

**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
Thursday, May 7, 2020,
Immediately Following 4:30 AISC Calendar Sub-Committee Meeting
By Zoom Cloud Conference**

Present:

Up-Island	Chair - Skip Manter, Roxanne Ackerman, Kate DeVane, Robert Lionette, Alex Salop,
Tisbury	Amy Houghton, Janet Packer, Michael Watts,
Oak Bluffs	Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Edgartown	Megan Anderson, Kimberly Kirk, Kelly McCracken,
Others:	Over 100 attendees including: Jessie Damroth – MV Boys & Girls Club, Ginamarie deBettencourt, George Gamble, Kim Garrison, Debra Grant, Lucy Leopold, Cathleen Parker, Deborah Regan, Nichole Shank, Rebecca Solway, Jane Taylor, Zoe Turcotte
Shared Services Of.	Supt. Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr. – Richie Smith, Interim Financial Manager – Mark Friedman, Co-Dir. Student Support – Nancy Dugan, Hope McLeod, ELL Coordinator – Leah Palmer,
Principals:	Oak Bluffs – Megan Farrell, Tisbury – John Custer, Melissa Ogden, West Tisbury – Donna Lowell Bettencourt, Mary Boyd,
MVPS:	Barbara Armstrong, Alecia Barnes, Hannah Beford, Larissa Bernat, Maureen Best, Bruce Boren, Witney Burke, Sylvia Cappelli, Molly Chvatal, Cheri Cluff, Catherine Coogan, Sue Costello, Claire Crowell, Spencer D'Agostino, Anne Davey, Sean DeBettencourt, Lorenzo Doyle, Stephanie Dreyer, Laura Edelman, Ray Fallon, Hope Fecitt, Wendy Federowicz, Kristy Fletcher, Yvette Fogg, Vanessa Forrester, Jenn Fournier, Mariel Ortiz Garcia, Meredith Goldthwait, Betsy Harrington, Kelly Hayes, Janet Howard, Rita Jeffers, Alicia Knight, Natalie Krauthamer, Preston Kavanaugh, Dwight Kayaka, Kaitlyn Kurth, Kara Leandro, Emily Levett, Danielle Light, Amie Lukowitz, Catherine Mafcher, Melissa Mahoney,

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MVPS (cont.): Melinda Maveety, Michele Mayhew, Megan McDonald,
Teri Mello, Sue Miller, Tamzin Partridge, Kim Patterson,
Janet Ponte, Julie Rodenbaugh, Ellen Rossi, Alison Smith,
Cathy Stewart, Lais Schoenherr, Denise Searle,
Anne Williamson, Penny Wong, Mary Yancey,
Jean Zdankowski,
Press: Kelly Marolf – MVTV, Aaron Wilson – Vineyard Gazette,
Recorder Marni Lipke * Late arrivals or early departures of AISC members

Call to Order (Agenda Item #I)

The All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM. Chair Skipper Manter thanked everyone for their patience while attendance was called. (Recorder's Note: Some discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2019; April 10, 2020 (Agenda Item # II)

• MS. AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2019, AND APRIL 10, 2020 MINUTES; MR. ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 14 AYES, 0 NAYS, ½ ABSTENTION: MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. MEGAN ANDERSON—AYE, MS. KATE DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIMBERLY KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. KELLY MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. JANET PACKER—AYE/ABSTAIN FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2019, MS. LISA REAGAN—AYE, MR. ALEX SALOP—AYE, MS. KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, MR. MICHAEL WATTS—AYE.

Old/New Business (Agenda Item # III)

A. Remote Learning Plan (RLP)

(See documents on file & 4/2/20 Minutes p.2-3 #III B.)

The Governor had declared all Massachusetts school facilities closed for the year, with remote instruction required. The Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) RLP had exceeded previous State guidelines so only a few amendments were required:

- change of dates from May 4, 2020 to June 22, 2020;
- focus shift from previously learned skills to core instruction on content standards;
- student engagement guidelines were already included;
- language tightening re: English as a Second Language/English Language Learners (ESL/ELL) educators working together with Special Education (SpEd) and General Education teachers.

- Staff was working very well and showing great dedication.
- Feedback showed some students were overwhelmed by the different methods, modalities, schedules, etc. and some standardization was suggested. Superintendent Matt D'Andrea reported teachers were meeting more than ever, by grade level, subject teams and schools, trying to coordinate and improve instruction.

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- The MVPS was doing all it could to engage all students including those with Special Needs. Student Support Co-Director Nancy Dugan described what was being done to address everyone on an Individual Education Plan (IEP), the increased collaboration between SpEd and General Education teachers, opportunities for feedback from families, including occasionally adjusting services downwards from too much. Further Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) guidance on the extended summer program was expected.

- MS. HOUGHTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED REMOTE LEARNING PLAN; MS. O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 14 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

B. Union Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

(See documents on file & 4/2/20 Minutes p.3-4 #III C.)

The MOA was amended to conform with the amended RLP:

- change of dates from May 4, 2020 to June 22, 2020;

- Paragraph #5 - to include some conversation on the evaluations for the school year.

- Teachers were making tremendous efforts and would not be evaluated for performance during the Covid-19 crisis but some conversation about evaluations for the School Year was desired. The Joint Labor/Management Committee (JLMC) would meet to resolve issue. The AISC requested the second sentence be clarified to end: "evaluation of teachers during this school year."

- Parent feedback could follow normal procedures for teacher's or principal's (on-line) office hours.

- MS. HOUGHTON MOVED TO APPROVE AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT; MS. DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 14 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Approval of School Year Calendars for 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023

(See documents on file.)

- The calendars had been vetted by the Cabinet, Advisory Board, and Calendar Subcommittee in three year blocks to facilitate family and community planning. The MVPS were awaiting DESE guidance on social distancing before considering an earlier start to AY2020-21.

- The Academic Years (AYs) 2020-2021 and 2022-2023 were standard school years.

- AY 2021-2022 resolved a conflict with Rosh Hashanah by a September 8th start date.

* Ms. DeVane temporarily and briefly left the meeting.

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- MS. O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE APPROVE THE ACADEMIC YEARS 2020-2021, 2021-2022, AND 2022-2023 MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDARS; MS. PACKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 12 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—NAY, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

- The Commissioner of Education requested that teacher contracts be honored at 185 days. The MVPS closed March 13, 2020, declared 2 snow days and started work on March 18, 2020, and then chose to work through the 4-day April break (see 4/10/20 Minutes p.2 #III A). To complete the contract, Supt. D'Andrea proposed declaring 4 half days either at the end of the school year, or (as suggested in the Calendar Subcommittee) spread out to give some current relief (possibly 3-day weekends).

- Some days/hours were after-school non-student contact work.

- MS. HOUGHTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO DESIGNATE CHANGES FROM FOUR FULL TO FOUR HALF DAYS AT HIS DISCRETION IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020; MS. PACKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 14 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

D. Superintendent's/Shared Services Budget Adjustments

Administrators had been meeting regularly with State officials on financial forecasts, possible budget shortfalls, and possible funding opportunities. For example, Federal and State Covid-19 crisis funding was being explored—although at this point was likely to be roughly equivalent to Title One levels for aid—not a tremendous amount but some help. The situation was still fluid but in general the MVPS was preparing for both State and local shortfalls.

- Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) spending had been frozen and additional savings were being explored in all departments.

- It was important for schools to be part of the Town calls for reduced FY21 budgets. Some information from the 2008-09 financial downturn would be useful as a precedent. Administrators were mindful of Mr. Manter's concerns but emphasized how much was not yet known about FY21 (e.g. facility changes for social distancing restrictions) and how the MVPS would be required to provide education.

- Superintendent Matt D'Andrea and Assistant Superintendent Richie Smith would not be taking their FY21 increases.

- The AISC suggested the Superintendent and his team meet with representatives from all the Towns and bring recommendations back to the AISC.

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E. Resignation

• MS. HOUGHTON MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH GRATITUDE FOR A GREAT JOB THE RESIGNATION OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AS OF JUNE 30, 2020; MS. PACKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 14 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

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

The AISC acknowledged Teacher Appreciation Week, and thanked all staff for working really hard and being totally dedicated to the students and community.

Adjournment

• MS. PACKER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:07PM; MS. HOUGHTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 14 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. PACKER—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

Chair Skipper Manter thanked everyone and wished them all safe.

Documents on File:

- Agenda/Revised Agenda (2 p.) 5/7/20
- Superintendent's School Calendar Drafts Academic Year 2020-2021
- Superintendent's School Calendar Drafts Academic Year 2021-2022
- Superintendent's School Calendar Drafts Academic Year 2022-2023
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Remote Learning Plan (5 p.)
- Memorandum of Agreement Between the Martha's Vineyard Education Association and the Martha's Vineyard Regional School Committee (2 p.)
- Rhoades letter of resignation 5/4/20

Approved 5/26/20