

**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
5:00PM, Monday, October 28, 2019
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room**

Present:

Up-Island	Chair - Skip Manter, Roxanne Ackerman, Kate DeVane, Robert Lionette,
Tisbury	Amy Houghton, Janet Packer, Michael Watts,
Oak Bluffs	Lisa Reagan, Kathryn Shertzer*,
Edgartown	Megan Anderson*, Kimberly Kirk,

Others:

Shared Services Of.	Supt. Matthew D'Andrea, Business Administrator – Amy Tierney, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr. – Richie Smith, Co-Dir. Student Support Services – Nancy Dugan, Hope McLeod, Shared Programs Coordinator – Melissa Ogden, Early Childhood – Jen DeSelme Royal, Alecia Barnes, Midge Jacobs,
Principals	Chilmark – Susan Stevens, Edgartown – John Stevens, Tisbury – John Custer, Asst. Prin. – Melissa Ogden, West Tisbury – Donna Lowell Bettencourt,
Staff	Shelley Finbinder, - Edg. School,
FinComs	Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet, Doug Ruskin,
Press:	Lynne Fraker – MVTV, Will Sennott – Vineyard Gazette
Recorder	Marni Lipke

* Late arrivals or early departures see * in text.

Call to Order (Agenda Item #I)

The All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM.

- (Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

Early Childhood Program (Agenda Item #IV)

A. Additional Project Headway Classrooms

B. Early Childhood Program Review

Early Childhood Coordinator Jen DeSelm-Royal was unable to attend this meeting but would report at the next meeting on:

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- the expanding Project Headway (current sections: one at Oak Bluffs School (OBS), one at West Tisbury School (WTS), one at Grace Church),
- the implementation of consultant Jim Shillinglaw's recommendations, and
- any budgetary impacts.

Approval of Minutes – September 12, 2019 (Agenda Item # II)

- *MS. LISA REAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 MINUTES; MS. KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS—MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN, MS. AMY HOUGHTON due to absence.*

Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Draft Budget (See documents on file.) (Agenda Item # III)

* Ms. Megan Anderson entered the meeting at 5:07PM.

Student Support Services Co-Directors Nancy Dugan and Hope McLeod reviewed the Shared Services Programs FY21 Budget.

- The following programs/positions showed no changes except contractual increases:
 - Co-Directors (one paid partially through the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS)),
 - Psychologists (3 Full Time Equivalents (FTEs));
 - Physical Therapist (PT) (1 FTE) shifted to a grant in response to changing grant regulations and student needs;
 - Occupational Therapists (2.4 FTEs),
 - Co-Behavior Specialist (1 FTE) coordinating Compass, Bridge and home school support;
 - Special Education Summer Program (Extended School Year ESY);
 - Early Childhood Coordinator and Community Outreach Educator;
 - Bridge and Compass salaries—merged into one line item for easier budgeting of flexible staffing and student enrollment/needs.
- A Project Headway teacher was shifted from grant funding into the Budget for an even switch with the PT shift from the Budget to a grant.
- Speech and Language would increase 0.4 FTE (from 5.6 FTEs to 6 FTEs) in response to growing early childhood need—2 of these FY21 positions were projected for grant funding.
- The Project Headway Grace Church section had to be expanded from 4 mornings plus a half day for planning to 4 mornings and 4 afternoons plus a half day for planning. (This would also have FY20 budget implications.)
- Special education and “504” (students with some impairment but without special education designation) staffing and enrollment/residence were described and tracked in a number of documents.
- MVRHS 504 needs were dropping due to increased services to the general student population.

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- There was a strong focus on moving students into the mainstream. For example, a former Compass/Bridge teacher was shifted to an Inclusion Support Educator providing students with behavioral support to allow them to remain in their home schools.
- The Shared Programs Adjustment Counselor remained grant funded.
- The 2 flex Education Support Professionals (ESPs), recommended by Jim Shillinglaw to fill in as needed, had to be shifted into more permanent positions.
- Student enrollment was: Bridge (two sections) 19 students, Compass 6 students, Project Headway (three sections) 20+ of which 7 were part time.
- In order to be designated an integrated program, Project Headway also included a majority of general education students, so that teachers taught both Special Education and standard curriculum. Other Shared Services programs coordinated with general education teachers.

Superintendent Matt D'Andrea presented an overview of the FY21 budget changes totaling ~ \$258,000 or 3.4%.

- The AISC voted and the Annual Town Meetings (ATMs) approved 1.5 FTE health/wellness positions (~ \$150,000) (see 1/2/19 Minutes p.2 #III):
 - a 0.5 FTE Health Curriculum Coordinator, and
 - a 1.0 Mental Health Coordinator (0.5 in coordination and 0.5 in direct clinical services) contracted through Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS). However in the course of FY19-20 the MVCS/Mental Health Coordinator was largely funded by a State grant so that budgeted funds had been shifted to cover additional Project Headway demands (see 6/25/19 Minutes p.4 #VII).
- The FY21 proposal dispensed with the MVCS contract and reduced the Shared Services health/wellness budget by \$20,047 by reconfiguring it as:
 - 0.5 FTE All Island Health Curriculum Coordinator, and
 - 0.5 FTE All Island Mental Health Coordinator,
 - \$20,000 for direct clinical support—enhanced by possible grant funding or draws on local budgets to deliver therapeutic support in their buildings re: variations in need.

* Ms. Kathryn Shertzer entered the meeting at 5:33PM.

- This did not constitute a reduction in services and conformed to the MedStar guidelines.
 - As noted above there was a 0.4 Speech Pathologist increase—this area was reduced by grant funding and savings from a new hire.
 - Project Headway increases were: a 0.4 FTE teacher and a 0.8 FTE ESP.
 - The Professional Enhancement line was increased from \$88,000 to \$105,000 to cover course reimbursement.
 - A 2.25% salary increase pool was included to mirror the negotiated teachers' increase. This pool was recommended by the Superintendent and submitted to the School Committees for approval each year (e.g. see Minutes: 6/20/18 p.4 & 6/25/19 p.4 #IX).
- The English Language Learner (ELL) Director was raised to be within the average market rate (other comparable districts had been researched).

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- In view of the ongoing struggle with a facility that did not meet Office needs (see Minutes: 12/1/10 p.2-3 #VI, & 6/3/15 p.2-3 #4) and the stalemate over the MVRHS project which would include a new Superintendent's Shared Services Office facility, maintenance lines were restored towards previous levels by \$3,000. Capital expenses such as improved handicapped access would be included in the MVRHS budget.

- Standard increases were:
 - contractual obligations (\$115,000)—the largest increase;
 - 10% projected health insurance (\$85,000), and
 - special education transportation (\$49,000).

AISC made a number of comments and requests.

- There was commendation for the Inclusion Support Educator change of title.
- Administrators were also praised for keeping a tight budget while meeting the health/wellness needs of the students and this was coupled with one request to retain the \$20,047 in the Shared Services Budget as an acknowledgement of growing student challenges.
- The AISC asked that the ELL Director increase be listed as a separate change rather than included in the pool of possible salary increases.
- The Strings program was part of the Shared Services budget to insure it was available to all the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) and take advantage of economies of scale.
- Some concern was expressed over reliance on grants that might not materialize. The AISC asked that the next draft include grants with a one-year look-back at where such funds were applied.
- A discussion on Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) noted:
 - Office staff OPEB inclusion in the MVRHS budget—including OPEB costs for new hires;
 - shifting Shared Services Office (Office) OPEB costs into the Office budget for greater clarity;
 - incrementally starting the separation by shifting new hire OPEB costs only;
 - requesting the next actuarial study separate the Office OPEB costs (and the increased actuarial price of such a request);
 - differing opinions on the move and its effect on the budget.

Personnel (Agenda Item #V)

A. Resignation

B. Retirement

- *MS. REAGAN MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE:*
 - *THE RESIGNATION OF ADJUSTMENT COUNSELOR APRIL KNIGHT AS OF AUGUST 30, 2019; AND*
 - *THE RETIREMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL JANET SYLVIA AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019*

MS. KIRK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 11 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. Ms. Sylvia had been with the office many years and would be greatly missed.

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Old/New Business (Agenda Item #VI)

A. AISC Vice-Chair Selection

Chair Skipper Manter requested AISC members to consider a candidate for Vice Chair (see 6/25/19 Minutes p.5 #XIII).

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

Adjournment

• MR. ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:35PM; MS. JANET PACKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meetings/Events:

• MVRHSC – 5:00PM, Monday, November 4, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR

Documents on File:

- Agenda 10/28/19
- Sign In Sheet 10/28/19
- Budget Plan Student Support Services & Special Education Shared Service Programs Project Headway, Bridge, Compass (10 p.)
- IEP's Compared with Total Enrollment (5 p.)
- 504 #'s Across the Island Schools (4 p.)
- Bridge and Compass Totals (2 p.)
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Superintendent's Office and Shared Services Programs FY'21 Proposed budget Draft #2 - October 28, 2019 (3 p.)
- FY21 Supt/Shared Services Budget – Formula Calculations
- Superintendent's Shared Services Budget (2 p.)
- Superintendent's Office and Shared Services Programs Salary Budget (2 p.) for FY'21 Budgeting Purposes Only (9 p.)
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Enrollment Census Worksheet 10/1/19

Skipper Manter – Chair

Date

Approved 11/14/19