

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, April 1, 2019, 5:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School
Library Conference Room

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

Others:

Staff: Principal – Sarah Dingley, Vice Principals – Jeremy Light, Dhakir Warren, CTE Director – Barbarajean Chauvin, Finance Manager – Mark Friedman, Facilities Director – Mike Taus,

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

Students: Max Smith

Parents: Ali Smith, David Smith,

Fin. Com. Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty,

Press: MV Times – Rich Saltzberg, MVTV –Lynn Fraker,

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

Call to Order

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) was called to order at 5:08PM.

Minutes

(Agenda Item #I)

A. School Committee Minutes: 2/11/19, 3/4/19, 3/25/19

• *MR. SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:*

- *FEBRUARY 11, 2019,*

- *MARCH 4, 2019,*

- *MARCH 25, 2019;*

MR. ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Student/Department Spotlight

(Agenda Item #III)

A. Max Smith Outstanding Vocational Technical Student for Massachusetts (MA)

This was the third year in a row a MVRHS Career Technical Education (CTE) student made the 100 State finalists. Apart from his work at the Airport (see documents on file) Automotive student Mr. Maxwell Smith was active in hockey and lacrosse and was a John and Abigail Adams scholar. Mr. Smith, his family and CTE Director Barbarajean Chauvin would attend the award ceremony in Worcester next week.

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Student Report

(Agenda Item #II)

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

- The Junior Class Dine-to-Donate at Offshore Ale went pretty well—the Class fundraising balance was currently ~ \$12,000. Eight teams played in the successful dodge ball tournament. The Prom Committee had planning meetings with the West Chop Beach Club for the prom itself and with the Barn & Bistro for the post-prom party.
- March was a very busy month.
 - Ms. Gazzaniga enjoyed the March 12th Credit for Life Fair (see below #V B);
 - Project Vine held a Chop-for-Charity Contest.
 - The All Island Choral Festival was March 15th.
 - The Protect the Environment Club organized the March 15th International Climate Walkout, and a March 24th Climate Café on Extreme Weather.
 - March 15-17 was the Ski Club trip to New Hampshire and spring sports and unified track started the same week. The MVRHSC congratulated all teams for winning their games.
 - The Model United Nations (UN) went on their field trip to New York City.
 - The Science Fair was the weekend of March 22nd with awards for projects on: bacteria in space, a bio-degradable cup, a wind turbine competition and a solar powered phone charger.
 - Athletic Director Mark McCarthy gave a Concussion Education workshop at the March 26th Coaches Night,
 - Rufus Peebles spoke to Juniors about post-secondary education planning.
 - 16 teams had a great time at the March Madness finals.
- * Ms. Kimberly Kirk entered the meeting at 5:16PM.

Public Comment - None

(Agenda Item #IV)

Principal's Report

(Agenda Item #V)

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

- *MR. MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE OR CONFIRM APPROVAL FOR:*
 - *THE SOFTBALL TEAM AND COACH(ES) TO TRAVEL OVERNIGHT TO HYANNIS, MASSACHUSETTS ON MARCH 30-31, 2019 FOR THE FALCON FESTIVAL;*
 - *PROJECT VINE OVERNIGHT TO NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK IN SPRING 2019;*
 - *THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) SCIENCE CLASS TO TRAVEL OVERNIGHT TO STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT APRIL 26-27, 2019 FOR THE CODE QUEST;*
- MR. LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* The AP Science Code Quest trip would depend on fundraising.

B. Career Technical Education (CTE) Update

A student news video of the Credit For Life Fair showcased student opinions, volunteers, and Cape Cod 5¢ community service sponsorship. Students found the Fair very helpful and had good comments; for example:

- the Fair would target Juniors, as Senior feedback considered the exercise too late;
- in real life people were less likely to be so friendly and helpful; and
- the Fair might consider incorporating real-life consequences to buying cheap.

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Thanks went to the generous community volunteers, staff organizers and Mr. Richard Leonard of the Cape Cod 5¢ Savings Bank.

C. Special Education Update - Tabled

Financial Report

(Agenda Item #VI)

A. Expenditure Report (See documents on file & below: Tasks.)

- Entering the last quarter, most spending was on target, with an \$81,000 residual in the Teachers Salary Increment line. Finance Manager Mark Friedman was monitoring the following deficits:
 - Long Term Substitutes – still no clear end-of-year projection;
 - Corrective Maintenance – might require extra coverage;
 - 11% rise in heating oil and propane prices—despite no snow, it had been a long cool winter.

B. Revenue Report (See documents on file.)

- Town assessments were generous and timely, however State Chapter 71 Transportation reimbursement was delayed.

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

- *MR. MANTER MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GREAT GRATITUDE:*

- *A 2002 TOYOTA PRIUS FROM THE REESE FAMILY FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE DEPARTMENT,*

- *\$100 FROM THE WANT-TO-KNOW CLUB FOR THE LIBRARY;*

- *\$3,792.92 FROM THE USA ENDURANCE EVENTS;*

MS. KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. The USA Endurance donation was separate from any building use fees or charges for the Martha's Vineyard Marathon.

Superintendent's Report

(Agenda Item #VII)

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

The focus would be ratification of the tentative Teacher's agreement.

B. Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statement of Interest (SOI)

Vote (See documents on file.)

This was the fifth SOI the MVRHSC had submitted. As it was outside the Building Committee purview there was no recommendation.

- *MR. JEFFREY SKIPPER MANTER MOVED THE FOLLOWING;*

RESOLVED: HAVING CONVENED IN AN OPEN MEETING ON APRIL 1, 2019, PRIOR TO THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST SUBMISSION CLOSING DATE, THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF OAK BLUFFS, MASSACHUSETTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CHARTER, BY-LAWS, AND ORDINANCES, HAS VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO SUBMIT TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY THE STATEMENT OF INTEREST FORM DATED APRIL 1, 2019 FOR THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED AT 100 EDGARTOWN ROAD, OAK BLUFFS, MASSACHUSETTS WHICH DESCRIBES AND EXPLAINS THE FOLLOWING DEFICIENCIES AND THE PRIORITY CATEGORY(S) FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY IN THE FUTURE:

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- *REPLACEMENT, RENOVATION OR MODERNIZATION OF SCHOOL FACILITY SYSTEMS, SUCH AS ROOFS, WINDOWS, BOILERS, HEATING AND VENTILATION SYSTEMS TO INCREASE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DECREASE ENERGY RELATED COSTS IN A SCHOOL FACILITY;*
- *REPLACEMENT OF OR ADDITION TO OBSOLETE BUILDING IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A FULL RANGE OF PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH STATE AND APPROVED LOCAL REQUIREMENTS;*

AND HEREBY FURTHER SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BY SUBMITTING THIS STATEMENT OF INTEREST FORM, THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY IN NO WAY GUARANTEES THE ACCEPTANCE OR THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION, THE AWARDING OF A GRANT OR ANY OTHER FUNDING COMMITMENT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY, OR COMMITS THE CITY/TOWN/REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FILING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY;

MR. ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED: MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

C. Town Meetings (See below: Tasks & Meetings/Events.)

Supt. Matt D'Andrea understood that there was opposition and controversy regarding the Budget, Feasibility Study Warrant Articles and surrounding issues. An Administrator would be at each Annual Town Meeting (ATM) but the Warrant had a better chance at passage if MVRHSC members spoke on Town Meeting floor.

- He addressed those watching the meeting on MVTV as well as the MVRHSC on the High School facility as a growing liability, which required increasing amounts of money to maintain:
 - daily risks of School closing from old dysfunctional Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) system;
 - hot water that was cold by the time it reached the showers;
 - outdated and deteriorating CTE facility;
 - failed doors and windows.
- The Feasibility Study cost was set by consulting designers and Owners Project Managers (OPM) and by researching comparable districts. It would cover:
 - a number of visioning exercises across the Island,
 - an education plan draft,
 - analysis of current building conditions,
 - presentation of a number of alternatives from base renovation to a new school that would meet the education plan;
 - Building Committee (with community input) choice of preferred option;
 - schematics and cost estimates of the preferred option.
- The 19 member Building Committee consisted of Principal Sarah Dindledy, Supt. D'Andrea, MVRHSC representatives, a Selectman or appointee from each Town and a number of community members.

D. Superintendent's Goals – No comments from the MVRHSC.

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E. Building Feasibility Warrant Article (See 3/25/19 Minutes p.2-3 #III.)

In the deadline pressure and complexity for Article submission as well as legal consultation and language requirements, the \$96,267.99 Superintendent's Share Services Office Feasibility Study Warrant Article residual was shifted into Excess and Deficiency (E&D) without informing the MVRHSC. As always striving for transparency and with deep respect for School Committee members Supt. D'Andrea apologized for the oversight. Chair Kris O'Brien and several members thanked him for his forthrightness and apology.

Personnel

(Agenda Item #VIII)

A. Retirements/Resignation(s)

B. Leave Request(s)

• *MR. MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH GREAT GRATITUDE AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THEIR LIVES:*

- *THE RETIREMENT OF SCIENCE TEACHER JACKIE HERMANN AT THE END OF THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR; AND*

- *MATERNITY LEAVE FOR COMPASS PROGRAM JEN WOODS FROM SEPTEMBER 2019 TO DECEMBER 9, 2019;*

MS. JANET PACKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. The MVRHSC saluted Ms. Hermann for her 35 years of selfless devotion to the Martha's Vineyard Public School (MVPS) sciences and particularly for her support and advocacy of the Science Fair (see above p.2 # II).

Subcommittee Updates

(Agenda Item #IX)

In view of the increasing discussions on regional matters, the MVRHSC requested Regional Subcommittee meetings be resumed in a timely manner, and suggested refreshing membership:

- one MVRHSC member from each Town; and

- one Selectmen appointed member from each Town.

Old/New Business

(Agenda Item #X)

Last year's community/staff/booster club initiative to establish MVRHS branding consistency (shade of purple, logo, etc.) was being revived to enhance School unity, inclusiveness and spirit. The Leadership Class, Horticulture Dept. and students involved in beautifying the campus (locker room painting, benches, etc.) were looking forward to the result. Assistant Superintendent Richie Smith would keep the MVRHSC informed of progress. There was a suggestion to send the logo draft to all students before finalization.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair - None (Agenda Item #XI)

Executive Session – Not needed

(Agenda Item #XII)

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #XIII)

• *MR. LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN 6:15PM; MS. PACKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS*

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Appendix A - Meetings

- Building Committee – 3:15PM, Thursday, April 4, 2019 - MVRHS LCR
- AISC - 5:00PM, Thursday, April 4, 2019 MVRHS LCR
- Transportation Subcommittee – 1:00PM, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 - MVRHS LCR
- Negotiations Subcommittee – 4:30PM, Wednesday, April 10, 2019 - MVRHS LCR
- IPAC Parents Rights Workshop - 6:00PM, Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – MVRHS Library
- Facilities Subcommittee – 10:30AM, Tuesday, April 23, 2019 - MVRHS LCR
- Regional Subcommittee – TBD, April & May, 2019
- **MVRHSC - 5:00PM, Monday, May 6, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR**
- 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

- Ms. Chauvin – send MVRHSC photos of State CTE Student Awards Ceremony
- Mr. Friedman - analyze monthly heating costs.
- Supt. D'Andrea – share Warrant Article talking points with MVRHSC members.
- Ms. Amy Houghton – reconvene the Regional Subcommittee in April to refresh membership;
- schedule a May meeting.
- Supt. D'Andrea – contact all six Town Selectmen re: Regional Subcommittee membership.

Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda 4/1/19
- Sign In Sheet 4/1/19
- April meeting schedule
- 2019 Outstanding Vocational Technical Student of the Year Maxwell E. Smith
- MVRHS Student Lands Job at the Airport –MV Times article 3/28/19
- Out of State and Overnight Travel MVRHS Softball 3/30-31/19
- Project Vine The Alternative High School 'Program at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Oak Bluffs, MA
- On behalf of Mr. Connors: To the School Committee
- Vehicle Donation
- * Vadasz note & check 1/27/19
- USA Endurance Events Y Harbor memo re: Donation check 2019 for Martha's Vineyard Marathon (2 p.) 3/18/19
- MVRHS General Fund Expenditures Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (14 p.) 4/1/19
- MVRHS General Fund Revenues Fiscal Year 2018-2019 4/1/19
- Required Form of vote to Submit a Statement of Interest
- McCrystal-Hermann retirement letter 3/4/19
- Woods email re: Maternity Leave 3/11/19

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Respectfully submitted,

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Kris O'Brien – MVRHSC Chair

Date

Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

Minutes approved 5/6/19