

*King Philip Regional School Committee Meeting  
Remote Meeting  
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 – 6PM  
Minutes - Approved*

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Members Present:**

Norfolk:	Michael Gee, Jim Lehan, Sarah Ward
Plainville:	Bruce Cates, Samad Khan, Michele Sharpe
Wrentham:	Erin DeStefano, Jim Killion

**Members Absent:**

Norfolk:	Present
Plainville:	Present
Wrentham:	Trevor Knott (joined the meeting at 7:50pm)

**Visitors:**

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azer, Mr. Bois

**OPENING OF MEETING:**

Mr. Gee, Chair opened the meeting at 6:00pm and read the following statement into the Minutes:

Good evening. This Open Meeting of the King Philip Regional School District is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the “COVID-19 Virus.” “Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, Section 20.”

In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor’s Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely.

The Order, which you can find posted with agenda materials for this meeting allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting.

Ensuring public access does not ensure public participation unless such participation is required by law. This meeting will present public comment during that designated portion of the meeting. As directed in the posting, public comment should have been emailed to the superintendent of school prior to the start of the public comment section of the meeting and will be read by the superintendent on the commenter’s behalf.

For this meeting, the King Philip Regional School District is convening by Zoom Meeting as posted on the District’s Website identifying how the public may join. Please visit: [www.kingphilip.org](http://www.kingphilip.org)

Please note that this meeting is being recorded, and that some attendees are participating by video conference. All voted will be taken by roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- ✚ At 6:05pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Killion, to enter into Executive Session, 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 return to open session. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (8) Mr. Gee, Mr. Lehan, Ms. Ward, Mr. Cates, Mr. Khan, Ms. Sharpe, Mrs. DeStefano, Mr. Killion; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor; motion carried.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

- ✦ **At 6:30pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Killion, seconded by Mrs. DeStefano, to return to open session. Yes (8) Mr. Gee, Mr. Lehan, Ms. Ward, Mr. Cates, Mr. Khan, Ms. Sharpe, Mrs. DeStefano, Mr. Killion; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor; motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment was shared by Mr. Zinni by reading letters submitted for the public comment period by the following community members:

Declan Derfler-Murphy  
Madison Soares  
Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick  
Tracy Molloy  
Julie Redlitz  
Kendra Kannally  
Jill Lawrence

Mr. Gee expressed his thanks for the thoughtful, respective, and productive opinions shared over the past few weeks during this reopening process.

**Approval of Warrants:**

- ✦ **A Motion was made by Mr. Killion, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the following warrants (9-payroll, 10A, 10B, 65 and 66 payables) as presented. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (7) Mr. Lehan, Ms. Sharpe, Mrs. DeStefano, Mr. Cates, Mr. Killion, Mr. Khan, Ms. Ward; No (0); Abstain (1)- Mr. Gee. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

**District Re-Opening Plan:**

Mr. Zinni shared a PowerPoint presentation on the district school re-opening plan that provided detailed information on MA health data, local health data, and safety guidelines to prevent transmission (masks and social distance). The recommended model was to begin with remote, with timelines by which the district hopes to move into hybrid, and eventually back to full in person based on local data. Mr. Zinni shared what schedules would look like in the remote model and hybrid models at both the high school and middle school.

Additionally, information was provided by Mr. Azer as to PPE equipment, technology equipment, etc. that had been purchased. The cost of these items is reimbursable through FEMA, state, and federal grants. Mr. Azer also described potential impacts to budget relative to implementation of each re-opening phase. Mr. Zinni is suggesting remote-only for the first few weeks before moving ahead in the continuum. Both the presentation and recorded livestream are available to view on the district website. The full re-opening plan will be posted on the COVID information page that is on the main page of our website.

Following Mr. Zinni's presentation, Mr. Gee recognized School Committee and offered them the opportunity to express their comments and/or concerns about the options and Mr. Zinni's recommended reopening plan for the District.

(Mr. Knott joined the meeting at 7:50pm)

Discussion ensued on asynchronous and synchronous learning and the engagement of real-time learning and the effect the hybrid schedule may have on the families of the elementary districts. Mr. Zinni indicated that the district will continue to support all families and will continue to monitor all students including those who are learning remotely so that there is no loss of momentum and students will be able to engage in real time learning. Mr. Zinni also discussed time-on-learning based upon the requirements from the state.

Mr. Zinni gave an overview of informal and formal assessments and explained that teachers will be checking in with students and will provide enrichment to those students who need it on a regular basis.

Discussion ensued on fall sports. Mr. Zinni referred to the MIAA's recent statement and the rearrangement of the schedule for contact sports. The MIAA and DESE will be coming out with guidelines soon. Mr. Gary Brown, Athletic Director, is working on this matter closely. Mr. Zinni noted that co-curricular activities will also be looked at in order to offer a robust program if the programs were to run remotely as a broader spectrum.

Discussion ensued on the social emotional issues that may arise during this school year. Mr. Zinni indicated that Dot Pearl, Wellness Coordinator of all 4 school systems, has been working on this aspect of students and will continue to provide resources to support our students and staff members.

Discussion ensued on the remote learning academy that Mr. Zinni mentioned in the previous meeting and how this ties into the proposed model. Mr. Zinni indicated that there is an option for staying home and described how a remote learning academy is covered in the phased in model.

Mr. Zinni noted that the final plan will be submitted to DESE by the close of business on Friday, August 14, 2020.

**A motion was made by Mrs. DeStefano, seconded by Mr. Khan, to approve the King Philip Regional School District Reopening Plan, as presented, where the students would begin in remote learning and transition to hybrid if data supports the transition.**

Discussion followed on how this model will provide services to those students on IEPs, ELL, and low-income students. Mr. Zinni indicated that Ms. Moy, Director of Student Support Services, will adhere to all Federal guidelines and IEPs will drive services and support and students will continue to receive those services. Ms. Moy has a plan in place to provide maximum support and the proposed model has a C&D cohort in place.

Discussion followed on a review of the data in support of students to be in school and the hybrid and remote academy model that was presented on August 6, 2020.

Following no further comments or discussion, Mr. Gee moved the motion on the table:

**A Motion was made by Mrs. DeStefano, seconded by Mr. Khan, to approve the King Philip Regional School District Reopening Plan, as presented, where the students would begin in remote learning and transition to hybrid if data supports the transition. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (6) Mr. Gee, Mrs. DeStefano, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Khan, Ms. Ward, Ms. Sharpe; No (3) Mr. Cates, Mr. Knott, Mr. Killion; Abstain (0). Motion carried 6-3 in favor.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**A Motion was made by Ms. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Cates, to adjourn at 9:20pm. A roll call of members was taken: Yes (9) Mr. Gee, Mrs. DeStefano, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Khan, Ms. Ward, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cates, Mr. Knott, Mr. Killion; No (0); Abstain (0). All in favor, motion carried.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Elisa B. Witkus  
Secretary to the School Committee*

**Documents presented 8/12/2020:**

Warrants (9-payroll, 10A, 10B, 65 and 66 payables)

District Reopening Plan – PowerPoint Presentation

Mr. Cates asked that the following chart from mass.gov be included as part of the minutes:

12-Aug		Covid Dashboard Results		
	<a href="https://www.mass.gov">mass.gov</a>			
<b>Hospitalizations 8/12/2020</b>				
Age range	# cases	Rate per 100,000	Percent	Cum. %
0-19	122	8	0.008%	
20-29	315	30	0.030%	0.038%
30-39	580	64	0.064%	0.102%
40-49	867	102	0.102%	0.204%
50-59	1555	160	0.160%	0.364%
60-69	2318	280	0.280%	0.644%
70-79	2583	538	0.538%	1.182%
80+	3721	1277	1.277%	2.459%
<b>Death Data 8/12/2020</b>				
Age range	# cases	Rate per 100,000	Percent	Cum. %
0-19	0	0	0	
20-29	17	2	0.002%	0.002%
30-39	35	4	0.004%	0.006%
40-49	93	11	0.011%	0.017%
50-59	314	32	0.032%	0.049%
60-69	897	108	0.108%	0.157%
70-79	1896	395	0.395%	0.552%
80+	5489	1883	1.883%	2.435%
80+	1768	more deaths than hospitalizations		
<b>Average age of Deaths in Total COVID-19 Cases:</b>				
<b>Percent of all deaths who had Underlying Condition(s):</b>				