

**ALL-ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
 OF MARTHA’S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 SUPERINTENDENCY UNION #19
 Edgartown School Committee
 Oak Bluffs School Committee
 Tisbury School Committee
 Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee
 Up-Island Regional School Committee
 6:00PM, Wednesday, January 2, 2019
 Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room**

Present:

Tisbury	Chair - Amy Houghton, Colleen McAndrews, Janet Packer,
Oak Bluffs	Lisa Reagan, Kris O’Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Edgartown	Megan Anderson, Kimberly Kirk,
Up-Island	Roxanne Ackerman, Kate DeVane, Robert Lionette, Skip Manter, Alex Salop,

Others

IPAC Co-Chair – Julie Lively

Shared Services Of.

Supt. Matthew D’Andrea, Business Administrator – Amy Tierney,
 Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr. – Richie Smith.
 Co-Dir. Student Support Services –Hope McLeod,
 ELL Director – Leah Palmer,

Staff

Chilmark Prin. – Susan Stevens, Staff - Lucy Leopold,
 Edgartown Prin. – John Stevens, Oak Bluffs Prin. – Megan Farrell,
 MVRHS Prin. –Sarah Dingley, Finance Manager – Mark Friedman,
 Tisbury Prin. – John Custer, staff - Melissa Ogden,
 West Tisbury – Donna Lowell Bettencourt, Mary Boyd,

FinComs

West Tisbury - Chuck Hodgkinson

Non-Profits:

MVCS/IWYC - Susan Mercier, YTF - Mike Joyce, Jamie Vanderhoop,

County:

Assoc. Commissioner for Youth – Rebekah ElDeiry,

Press:

Lynn Fraker – MVTV, Noah Asimov – Vineyard Gazette

Recorder

Marni Lipke * Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order

(Agenda Item #1)

The All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.

(Recorder’s Note: Some discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

Approval of Minutes – November 27, 2018 (Agenda Item # II)

- MS. COLLEEN MCANDREWS MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 27, 2018 MINUTES AS AMENDED; MS. KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 11 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS – MS. MEGAN ANDERSON, MS. DEVANE due to absence.

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Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Budget

(Agenda Item # III)

(See documents on file & Minutes: 10/18/18 & 11/27/18 p.3-5 #V.)

This budget was reduced from the previous about 7% increase to ~ \$338,000 or 5.27%, through the following measures.

- A retirement (see 11/27/18 Minutes p.5-6 #XI) allowed Strings staff reduction from 2.0 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) to a 1.0 FTE and a 0.6 FTE—increasing the student wait list.
- There were a number of shifts from budget to grant funding: speech/language therapist, a Project Headway teacher, and Professional Development (PD).
- An reduction in un-needed benefits; and
- a number of other small decreases in line with trending.
- The personnel changes from FY19 were reviewed:
 - 0.5 FTE Project Headway teacher and two 0.5 Education Support Professionals (ESPs) for the additional Project Headway class;
 - 0.5 FTE Health Education Coordinator, and a contracted 1.0 Mental Health Coordinator (that could be shifted from contractual to employee depending on FY19 pilot);
 - 0.4 FTE reduction in Strings Teacher;
 - 0.5 FTE Administrative Support Professional (ASP) payroll shift from the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS);
 - increased hours for the Financial ASPs;
 - 0.2 FTE addition to the Grants Coordinator (from 0.4 to 0.6 FTE).
- In addition to the ASP and Grants Coordinator changes other increases in the Financial Dept. included: PD (mostly software training), substitutes and equipment.
- Benefits were included in the budget but Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) contribution was included in the MVRHS budget.
- Supt. Matt D'Andrea noted that for many years the budget increases had been kept to a minimum but Mr. Skipper Manter responded that it had never gone down.
- Ms. Lisa Reagan commended and supported the tight budget noting the response to community and AISC health/wellness requests, the mandated Project Headway needs, the increased grants opportunities and the reduction in strings.
- Mr. Robert Lionette felt 5.27% was very high and asked if Asst. Supt. Richie Smith could continue his work coordinating the health/wellness curriculum in place of hiring a Coordinator. Administrators had discussed the possibility when looking for a way to fund the position in FY19 so Mr. Smith would continue his work in the field for this year. However it was felt the focus of a separate coordinator was needed at program startup. Ms. DeVane suggested dropping the position to 0.4 FTE to eliminate benefits. It was agreed that the budget line was a not-to-exceed number.
- *MS. MCANDREWS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED SERVICES OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET AT \$6,760,784.63; MS. KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 9 AYES, 2 NAYS—MR. LIONETTE, MR. MANTER, 2 ABSTENTIONS –MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN, MS. AMY HOUGHTON.*

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Youth Task Force (YTF) Request

(Agenda # IV)

Mr. Mike Joyce reported that the Task Force had exhausted federal grants but was still receiving State funding. The YTF was considering becoming a non-profit in anticipation of possible Town funding and requested that the AISC act as a fiscal agent pass-through. The YTF served mostly school aged children and was facing new challenges with e-cigarettes and the changes in marijuana laws. The AISC debated correct process in relation to the similar Adult Community Education Martha's Vineyard (ACE MV) fiscal agency (see 2/5/14 Minutes p.3-5 #5) in terms of a necessary Request For Proposal (RFP) procedure and whether it was the purview of the MVRHS.

- *MS. REAGAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED SERVICES OFFICE AND THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ACT AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE YOUTH TASK FORCE PENDING RESEARCH ON CORRECT PROTOCOL IN REGARDS TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS; MS. KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 12 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – MS. KIMBERLY KIRK due to conflict of interest. Thanks were exchanged.*

Language Opportunity for Our Kids (LOOK) Act

(Agenda Item # V)

(See documents on file.)

This was a new Massachusetts Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) guideline for English Language Learners (ELL). An ELL student was defined as anyone not speaking English or for whom English was not their native language or who was unable to do ordinary classroom work in English. The new act applied to all the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) districts since each had at least 5% ELL populations. The advantages to the new Act were:

- greater parent involvement through ELL Parent Advisory Councils (ELPACs);
- bilingual seal granted for learning a second language;
- flexibility in submitting local programs for DESE approval;
- instruction licensure, benchmarks and templates;
- accountability through expanded reporting requirements.

The MVPS had been working with Sheltered English Immersion (SEI), which included core teacher PD as well as ELL classes.

- Transitional Bilingual Education allowing content instruction in the native language as well as ELL instruction might be a good method for new ELL students entering the MVRHS, however this presented some problems with MCAS testing. Another alternative was a six-year high school protocol for ELL students. Current MVRHS ELL enrollment was 77 students.
- The MVPS was exploring Two Way or dual Immersion (TWI) curriculums where English speakers became fluent in the foreign language as ELL students became fluent in English, a program showing excellent research results.
- ELPAC formation was still in preliminary stages.

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Simmons University Contract

(Agenda Item # VI)

ELL instructors were difficult to find (see MVRHSC Minutes . ELL Director Leah Palmer was working with Simmons University to bring its outstanding ELL Instructors program to the Island. The program would operate through a cost neutral revolving fund, giving four courses at four credits each, resulting in a ESL certification test:

- Methods and Grammar, - Second Language Acquisition,
- Second Language Reading & Writing, - Curriculum.

Ms. Palmer would work with teachers on practicum and observations and hoped to start the program in spring 2019.

Negotiations Update

(Agenda Item # VII)

Teacher negotiations were still ongoing and Supt. D'Andrea hoped to complete at the next meeting. Co-Chairs Mr. Lionette and Ms. Reagan reported on the dynamic Negotiations teams. Chair O'Brien thanked them for their work.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

(Agenda Item # VIII)

Supt. D'Andrea reported the Project Headway half-day class was progressing well and expected to open in the next two weeks. However his original estimation that the 0.5 FTE teacher position would be without benefits did not turn out to be the case, as the well-qualified candidate needed benefits, however there was money in the FY19 health insurance line to cover the expense. This expense would continue in FY20. Mr. Manter objected. Ms. DeVane stated that in such classes excellence in instruction was paramount and difficult to find and supported the choice as the correct decision.

Adjournment

- *MS. MCANDREWS MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:07PM; MS. ANDERSON AND MS. O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

Meetings/Events:

- MVRHSC – 7:30PM, Thursday, January 2, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR
- MVRHSC – 5:00PM, Monday, January 7, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR
- Listening Community – 12:00N-2:00PM, Tuesday, January 15, 2019 OB Library
- SpEd Parent Coffees – February 4, 2019 & April 2, 2019

Documents on File:

- Agenda 1/2/19
- Sign In Sheet 1/2/19
- Superintendent's Shared Services Programs Salary Budget for FY'20 Budgeting Purposes Only (3 p.)
- Tierney cover email re: AISC Agenda 12.11.18

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Documents on File (cont.):

- FY20 Benefits Budget... Health Insurance Benefits... (3 p.)
- MV Regional High School – SO Payroll Obligations Budgeted for FY20 (3 p.)
- Superintendent’s Shared Services Budget FY’20 Proposed Budget Listed by School District Draft #3.5
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Superintendent’s Office and Shared Services Programs, FY’20 Proposed Budget Draft #3.5 – December 7, 2018 (4 p.)
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Superintendent’s Office and Shared Services Programs, FY’20 Proposed Budget Draft #3.7 – January 2, 2019 (7 p.)
- Superintendent’s Shared Services Budget (2 p.)
- LOOK Act, New English Language Learners Education Legislation, Adopted November 2017 (12 p.)
- Creating a Listening Community Workshop flyer

Amy Houghton – Chair

Date

Approved 2/11/19