailed data will need to be kept to show what the program has done for our students and there will be a lot of information on which to make a recommendation. This grant is a 12-month funded program from January 2015 to January 2016.

Communication:

KP in the News:

The following article was published in The Sun Chronicle:
"Three classic holiday tales," dated December 9, 2014.

A letter dated December 10, 2014, from Dr. Cameron, Superintendent of Wrentham Public Schools, notifying the King Philip School Committee that Mr. Goddard has officially resigned and Mrs. Schmitz is the newly appointed Wrentham School Committee representative to the King Philip Regional School Committee.

An article entitled, "Running on Empty," published in *SchoolNutrition* dated December 2014.

Reports from School Committee Members:

Mr. Chalmers: None

Mrs. McEntee: The Plainville School Committee met on December 9, 2014 and held a business meeting; reviewed and approved surplus equipment; student policies were reviewed and Superintendent Raiche gave a brief overview on school nutrition.

Mrs. Schmitz: The Wrentham School Committee met last week. Dr. Cameron is working out well and met with Mr. Ketcham, Wrentham Town Administrator for the first time. There is a facility issue that needs to be reviewed at the Vogel School. A search has been started for the Delaney school principal and director of technology.

Mr. Cullinane: Student Council Report

- Senior Government: Senior Supper was a success! Seniors were awarded various superlatives. Planning for Senior T-Shirts and Prom is underway.
- KP Cares: KP Cares held Luminary Night to fundraise for the American Cancer Society on Thursday, December 11th. KP will be hosting a Relay for Life in June.
- Spanish National Honor Society: Induction was held on Monday, December 8th. 27 new members were inducted.
- Art National Honor Society: Working on Memory Projects with International Club. The Induction is being held on January 7th.
- International Club: "Carry a Country"-conducting a fundraiser selling wristbands for \$2. 20% of proceeds will benefit the country where the fabric for the bracelets comes from. Working on news blog- Kurrent Kulture posting global current events. A Link will be available in Principal's Newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bi-County Collaborative: Agreement

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Francomano to approve the Bi-County Collaborative Agreement as revised and presented. All in favor.**

Bi-County Collaborative: Surplus Funds

Mr. Francomano asked that the Committee defer questions on the Bi-County Collaborative Surplus Funds and discussion until the next meeting. The Chair tabled discussion to January 12, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

Acceptance of Donation: Rylee Fund:

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mrs. McEntee, seconded by Mr. Francomano, to accept the \$1000 donation from the Rylee Fund to the King Philip Middle School – Drama Club. All in favor.

Acceptance of Donation: Peavey Sound System:

- ✦ A Motion was made by Mrs. McEntee, seconded by Mr. Francomano, to accept a Peavey Sound System, with an estimated value of \$1,711.95 from Dr. Robert B. Stromberg. The sound system will benefit the KP Music Program. All in favor.

FY2014 DESE End of Year Report:

Mr. Schaefer presented the School Committee with the financial reports for the FY2014 End of Year Report that were provided to DESE. The submission of these reports was completed and will be audited to make sure that the District is in compliance. The report also provides a three-year history of district spending by DESE Function Codes.

FY16 Budget Update:

Mr. Schaefer presented the School Committee with a memorandum dated December 12, 2014 giving an update on the FY16 Budget. The Budget and Finance Subcommittee met on December 8, 2014 with the curriculum team leaders and administrators of both the HS and the MS and presented their requests for the next fiscal year operating budget. The next meeting of the Budget & Finance Subcommittee will be held on Monday, December 22 along with representatives from the three member towns to determine the anticipated revenues to be used in planning for FY16.

Recommendations or Questions from Individual Committee Members:

Late Communications:

Public Comment:

Adjournment:

- ✦ At 7:40pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, 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, to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; and, the chair so declares, only to return to open session for purposes of adjournment. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8); No (0).
- ✦ At 8:10pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. McEntee to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8); No (0).

Respectfully submitted,

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