

King Philip Regional School Committee
Remote Meeting
Monday, March 29, 2021
7pm

OPENING OF MEETING:

Mr. Gee, Chair opened the meeting at 7pm.

This meeting is being recorded by Mr. Zinni and is being live-streamed.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present:

Norfolk:	Michael Gee, Jim Lehan
Plainville:	Bruce Cates, John Faraca
Wrentham:	Trevor Knott, Erin DeStefano

Members Absent:

Norfolk:	Sarah Ward
Plainville:	Samad Khan
Wrentham:	Jim Killion

HS Student Council Representative: Miss James

Visitors:

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Miss James

OPENING OF MEETING:

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

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Zinni reported that no public comment emails were received for this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes:

None

Payment of Bills, Financial Report:

None

Communication:

None

AGENDA

Approval of Executive Session Minutes:

None

Communication:

None

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Covid Learning Plan Update:

Mr. Zinni provided an update on the district's Covid Learning Plan. The Covid Committee met on March 22, 2021 which included members of the Administrative Team, Union representatives, teachers and school committee members Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, and Mr. Knott. Discussion during this meeting was focused on designing a final plan for the middle school reopening and to hopefully bring back all seniors, who are currently hybrid, back into the building full time.

Mr. Zinni gave an update on the following items relative to the reopening plan:

1. DESE regulations for MS students to return to the classroom on April 26;
2. Plan for all seniors to return to the classroom at least through May 3. Dr. Mobley is cautiously optimistic that she will be able to have the juniors return as well;
3. A contingency plan should the DESE Commissioner want all HS students back in full.
4. Transportation guidance on the number of students on buses from DESE. Other transportation matters include:
 - Bus issues will be problematic since both the MS and the HS share buses;
 - Bus routes will need to be adjusted with a new A/B schedule.
 - The late bus will be activated.
 - A temporary crossing guard will need to be hired.
 - The District is working with the Norfolk Police Department about a safety detail.
5. Vaccination Update: Appointments are being made by teachers to receive the Covid vaccination. A clinic was planned for KP and elementary staff members, however, this did not happen. Mr. Zinni appreciates those staff members moving forward with making appointments on their own. A survey was conducted recently on KP staff members who anticipate being fully vaccinated by the end of April vacation week. Over 80% of staff will be vaccinated.
6. Classroom configuration was reviewed in which student desks will continue to be 3' apart. Mr. Zinni also explained how built-in structures in the classrooms will be removed to provide extra space for desks and the monetary costs involved in this process. Fire codes and regulations will also need to be monitored.
7. Lunchroom configuration for students to have lunch was reviewed in which students will be seated 6' apart, per guidelines. Mr. Zinni explained that there are no extra staff to monitor the extra lunchroom needed to accommodate students, therefore, administrators will create a schedule to provide lunch duty in the newly created cafeteria utilizing the auxiliary gym at the MS. Lunch trays have been ordered for students to use while having lunch and cafeteria chairs with gliders to protect the gym floor.
8. Substitute coverage was discussed. There is also a need to hire cafeteria staff to provide lunch services at both the HS and the MS.
9. Consolidation of the district office administrative offices.
10. Technology and phone lines will need to be configured for the consolidation of the district office administration. Students must be reminded to bring in charged devices to school.

Discussion ensued on whether there is a general expectation that a teacher will be in every classroom. Mr. Zinni discussed the Remote Academy, and that the administration will continue to review individual cases should the matter arise.

Testing:

- MCAS testing dates are to be determined. Mr. Zinni explained that while MCAS is a standardized test it is a federal requirement.
- AP Exams are held in May.
- SATs are scheduled at the HS on April 27. The whole junior class as signed up to take the SATs and this was scheduled while classes were in hybrid. Currently, Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson and Mr. Bois will be proctors for the SATs. Discussion ensued about obtaining a waiver or holding the SATs on a Saturday. Mr. Zinni explained that holding the SATs on a Saturday would mean opening up the exam to the public and when this was scheduled initially a date needed to be locked in.

Discussion ensued on holding class outside or provide tents for students. Mr. Zinni will continue to provide the safest environment possible for all students.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

ADOURNMENT:

- ✚ **At 8:25pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Lehan, to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (6): Mr. Gee, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cates, Mr. Faraca, Mrs. DeStefano, Mr. Knott; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 6-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

*Elisa B. Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee*

Documents Presented on March 29, 2021:

Agenda