

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
5:00PM, Monday, March 18, 2109
Chilmark School**

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

Others: Supt's Shared Services Office: Richie Smith, Amy Tierney,
Principals: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Susan Stevens, Mary Boyd,
Staff: Emily Roberts, Students: Hollis Oliver,
Chilmark SAC: Judie Flanders,
Families: Marie Mercier, Delilah Oliver, Elizabeth Oliver, Kevin Oliver, Solon Oliver, Doug Seward,
Chilmark FinCom/Energy Com. – Rob Hanneman,
Press –Lynn Christoffers – MVTV,
Recorder: Marni Lipke *Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item #II)

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) meeting was called to order.

Principals' Report (Agenda Item #III)

A. West Tisbury School (WTS) Parking Lot Student Design (See documents on file.)

Third Grade student Hollis Oliver presented his design for the WTS parking lot, as his community service and as an architectural project of interest to him as a choice from Emily Roberts' Math Enrichment class. He measured parking spaces, sidewalks and experimented with model cars and buses for turning radiuses and made five drafts. The design included additional sidewalks, for example from the front door to the end of the parking lot, promoting pedestrian safety and expanding parent drop-off opportunities. It also:

- expanded spaces by about a third;
 - separated bus and parent drop-off;
 - included a ramp for emergency access,
 - moved handicapped parking close to the access sidewalk, and
 - left sporting event parking unchanged.
- The design was submitted to the parking group who were so impressed they expected to incorporate some of his ideas.
- The UIRSC was very enthusiastic about the well thought out proposal, and joked about paying Hollis Oliver the design fee since this was the first/best they'd seen despite four years' advocacy. They thanked and encouraged him for his articulate demonstration with a round of applause.
 - Roxanne Ackerman suggested he be presented with the MVTV video of his presentation.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item #II)

A. January 28, 2019: February 11, 2019

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 28, 2019 AND FEBRUARY 11, 2019 MINUTES AS AMENDED; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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- The Warrant Signing would become an agenda item to relieve Business Administrator Amy Tierney from having to track down members for their signatures.

Principals' Report (Agenda Item #III)

A. West Tisbury - School Improvement Plan (SIP)

In keeping with Robert Lionette's request (see 7/16/18 Minutes p.2), a mid-year survey of all students, parents and teachers on the co-teaching model would be presented in April.

Chilmark (See documents on file.)

- Two of the four soloists at the All Island Choral event were Chilmark students, and Head of School Susan Stevens emphasized the arts integration program posted on the website (with blog). Robert Lionette commended the UIRSD student participation in the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) musical.
- The second Tinker Day was successful and a bowling field trip to Falmouth (smaller pins and balls) was planned for April.
- The Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Spelling Bee would be this Thursday.

Finance (Agenda item #IV)

A. Expenditure and Revenue Report (See documents on file.)

All the budget offsets (School Choice, Circuit Breaker, Medicaid) had been posted.

- The Superintendent's Shared Services Office had billed the usual 75% with the remaining draw at the end of Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) for actual spending.
- WTS site was in good shape with some minor deficits and about 3% remaining in the budget.
 - The Computer Department lines were being shifted to better reflect spending (see Minutes: 11/6/17 p.2 & 4/9/18 p.3).
 - The hospitalized student returned home, so the Tutorial deficit would stabilize.
- Chilmark site had only \$89,000 remaining, which worried Business Administrator Amy Tierney. Deficits were: instructional computers (see 10/29/18 p.2), and Custodial expenses—with insufficient Salary Increment residual to cover.
 - Although it had been a light winter, fuel prices rose. Solar power reimbursement could only be credited to WTS as part of the West Tisbury municipal agreement—the Chilmark School was considered too small to be attractive to corporate off-taking.
- Districtwide expenses were doing well, with extra lunch services charged to the Revolving Lunch Fund, and a Building Liability Insurance deficit.
 - Short Term Borrowing interest rates went up.
- Ms. Tierney was very concerned that Excess and Deficiency (E & D) was certified at only \$41,000, a dangerous situation that left the UIRSD within one invoice or revenue fall—off of default. State law allowed/recommended a 5% maximum (~ \$500,000). As a long-time opponent of E & D, Skip Manter was very satisfied and would outline an alternate proposal (see also below: #V E).

B. Chilmark Heat (See documents on file & 1/28/19 Minutes p.1-2 #III A.)

- As requested, Owners Project Manager (OPM) Architectural Consulting Group (ACG) presented a building envelope study, at \$12,000-\$20,000 from Gale Associates. The ACG invoice for this work had not yet been received.

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- Ms. Stevens informed the engineers that classrooms could not tolerate any additional noise from the heating system (see 10/17/16 Minutes p.1 E VII B). She obtained two quotes from Colony insulation:
 - \$16,200 air seal barrier to the flat ceiling, and
 - \$59,500 with the roof attic, slopes and gables.
 - Ceiling cavity photos showed all pipes/equipment wrapped but no comprehensive insulation.
- The UIRSC reviewed the history of this third phase of the project:
 - South Mountain original plans,
 - Chilmark's requirement for a Request For Proposal (RFP),
 - Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) engineer's report.
- Robert Lionette expressed strong frustration and questioned/criticized: (along with other member general frustration):
 - the current direction of the project;
 - ACG lack of investigation of what was needed;
 - general ignorance of what was in the building at this stage of the project;
 - who was overseeing the OPM.
- Chilmark Energy Committee and Finance Committee representative Rob Hanneman noted the financial mechanism of a corporate OPM and recommended changing to a local non-corporate OPM; as well as solving the HVAC problems with heat pumps (the original South Mountain proposal). After a meeting with Ms. Stevens, Supt. D'Andrea and an Island HVAC consultant, he sent a list of eight steps for the final phase. The UIRSC requested the list.
 - The Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) as well as the Towns had explored a shared staff position to oversee building projects but budgeting continued to be a problem.
 - Changing the OPM would be a further delay, although it was already late to advertise for the 2019 summer work season.
 - South Mountain furnished information for the bid process, but was likely to charge for final drawings.
 - The UIRSC agreed to call a stakeholder's meeting with: Chilmark, ACG and consultant Alan Fortes (see below: Meetings/Events) there was discussion on the objective of such a meeting. The UIRSC requested ACG furnish a statement of project steps and timeframe for the meeting.
 - The UIRSC also asked on the status of the second boiler and raised the issues of a back up generator and solar panels.

Superintendent's Report

(Agenda Item #V)

A. Legislative Bulletin

(See documents on file.)

The Governor's Budget proposed:

- 1.5% Chapter 70 increase,
- altered Charter School minimum reimbursement and changing from five years to three years,
- increased funds to lowest performing districts,
- slight Circuit Breaker and Chapter 71 Transportation increases,
- transportation funding for homeless students.

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B. New England School Development Council (NESDEC) Enrollment Projections
(See documents on file.)

Over the next ten years Chilmark School was projected to increase by about 20 students while WTS stayed fairly level. The UIRSC discussed the accuracy of the projection. The reports were part of MVPS NESDEC dues.

C. All-Island School Committee (AISC) Meeting (See below: Meetings/Events.)

D. Superintendent's Goals

Robert Lionette would represent the UIRSC at tomorrow's Personnel Subcommittee meeting on setting the Superintendent's 2019 goals.

E. Excess & Deficiency (E & D) Voting Procedures

Legal counsel advised on the following E & D protocol for regional school districts:

- the School Committee must notify each member Town in writing within seven days of an E & expenditure vote;
- Towns had 45 days from the vote date to call a Special Town Meeting (STM) on the matter;
- no action/failure to call a STM constituted approval of the E & D use;
- even if all three Towns declined to call an ATM—the 45 day waiting period was required before any expenditure—although a project could be ordered, bid, etc.
- This procedure would be presented at the All Island Selectmen/All Island FinCom (see below: Meetings/Events) along with the MVRHS Feasibility Study article—School Committee attendance was encouraged.

Personnel (Agenda Item #VI)

A. Leaves of Absence (See documents on file.)

- *KATE DEVANE MOVED TO APPROVE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR WEST TISBURY SCHOOL CUSTODIAN JAMIE LABBE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* Mr. Labbe would fill in for Head Custodian Wes Pikor (see below).

B. Resignations

(See documents on file & Minutes: 7/17/18 p.3 #V B & 8/20/18 p.4 #VIII B.)

- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS FOR THEIR SERVICE THE RESIGNATIONS OF:*
 - *WEST TISBURY SCHOOL HEAD CUSTODIAN WES PIKOR;*
 - *DISTRICTWIDE PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER CHANNON CAPRA;*
 - *WEST TISBURY SCHOOL EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL JUSTIN KANE;*
 - *WEST TISBURY SCHOOL EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL SYLVIE DOLE**KATE DEVANE AND ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

C. Out of State Travel

- *KATE DEVANE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS FOLLOWS:*
 - *JULY 18, 2019 STEPHANIE DRYER TO THE SCHOLASTIC READING CONFERENCE IN GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT;*

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- APRIL 10-12, 2019 LAURA EDELMAN TO THE SHAPE CONFERENCE IN TAMPA, FLORIDA;
 - MAY 3-5, 2019 MARY BOYD, MOLLY CABRAL AND DONNA LOWELL BETTENCOURT TO SCHOOLING SOCIAL BRAIN RESEARCH IN NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK (in keeping with the School Improvement Plan/Superintendent's Goals);
- ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair – None (Agenda Item #VII)

Meetings/Events

AIBOS/AIFC -7:00PM, Thursday, March 21, 2019 – Tis. Sr. Center

AISC - 5:00PM, Monday, March 25, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR

MVRHSC - 6:30PM, Monday, March 25, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR

MVRHSC - 5:00PM, Monday, April 1, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR

UIRSC/Chilmark/ACG/Fortes Meeting - 4:00PM, Monday, April 8, 2019 at the WTS

UIRSC Meeting - 5:00PM, Monday, April 8, 2019 at the WTS

Annual Town Meetings

Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury – Tuesday, April 9, 2018

Chilmark – Monday, April 22, 2018

Aquinnah – Tuesday, May 14, 2018

Adjournment

- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:59PM; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/18/19
- Sign In Sheet 3/18/19
- Revenue Report – General Fund Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- All Expenditure Report – General Fund Fiscal Year 2018-2019, (11 p.) 3/18/19
- Revenue Report – General Fund Fiscal Year 2018-2019 3/18/19
- Old County Road... Hollis Oliver parking lot design drawing
- Milner/ACG letter re: Chilmark Elementary School Project – Thermal Envelope Study 3/18/19
- Gale Associates proposal re: Roof System Consulting Services Evaluation for Thermal Insulation Upgrades Considerations Chilmark (Menemsha) School (4 p.) 2/11/19
- Enrollment Projections Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, West Tisbury School (8 p.) 12/5/18
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- Legislative Bulletin re: Governor's FY2020 Budget Proposals: H1 (2 p.) 1/24/19

Minutes approved 4/8/19.