

**KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 2, 2018
King Philip Regional High School - Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Francomano, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Members Present:	Norfolk:	Michael Gee, Jeff Chalmers,
	Plainville:	Patrick Francomano, Samad Khan, Charlene McEntee
	Wrentham:	Trevor Knott, Erin DeStefano, Jim Killion

Members Absent:	Norfolk:	Kenneth Dow
	Wrentham:	Present
	Plainville:	Present

HS Student Council Representative: Miss Linde

The meeting is being videotaped by Wrentham Cable Access. Mr. Francomano 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. Mr. Francomano also explained the procedure for public comment.

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

State Senator Richard Ross, State Rep. Sean Dooley
Dr. Zielinski, Superintendent, Mr. Azer, Director of Finance

Citation Presentations by State Senator Ross and State Representative Dooley to:

Mr. Jeff Chalmers – Norfolk
Mr. Patrick Francomano – Plainville
Mrs. Charlene McEntee – Plainville

Mr. Gee introduced two distinguished guests, State Senator Ross and State Representative Dooley, who presented citations to honor the three departing school committee members: Mr. Jeff Chalmers, Mr. Francomano and Mrs. McEntee.

Mr. Jeff Chalmers, served on 2 school committees (Norfolk and King Philip) for 6 years, has been very engaged in the community and several subcommittees and is very devoted to public education.

Mrs. Charlene McEntee was appointed in 2004 to the Plainville School Committee and has served for 14 years of dual service. She has a deep involvement with MASC which she will continue when she steps down, she is a lobbyist for special education and other areas as well. She is an advocate for students not only in Plainville but to all the students in the Commonwealth.

Mr. Patrick Francomano has served for 25 years starting in 1995 in Plainville. He served on the Executive Board of MASC and was the President in 2015. Mr. Gee referred to him as a leader who has served on virtually all of the subcommittees of the School Committee and has mentored numerous members over the years. He is a steward and advocate of public education. According to Mr. Ross, Mr. Francomano has been a great advocate in working on the Foundation Budget.

Consent Agenda

All items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so request, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Killion, seconded by Mr. Gee, to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2018 as presented. All in favor, with Mrs. McEntee abstaining. Yes (7); No (0). Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers

COMMUNICATION:

Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, etc., were presented in a memorandum from Dr. Zielinski dated April 2, 2018.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Khan, to approve and retain the Executive Session Minutes of February 5, 2018. All in favor with Mr. Gee abstaining. Yes (7); No (0). Motion carried.
- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Khan, to approve and retain the Executive Session Minutes of March 19, 2018. All in favor with Mr. Chalmers and Mrs. McEntee abstaining. Yes (6); No (0). Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION:

Budget & Finance Subcommittee Approved Minutes were presented dated: January 12, 2018, January 26, 2018 and March 2, 2018.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Nationwide Student Walkout- Update

Dr. Zielinski provided the Committee with an update on the status of the nationwide student walkout in a memorandum dated March 30, 2018. Dr. Zielinski also provided information about the assemblies held and the planned student activities. She indicated that students did hold an after-school meeting, with about 10 students in attendance, and they discussed events to keep the momentum running. Suggestions to wear the colors of the other school were discussed.

Mr. Francomano commented that he was concerned about the desire to keep things under control and at the same time there are 1st amendment issues and a student who is holding a meeting after school has a right to discuss these issues. Students should be encouraged to speak on political issues and be given those opportunities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

School Committee Self-Evaluation

Mr. Gee indicated that the self-evaluation is still open and asked that current committee members please complete it by the end of April. This will be addressed at the first meeting in May.

Forum on Adolescent Sleep & Late Start Times – Update

Mr. Francomano brought this to the attention of the School Committee and a forum was held on March 22 sponsored by KP and was well attended. There was a very impressive speakers and turnout from the community. There was a presentation by a researcher who discussed the science of sleep deprivation and representatives from 2 schools (Sharon and Ashland) who have implemented later start times. Many districts are exploring this issue. Mr. Francomano presented a memorandum dated April 2, 2018 that included the PowerPoint presentation prepared by Julie Kinney a resident of Plainville who organized the event for KP. The science appears to be indisputable and this is a very serious health and mental health issue.

Mr. Francomano wanted it understood that a later start time should not impact the elementary programs and their schedules and he is recommending that at the annual retreat or as an annual goal, that a formal study group be established under Supt. Paul Zinni on feasibility.

Public comment from Julie Kinney asked what the start time was of the high school. KPRHS start time is 7:30am. Meetings starts at 7am. Discussion ensued on possible start times with 20 minute increments measurements. Mr. Francomano stated that with our current bus company for HS and MS used in the am and are used later on for the elementary schools and that would need to be taken into consideration.

Dr. Zielinski noted that there is a union contract that spells out the start times for KP schools.

Mr. Knott - people just don't get enough sleep so let's accommodate that instead of getting more sleep which is obvious.

Mr. Francomano: Students catch the bus at 6:30; it is not as simple as saying the kids need to go to bed earlier.

Mr. Knott: where is the problem being solved if everything is pushed back later?

Mr. Francomano: leave it to research and exploration talking about the science behind it.

Julie Kinney said this is really about the science that should all be part of the conversation. And how the school day could be organized so athletics are not started as late as they are now, it is complicated even more so with a regional school.

Mr. Knott: He is advocating the issue and everyone has benefitted greatly.

Mr. Francomano indicated that the athletic directors and members of the Hockomock League members have been very collaborative. Franklin and Taunton have both just established a task force and 8am is the start time.

This topic will be discussed at the 2018 School Committee Retreat.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of Superintendent's Individual Employment Contract for Mr. Zinni

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, Mr. Chalmers, to approve the Individual Employment Contract of Mr. Paul Zinni for the period commencing July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. Yes (8); No (0). All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

Current Pending Legislation: Mr. Azer

In a memorandum dated March 27, 2018, Mr. Azer presented two pieces of pending state legislation that are of particular interest to King Philip. The Finance Subcommittee review them on March 2nd and recommended that the full school committee be made aware of them. Mr. Ross and Mr. Dooley agreed as they both worked on them:

- S.2325 *An Act modernizing the Foundation Budget for the 21st Century* (incorporates elements of S.217 and S.223)
- H.311 *An Act establishing a special commission relative to reimbursements on school busing costs*

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, that the King Philip Regional School Committee support both bills, S.2325 *an Act modernizing the Foundation Budget for the 21st Century* and H.311 *An Act establishing a special commission relative to reimbursements on school busing costs*, and to communicate support to legislative representatives, MASC and other lobbying groups. Yes (8); No (0). All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.**

2018 Transportation Services Bid Approval: Mr. Azer

In a memorandum dated March 27, 2018, Mr. Azer provided the bid results for the 2018 bus transportation contract. There were 6 interested companies and only 1 bid was received back from Holmes Bus Company of Norfolk, MA. For FY19, this is an increase of 4.33%.

- ✚ **A Motion was made Mr. Knott, seconded by Mr. Killion, to authorize the superintendent to sign a three-year contract with Holmes Bus Company to provide regular education student**

transportation in accordance with the District's bid specifications, in the amount of \$217 per bus per day for FY2019, \$223 per bus per day for FY2020, and \$230 per bus per day for FY2021. Yes (8); No (0). All in favor. Motion carried.

Job Description: Director of Student Support Services (1st reading):

Dr. Zielinski noted that with the retirement of Ms. Lacher, Director of Special Education at the end of this school year, the job description needs to be updated as the current job description goes back to 1996. Dr. Zielinski has consulted with Mr. Zinni and they have provided a new job description for the committee's review. The title has changed from Director of Special Education to Director of Student Support Services and has a broader spectrum of duties and responsibilities and supervisory responsibilities. Once this new job description is approved then we will proceed to post and advertise for that position.

Discussion ensued that the 2nd reading for this new job description be expanded to include items such as the Coordinated Program Review (CPR) and 504 issues and ELL to encompass more procedural responsibilities. These requirements have been included to make the job description and position more certifiable.

2018/2019 Professional Development Calendar (1st Reading)

2018/2019 Unit C (10-month) Paid Holidays' Calendar (1st Reading) Gee and Chalmers

2018/2019 Unit C (12-month) Paid Holidays' Calendar (1st Reading) Gee and Chalmers

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. McEntee, seconded by Mr. Killion, to waive the 1st reading of the 2018/2019 Professional Development Calendar, 2018/2019 Unit C (10-month) Paid Holidays' Calendar, and the 2018/2019 Unit C (12-month) Paid Holidays' Calendar. All in favor. Yes (8); No (0). All in favor. Motion carried.
- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Chalmers, to approve the 2018/2019 Unit C (10-month) Paid Holidays' Calendar. All in favor. Yes (8); No (0). All in favor. Motion carried.
- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Chalmers, to approve the 2018/2019 Unit C (12-month) Paid Holidays' Calendar. All in favor. Yes (8); No (0). All in favor. Motion carried.
- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, to approve the 2018/2019 Professional Development Calendar.

Discussion ensued on the alignment of professional development days among the 4 districts. Mrs. DeStefano indicated that all of the districts are not in sync with King Philip and it was her understanding was that there would be some collaboration on dates among the 4 districts for families who have students in both the elementary and KP districts. Mrs. McEntee indicated that the superintendents have already discussed and collaborated on the professional development days in which the ½ days are run more internally. October 9 has been scheduled for all districts as a full-day professional development day.

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mrs. McEntee, to approve the 2018/2019 Professional Development Calendar. All in favor. Yes (8); No (0). All in favor. Motion carried.

Appointment of Plainville Rep. to Unit A Negotiations and Finance Subcommittees:

- ✚ A Motion was made by Mrs. McEntee, seconded by Mr. Chalmers, to appoint Samad Khan, as the Plainville representative to the Finance Subcommittee, Unit A Negotiations Subcommittee, until the next School Committee reorganization is voted upon. Yes (8); No (0). All in favor. Motion carried.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Mr. Chalmers – Norfolk School Committee met on March 29th. Topics discussed included the FY19 budget, several positions were restored or partially restored that were

eliminated between 2014 and 2018, elimination of fees for transportation and band, and elimination of tuition for full day kindergarten.

- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mrs. McEntee – Plainville School Committee met on March 27th, in which both Mr. Francomano and Mrs. McEntee were honored for their service. Topics discussed were the public hearing for budget, voted on new policies on online fundraising, Superintendent's mid-year report on student learning, School Committee self-evaluation review, and superintendent evaluation review.
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Mrs. DeStefano - Wrentham School Committee met on March 20th. Topics discussed included the vote on the bus contract, school calendar, including a ½ day on Good Friday, FY19 budget with a 3.9% increase. Congratulated Trevor Knott's son for winning the Geography Bee. Started a search for a new curriculum director and for a principal to the Roderick principal.
- HS Student Council Report: Miss Linde presented her report.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

- ✚ **At 8pm, a Motion was made by Mrs. McEntee, seconded by Mr. Chalmers, to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote. Yes (8); No (0). Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Barrett Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee*

List of documents presented to the School Committee on April 2, 2018:

March 19, 2018 Draft Minutes

Appointments, Resignations, Retirements, etc.

Executive Session Draft Minutes of February 5, 2018

Executive Session Draft Minutes of March 19, 2018

Budget & Finance Subcommittee Approved Minutes Dated: 1/12/18, 1/26/18, 3/2/18

National Student Walkout- Update Memorandum

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HS Student Council Report: Miss Linde