

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
5:00PM, Thursday, January 3, 2019
West Tisbury School**

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Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Roxanne Ackerman*, Kate DeVane, Robert Lionette, Alex Salop,

Others: Supt's Shared Services Office: Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Amy Tierney
Principals: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd, Susan Stevens,
FinCom – Chilmark – Rob Hanneman, WT – Greg Orcutt,
Press – Lynn Fraker – MVTV,
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item #I)

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) meeting was called to order. Throughout the meeting discussion would sometimes pause for explanations to new Committee members.

Minutes Read and Approved - Tabled (Agenda Item #II)

Public Hearing – No Comment (Agenda Item #III)

Finance (Agenda item #III)

A. Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Budget Certification

(See documents on file & 12/17/18 p. 3-4 #V.)

Draft #7 brought the operating budget increase to \$459,110 or 4.56% and the assessed budget increase to 4.47% including:

- the new Superintendent's Shared Services Office budget numbers,
- a 2% salary increment for each school site,
- final School Choice numbers reducing both the number of students going to other districts and those choosing the UIRSD—including Special Education (SpEd) increments—reducing revenues to \$234,0000;
- final Charter School tuition projections.

* Roxanne Ackerman entered the meeting at 5:10PM.

• The UIRSD was in good shape regarding its Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) liability, in pay-as-you-go costs and OPEB Trust contributions from both from Excess and Deficiency and annually increasing budget lines # 574, 576 and 578.

• Skipper Manter protested the high per pupil cost, the top-heavy administration, and the cost prohibitive Chilmark School, which attracted only 42% of kindergarten through fifth grade Chilmark children. Others suggested this should be discussed on a longer timeframe and was not a topic for last minute budget issues.

• *KATE DEVANE MOVED TO CERTIFY THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2020 OPERATING BUDGET AT \$12,310,450.73 ASSESSED AT \$12,202,199.73; ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY—SKIPPER MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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- The Chilmark Finance Committee would schedule the school budgets in early February.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair (Agenda Item #VIII)

- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE \$250 FROM THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD SAVINGS BANK IN HONOR OF THE VOLUNTEERS FOR SCHOOL BANKING TO BE SPENT AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE \$7,500 FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS ROOM FURNITURE; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* The flexibly designed furniture would allow the room to house multiple uses and configurations. The UIRSC requested a brief tour of both schools to see the newly configured classrooms (see 17/16/18 Minutes p.2i).
- *KATE DEVANE MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE \$9,776.50 FROM THE SOUND FOUNDATION FOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS ROOM FURNITURE; ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *KATE DEVANE MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE \$700 FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR FOR THE STUDENT EFFORT TO REDUCE PLASTIC USE IN THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF AN ACCOUNT FOR MISCELLANEOUS DONATIONS; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *KATE DEVANE MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE \$222.10 FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR TO BE PUT TOWARDS FAMILY DEBT FOR THOSE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD LUNCH BALANCES; ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* This donation carried some protocol complications in terms of confidentiality of family finances and determination of proportional use. Both schools were assertive in direct (i.e. automatic) "free and reduced" enrollment of any family getting State aid, as well as canvassing families to apply when appropriate. The UIRSC voted coverage of outstanding Revolving Lunch Fund debt at the end of each fiscal year but continued to try to collect.
- *KATE DEVANE MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE \$500 FROM THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD SAVINGS BANK FOR BIBLIO-THERAPY LIBRARY FOR THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Meetings/Events

MVRHSC - 5:00PM, Monday, January 7, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR

UIRSC Meeting - 5:00PM, Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Chilmark School

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Adjournment

• *ALEX SALOP MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:32PM; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

Documents on File:

- Agenda 1/3/19
- Sign In Sheet 1/3/19
- UIRSD FY2020 Assessment Draft #7 – January 2, 2019
- Up-Island Regional School District FY'20 Budget Expenditure Analysis - Draft #7
January 3, 2019
- Up-Island Regional School District FY20 General Fund Proposed Budget Draft #7 January 3,
2019 (13 p.)
- Up-Island Regional School District Employee List for 2018-2019 for FY20 Budget
Purposes Draft #7 1/3/19 (4 p.)
- UIRSD – FY20 Capital Projects (Updated 1.3.19)
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- Article – Chilmark School Window Replacement Phase 1
- Article – Chilmark School Flooring
- Article – West Tisbury School Roofing of Bell Wing
- Article – West Tisbury School Repairs to Outdoor Decks Phase 1

Minutes approved 1/28/19.