

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 3, 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:

Members Present:	Norfolk:	Michael Gee, Noelle Tonelli
	Plainville:	Ann-marie Martin, Patrick Francomano
	Wrentham:	Edward Goddard
Members Absent:		Jim Killion, Charlene McEntee, Lynn Desrochers (arrived at 7:35pm), Jeff Chalmers, (arrived at 7:40pm)
HS Student Council Representative:		Edward Cullinane

Mrs. Martin introduced Charles Kennedy as the Municipal representative for collective bargaining representing the three towns and elected by the selectmen of Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham. He is currently the Chair of the Wrentham Board of Selectman.

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.

DELEGATIONS, VISITORS, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, ETC.:

Dr. Gilson, Assistant Superintendent/MS Principal

CONSENT AGENDA

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT:

Warrants/Budget Report & Transfers

The following documents were presented as the Consent Agenda:

- Appointments, Retirements, etc. dated November 3, 2014;
- Budget & Finance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes dated September 29, 2014.

✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Gee, to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2014, as presented. All in favor. With Mr. Goddard abstaining.**

AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes-Executive Session:

✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Gee, to approve and hold the Executive Session Minutes of October 6, 2014 and October 20, 2014, as presented. All in favor, with Mr. Goddard abstaining.**

NEW BUSINESS (Taken out of Order):

MCAS Results: Dr. Gilson

Dr. Gilson presented the School Committee with an Executive Summary in a memorandum dated October 30, 2014 on the District MCAS Performance 2014 Testing. She also gave a PowerPoint presentation to provide an analysis

of the District's student performance on the 2014 MCAS assessments in ELA, Math and Science which included student growth, accountability and subgroups.

Student Performance:

Dr. Gilson explained that statistically, performance in ELA is strong with 90% of KPRSD students meeting or exceeding proficiency. District math performance shows 81% of KPRSD students are meeting or exceeding proficiency. Our largest jump occurred when examining 4 year trends with our science performance. While in 2011, we had 63% of students meeting or exceeding proficiency, we now have 75% at this level. We will be interested to see if this upward trend holds with the 2015 testing cycle. Trends in the other subject areas suggest that district performance is consistent. Longitudinal trends indicate all King Philip students have been able to meet or exceed the proficiency level required to earn their HS Diploma. This has been accomplished with students taking the standard MCAS, MCAS retest, or through an Educational Proficiency plan.

High Needs and Subgroups:

Trends with our high needs and related subgroups--English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities, and Low Income--suggest that these need to be areas that get continued attention so that more progress can be directed towards narrowing proficiency gaps. Thirty or more students are needed in a subgroup to make that subgroup recognized for testing results.

Progress Performance Index (PPI):

Accountability ratings are based on the progress performance index as well as a comparison between schools of the same type, participation rates, and/or persistently low graduation rates. To meet the Level I criteria, the PPI for all students needs to be 75 or higher and the participation rate must be 95% or better. The reason for the Level 2 designation at the high school is that the participation rate for students taking the science MCAS in one subgroup was 93%. Due to the small size of that subgroup this meant a difference of 1 student needed to move the high school over the bar for participation. The middle school challenges lie with subgroup size and performance with students in the high needs and related subgroup areas. At this time, both schools have been designated Level 2 schools.

Hockomock League & Surrounding Towns Comparisons:

We have examined our performance with other comparison groupings to look both at achievement and growth. Comparison groups for ELA and Math tests include a per pupil comparison (districts that spend a similar amount), Hockomock league comparison (surrounding communities), and districts with similar percentages of enrollment and needs (e.g., Students with Disabilities, English Language Learners, and Low Income). Math is a continued target area for KP compared to other districts in the Hockomock area. It was noted that most of these districts are K-12 Districts.

Science is at 75%, and improvement is attributed to STEM initiatives and integration with Science and Technology in the Unified Arts. The HS and the MS teachers have done a great job communicating. Both schools have encouraged large groups of students to take a team based focus coursework.

Dr. Gilson explained that as King Philip District reviews ways of helping all students achieve, and the District has continued on a rigorous path of implementing intervention programs to provide further support to students in need of improvement; are increasing our use of diagnostic tools that allow our staff to review local and standardized assessment to refine instructional practice; and, continuing to review our practice to support and challenge all of our learners such that they are successful at the different grade levels where testing is in place.

Discussion ensued on having a common theme amongst the three towns in Mathematics and refine processes to monitor the short term and longitudinal results.

Mr. Goddard has asked Dr. Cameron, Wrentham Superintendent, to send Wrentham's MCAS results to Dr. Gilson.

(Lynn Desrochers arrived at 7:35pm.)

Communication:

- KPMA Fundraiser “KPMA Musical Miles” to benefit the music program and the KP Turf Field Project;
- An article dated October 17, 2014 in *The Sun Chronicle*, on the KP Marching Band competition in the US Bands Northeast Regional Marching Band Competition;
- An article dated October 23, 2014 from *Wrentham.Wicked Local*, entitled, “KP school board discusses PARCC assessment test.” Mrs. Martin noted that this article did not particularly represent the Committee’s intent.
- MASC Legislative Bulletin dated October 22, 2014;
- MASC Policy Newsletter dated October 2014.

Reports of the Superintendent:

None

(Jeff Chalmers arrived at 7:40pm)

Reports from School Committee Members:

Mr. Chalmers: None

Mrs. McEntee: None

Mr. Goddard: The Wrentham School Committee discussed MCAS Results, BICO Agreement discussion in which the WSC is in agreement with the philosophy of the KP School Committee.

Mr. Cullinane: Presented the HS Student Council Report dated October 30, 2014

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bi-County Collaborative Agreement:

Mrs. Martin reviewed the discussion and action taken to-date on the Bi-County Collaborative Agreement agenda item. At the October 6, 2014 meeting, the School Committee discussed the Bi County Collaborative Bylaws. Concern was raised about Section IV – Governance, specifically that each School Committee shall annually appoint its Superintendent to serve on the Board of Directors. The 2012 Session Law, Chapter 43, An Act Relative to Improving Accountability and Oversight of Educational Collaboratives, Section 1(c) gives the School Committee a broader discretion on who they could choose to appoint. The Committee was concerned that the bylaws, as written, take away this discretion and would like to see them be reflective of the current law. Given that uncertainty, the committee asked Mrs. Martin to communicate with all the member committees so that each can consider the issue before the bylaws are approved. This letter was sent to the superintendents with the request that it be forwarded to the chairs of their respective school committees. The letter was also mailed directly to the chairs of the member towns, via email and regular mail. Mrs. Martin reviewed the 3 responses that she has received. The next meeting of the BICO Board of Directors meeting will be held on November 13, 2014.

Quarterly Financial Reports:

Mr. Schaefer, Director of Finance, presented the School Committee with the FY15 1st Quarter Financial Results which includes the following information:

Table 1: Comparison of General Fund Revenues – FY2011-2015

Table 2: Comparison of State Grants – FY2011-2015

Table 3: Comparison of Total Federal Grants – FY2011-2015

Table 4: School Lunch Revolving Fund – FY2011-2015

Table 5: Comparison of Revolving Funds – FY2011-2015

Mr. Schaefer, at the request of Mr. Francomano, will review items that have a negative balance in the General Fund and Revenue & Expenditures Report and will provide a report at the next Finance Subcommittee Meeting.

Meeting of the School Committee Chairs:

Mrs. Martin has organized and scheduled a meeting of the school committee chairs (or vice chairs, depending on their availability) from King Philip, Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham for November 13, 2014 at 7pm. She will report back to the full committee.

Home School Approval:

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Gee, to approve the home school plan for A.R., Grade 10 for the 2014/2015 school year, according to Policy IHBG. All in favor.**

Recommendations or Questions from Individual Committee Members:

Mr. Schaefer distributed copies of the MASBO District Review which will be an agenda item at the November 17, 2014 school committee meeting. The representative does not want to present before the committee and Mr. Francomano suggested that perhaps he could be asked to Skype into the meeting, if travel is an issue. Also, if any member has any specific items to be discussed to please let the chair know prior to the meeting.

Late Communications:

Public Comment:

Adjournment:

- ✚ At 8:45pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Francomano, 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; and, 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, only to return for purposes of adjournment. All in favor by roll call vote, including Mr. Kennedy: Yes (8); No (0).

- ✚ At 10:15pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. McEntee to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7); No (0). (Mr. Kennedy left the meeting at the conclusion of collective bargaining discussions at 10:03pm.)

Respectfully submitted,

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