

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, March 4, 2019, 5:00PM

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School

Library Conference Room

Present: Chair – Kris O’Brien, Roxanne Ackerman, Megan Anderson, Amy Houghton, Kimberly Kirk, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Janet Packer, Kathryn Shertzer, Student representatives (non-voting): Emily Gazzaniga,

Others: STEAM-MV – Leah Dorr,

Staff: Principal – Sarah Dingley, Vice Principal – Jeremy Light, Finance Manager – Mark Friedman, CTE Director – Barbarajean Chauvin, Special Ed Director – Hope MacLeod, Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy, Softball Coach Samantha Burns, Performing Arts - Brooke Ditchfield,

Supt.'s Of: Superintendent - Matt D’Andrea, Asst. Supt. – Richie Smith, Business Affairs - Amy Tierney,

Students: Josephine Orr,

Parents/SAC: Donald Brown,

Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, Vineyard Gazette – Holly Pretsky, MVTV – Lynn Fraker,

Secretary: Marni Lipke *Late arrivals or early departures (see * in text)

Call to Order

Chair Kris O’Brien called the of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) meeting to order at 5:06PM and welcomed everyone. Ms. Janet Packer was joining the meeting by phone and consequently roll call votes were required.

Minutes

(Agenda Item #I)

A. School Committee Minutes 2/4/19

• *MR. SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 4, 2019 MINUTES; MR. ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. O’BRIEN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MEGAN ANDERSON—AYE, MS. KIMBERLY KIRK—AYE, MS. KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, MS. AMY HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. JANET PACKER—AYE.*

Student Report

(Agenda Item #II)

A. Emily Gazzaniga, Junior Class President, and Tyla Packish, Junior Class Vice-President

- The decorations for the successful winter Semiformal were particularly great.
- Poetry Out Loud was February 14th and the MVRHS musical *As You Like It* Feb 14-17th was incredible.
- February 20th was White Ribbon Day when over 200 students signed the pledge to fight violence against women.
- The Off-Shore Ale Dine-to Donate event for the Junior Class was productive.
- The Protect the Environment Club sponsored a Climate Strike, which they hoped to repeat weekly to increase student involvement.

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• In sports, the Girls Hockey Team lost in the first round of Division Two. Boys Basketball lost in the second round of the State Tournament. Four indoor track runners qualified for the State, and the Boys Track Team placed fourth overall in the Division Five State Championship.

Student/Department Spotlight

(Agenda Item #III)

A. "As You Like It"

Drama Teacher Ms. Brooke Ditchfield directed the musical, which was a great success. The MVRHS was particularly proud of the inclusive participation with a cast of over 30 plus 16 elementary school students and 4 student videographers. Lead actor, set designer, poster and backstage support, student Josphine Orr praised the challenging, and unknown musical, the loving experience and continuing benefits into college and beyond. Superintendent Matt D'Andrea and the MVRHSC praised the production, hard work and talent.

Public Comment - None

(Agenda Item #IV)

Superintendent's Report

(Agenda Item #VII)

B. All Island Science/Technology/Engineering/Art/Math (STEAM) Program Update

As requested, (see 4/2/18 Minutes p.6-7 #IX B & documents on file) Ms. Leah Dorr updated the MVRHSC on the summer STEAM MV program.

* Ms. Roxanne Ackerman entered the meeting at 5:16PM.

- Seven successful 2018 clinics with 103 slots included:
 - Chemistry for Makers (soldering, melted metals, aluminum foil, epoxy resin),
 - SUGO robotics,
 - Roller coaster math (including slopes and design/construction),
 - Coding for Minecraft.

The paid MVRHS student interns were great assistants working long hours both early and late. 12 students received 18 scholarships, some from an Oak Bluffs private donor, which weighted Oak Bluffs School (OBS) enrollment, although all the Island schools participated including the Charter School and the Montessori School. The Revolving Fund showed a small residual, which would be rolled over for this year's resources.

- This year Program Director Ms. Leah Dorr would institute 9 sessions with 12 students slots per session to be more age specific, and was working hard to attract more girls to the program. 2019 would have all new clinics and was also looking to bridge into real world problem/projects:
 - Underwater Remote Operated Vehicles (ROVs),
 - Rocketry,
 - Superhero STEAM,
 - Electric guitar (build one and take it home),
 - Material properties for kinetic art.
- The MVRHSC discussed:
 - the dearth of women in STEAM careers;
 - grass roots teacher learning,
 - praise for program founder Ms. Dor's leadership.

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C. Grants/Donations (See documents on file.)

- Ms. Dorr reminded the MVRHSC that at the end of the season the STEAM MV non-consumables were donated to the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS), thus growing robotics resources. The STEAM MV Oversight Committee was hoping for a grant writer, and had received a donation from Cape Cod Community College (CCCC).
- *MS. HOUGHTON MOVED TO GRATEFULLY ACCEPT THE WONDERFUL DONATION OF THREE VEX ROBOT KITS (TOTAL VALUE \$4,500) AND TEACHER TRAINING VOUCHERS AT \$600 EACH FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF \$6,136; MS. O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE.*

Principal's Report

(Agenda Item #V)

- The School Advisory Council (SAC) was working on Honors Night.

A. Athletic Out of State/School Field Trip Requests (See documents on file.)

- *MS. ACKERMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE:*

- *DECA WINNERS AND TEACHER(S) TO TRAVEL OVERNIGHT TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS FOR THE STATE CONFERENCE MARCH 7-9, 2019;*
 - *THE SAILING TEAM AND COACH(ES TO TRAVEL) OVERNIGHT OR OUT OF STATE TO:*
 - ° *ESSEX, CONNECTICUT MARCH 29-30, 2019 FOR A RACING EVENT;*
 - ° *PORTLAND, MAINE APRIL 5-6, 2019 FOR A RACING EVENT;*
 - ° *MARION, MASSACHUSETTS AND LAKEVILLE, CONNECTICUT APRIL 13-14, 2019 TO QUALIFY FOR FINALS;*
 - ° *NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND MAY 5, 2019 FOR THE ST. GEORGES EVENT;*
 - ° *PORTLAND, MAINE MAY 11-12, 2019 FOR SAIL MAINE;*
- MR. LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY; 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE.*

B. Softball Waiver

C. Co-op Request (See Minutes 7/9/18 p. 2-3 #C, 11/5/18 p.3 #B, 2/4/19 p.3-4 #VB.)

As previously reported the girl's softball sign-up was not sufficient for a varsity team. At MVRHSC direction, Athletic Director Mark McCarthy contacted all principals who unanimously approved the request. One principal requested a schedule of practices and meets, which Softball Coach Sam Burns was drafting (to be available on <http://www.MVRHS.org>). The Cape and Islands League of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association had approved both the Charter School Coop Request and the Middle School Waiver.

- Ms. Ackerman asked about playing field surfaces, which was newly surfaced standard dirt, clay or blue dust.
- Ms. Kirk and Ms. Shertzer reiterated concerns about age differential when seventh graders played and traveled with MVRHS seniors. Ms. Burns reported that the MVRHS athletes had been assistant coaches in the summer softball camp and were known to many of the Middle School students.

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- The MVRHSC was reassured but charged Ms. Burns with extra vigilance and care including on buses and off field.
- Principal Sarah Dingley requested the waiver policy be revisited every fall to avoid repeated discussion at deadline.
- *MS. ACKERMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHARTER SCHOOL COOP REQUEST AND THE MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL WAIVER FOR GIRL'S SOFTBALL; MR. MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY; 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE.*

D. Career Technical Education (CTE) Update

- CTE Director Barbarajan Chauvin thanked the Cape Cod 5¢ Savings Bank and all volunteers for their support of the Credit for Life Fair (see below: Meetings/Events & Minutes: 4/3/17 p. 3 #V E & 1/8/18 p.2 #V A & 1/7/19 p.3 #D).
- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10 on-line training was not engaging, so it was put out to the State and a grant-funded representative (who also trained the Tisbury Dept. of Public Works and the Martha's Vineyard Airport) would train 36 students next week for construction certification. A different Health Assistance OSHA format would continue on-line unless a face-to-face could be organized.
- The Horticulture Dept. was looking to embed fertilization certification in its curriculum (on the same grant as above) so all students could sit for the exam.
- The equipment ordered through the capital skills grant (see 12/18/18 Minutes p.2) would allow industry standard hoisting certification for horticulture, automotive and constructions students.
- Ms. Chauvin was keeping a roster of students for workforce development scholarships (two-year post secondary and/or trade certification), and urged parents and community to encourage students to apply.

E. Facilities Update

- The winter break afforded time to remove and replace the cafeteria freezer units including custodial and inspection coordination.
- Brissette Electric was contracted for electrical testing.
- Cape & Island Tennis & Track would inspect the track for the spring season.

F. Special Education Update (See below: Meeting/Events & Tasks.)

- The MVRHSC asked to postpone the Shillinglaw update discussion (see 1/7/19 Minutes p.5).
- The Island Parent Advisory Council (IPAC) would meet this week and hold their biannual Parents Rights Workshop in April.

Financial Report

(Agenda Item #VI)

A. Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

- Substitute expenses were about \$40,000 in deficit.
- Preventive Maintenance reflected a number of capital projects in process (cafeteria equipment, horticulture, etc.) as well as some expensive repairs (e.g. freeze broken pipes, exterior doors) not rising to the level of insurance reimbursement. Finance Manager Mark Friedman was looking for strategies to cove costs.

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B. Revenue Report – as expected. (See documents on file.)

C. Excess and Deficiency (E & D) Voting Procedures & Protocols

- (*Recorder's Note: This discussion is summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.*)

In working with Counsel on the Feasibility Article Supt. Matt D'Andrea was advised as follows.

- Any voted use of E & D was essentially an increase to the regional budget.
- Such votes required notification to all six Towns within seven days of the vote.
- Towns had 45 days from the vote to call a Special Town Meeting (STM) if they so chose.
- Failure or refusal to call a STM constituted approval of the E & D use.
- As with the regional budget, 2/3 (4 Towns) approval was required/sufficient.

For due diligence, Supt. D'Andrea contacted other regional districts in the Commonwealth and found that due to vagaries in the Law about half followed this regulation and half retained past practice. Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Counsel advised instituting the proceeding to avoid vote challenges.

- It was unlikely that past practice would unravel, but the two most recent votes should be reconsidered (see below: #D).

- To avoid the cumbersome process regional districts frequently instituted a budget line for emergency funds funded by E & D offset—any unspent funds reverting to E & D at year-end.

- This would differ from a capital stabilization fund (see 2/15/18 Minutes p.4 #IX C), which would rollover from year to year.

- The MVRHSC acknowledged this as a significant and important procedural change.

- Mr. Manter repeated his insistence that E & D be returned to the Towns. Others did not agree, proposing the emergency/contingency budget line be offset with E & D. Past use of E & D was appropriate and without complaint from the Towns. MVRHS Finance Manager Mark Friedman listed major E & D uses:

- engineering/technical studies and medium sized capital projects,
- equipment and capital repair re: safety conditions,
- Cafeteria Revolving Fund deficits,
- residential care.

- The new procedure would present planning/budgeting difficulties (including the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) budget) in having to predict unknown and planned facilities issues as well as residential placements two years in advance.

- The change should be presented to the Towns at the All Island Board of Selectmen/All Island Finance Committee (AIBOS/AIFC) Feasibility Study Presentation (see below: Meetings/Events).

D. E & D Vote - \$350,000 for Owners Project Manager (OPM) and Track & Infield Construction Design Documents

The current situation was exponentially complicated by the timeframe.

- The MVRHSC had voted E & D to expedite the timeframe (already delayed four years) for construction during the 2019 summer break.

- Huntress Associates had not yet been given the go-ahead.

- Annual and Special Town Meetings were within the 45 day time span, warrant deadlines were closing or passed. (A separate Town STM cost \$1,500-\$1,000.)

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- An immediate vote would be a courtesy to give the Selectmen as much time as possible to consider the matter. On the other hand, it might be cleaner to present at the AIBOS/AIFC meeting before taking a revote.
- An immediate vote would require an extension of the Owners Project Manager (OPM) Request For Proposal (RFP), however any delay would require the RFP be withdrawn.
- MS. HOUGHTON MOVED TO RE-AUTHORIZE A \$350,000 WITHDRAWAL FROM EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY FOR ATHLETIC FIELDS PHASE ONE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS BASED ON THE MASTER PLAN PRESENTED BY MR. CHRIS HUNTRESS; MS. PACKER SECONDED; MOTION WITHDRAWN.
- After discussing the timeline, the MVRHSC agreed to meet after the March 25th AISC Meeting (see below: Meetings events).

F. Surplus Vehicles (See documents on file.)

By common agreement of the Transportation Department and the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) these four large buses and a Ford Expedition were the worst vehicles in the fleet.

- *MR. MANTER MOVED TO DECLARE THE PROPOSED VEHICLES SURPLUS; MR. ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY; 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE.*

Superintendent's Report

(Agenda Item #VII)

A. All Island School Committee (AISC) (See below: Meetings/Events.)

The main focus of the meeting would be the Superintendent's 2019 goals.

C. Electric Bus Grant

In a \$500,000 grant partnership with the VTA the MVPS were considering electric school buses to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and reduce costs.

D. Building Committee (See below: Meetings/Events.)

The Building Committee would present a PowerPoint Presentation and student video in support of the Feasibility Study article.

* Ms. Shertzer temporarily stepped out of the meeting.

Personnel

(Agenda Item #VIII)

- *MR. MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS FOR THE SERVICE THE RESIGNATION OF EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL CARTER MORAN; MS. O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE.*

Sub-Committee Updates (See below: Meetings/Events.)

(Agenda Item #IX)

Old/New Business

(Agenda Item #X)

A. Transportation Subcommittee Selection

Alternate Mr. Lionette agreed to become a voting member so all districts would be represented.

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Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

(Agenda Item #XI)

Secretary Marni Lipke informed the MVRHSC they had met seven or eight times since December.

Executive Session – Not needed.

(Agenda Item #XII)

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #XIII)

• *MR. MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN 7:24PM; MS. HOUGHTON AND MR. LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE.*

Appendix A - Meetings

- IPAC - 7:00PM, Thursday, March 7, 2019 – MVRHS Library
- Credit for Life Fair 7:30AM – 12:00N, Tuesday, March 12, 2019
- Facilities Subcommittee – 11:30AM, Tuesday, March 12, 2019 MVRHS LCR
- Building Committee – 3:30PM, Thursday, March 14, 2019 MVRHS LCR
- AISC Personnel - 8:00AM, Tuesday, March 19, 2019
- Transportation Subcommittee – 1:00PM, Tuesday, March 19, - MVRHS LCR
- AIBOS/AIFC -7:00PM, Thursday, March 21, 2019 – TBD - MVRHS LCR
- AISC - 5:00PM, Monday, March 25, 2019 MVRHS LCR
- **MVRHSC - 6:30PM, Monday, March 25, 2019 - MVRHS LCR**
- Facilities Subcommittee – 10:30AM, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 - MVRHS LCR
- **MVRHSC - 5:00PM, Monday, April 1, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR**
- IPAC Parents Rights Workshop - 6:00PM, Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – MVRHS Library
- Annual Town Meetings
 - Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury – Tuesday, April 9, 2018
 - Chilmark – Monday, April 22, 2018
 - Aquinnah – Tuesday, May 14, 2018

Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks

- Prin. Dingley/Mr. McCarthy/Ms. Warburton – revisit Athletic Waiver Policy every fall.
- Ms. MacLeod – email Shillinglaw Report Update to MVRHSC.
- Supt. D'Andrea – present E & D procedure at AIBOS/AIFC 3/21/19 meeting.
- Supt. D'Andrea/Ms. Wharburton – send Building Committee meeting schedule to MVRHSC.
- Ms. Wharburton – add Mr. Lionette as a Transportation Subcommittee member.
- April Agenda:
 - Minutes 2/11/19, 3/4/19, 3/25/19
 - Shillinglaw Implementation Update

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Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/4/19
- Sign In Sheet 3/4/19
- March meeting schedule
- DECA
- Out of State and Overnight Travel Sailing Team 3/29-30/19
- Out of State and Overnight Travel Sailing Team 4/5-6/19
- Out of State and Overnight Travel Sailing Team 4/13-14/19
- Out of State and Overnight Travel Sailing Team 5/5/19
- Out of State and Overnight Travel Sailing Team 5/11-12/19
- MVRHS General Fund Expenditures Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (14 p.) 3/4/19
- MVRHS General Fund Revenues Fiscal Year 2018-2019 3/4/19
- Burger/CCCC letter re: Vex Coach Training donation (2 p.)
- MV STEAM Program 2018 Actuals & 2019 Projection
- Moran resignation email 1/15/19
- MVRHS School & Sub Committee Members 2018-19
- Final List of Vehicles to Get Rid of - 2

Respectfully submitted,

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Kris O'Brien – MVRHSC Chair

Date

Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

Minutes approved 4/1/19