

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD  
5:00PM, Monday, December 8, 2020  
By Zoom Cloud Conference**

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

Others: Supt's Shared Services Office: Matt D'Andrea, Mark Friedman,  
Ruda Stone,  
Principals: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd, Susan Stevens,  
Towns – Chilmark – Warren Doty, West Tisbury - Greg Orcutt,  
Press – MVTV – Shavannáe Anderson,  
Recorder: Marni Lipke \*Late arrivals or early departures of UIRSC members

**Call to Order (Agenda Item #I)**

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) meeting was called to order.  
(Recorder's Note: Some discussions have been grouped for clarity and brevity.)

**Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Budget Workshop (Agenda Item #II)**

The Superintendent's Shared Services Office FY22 budget was not yet set—with currently estimated increase at ~ 8%. However, due to enrollment shifts around the Island the UIRSD allocation would rise, so the combined spending and assessment increase might go as high as \$250,000 (over a \$1,567,000 current total). These enrollment shifts were occasional factors that had sometimes generated debates on the formula.

- In contrast, transportation costs were projected at level funding or very modest rise, based on a pre-pandemic configuration. Although many parents were driving children to school, bus runs had multiplied due to staggered arrival/departures, restricted seats, and expanding in-person middle schools. Chapter 71 reimbursement was unknown, but guessed at former 70-71% rates.

**Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) Trust (Agenda Item #III)**

(See documents on file & 11/23/20 Minutes p.2)

None of the three Town Finance Committees (FinComs) had met, and only Chilmark responded to the inquiry on achieving OPEB Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) and continuing the contribution increase, stating they had no objections to discontinuing or pausing the increase. West Tisbury FinCom member Greg Orcutt conducted an informal poll of members that affirmed his initial opinion that OPEB should not be pushed under the carpet, given the volatile nature of the market and ADEC limit. Before coming to CONSENSUS TO CONTINUE THE ANNUAL \$50,000 OPEB TRUST CONTRIBUTION INCREASE, the UIRSC considered:

- impact on students;
- the variable ADEC;
- possible renegotiation of collective bargaining contracts;
- the minor nature of the increase compared to the total budget.

**Warrant Articles (Agenda Item #IV)**

- Hopefully the Aquinnah Special Town Meeting (STM) would approve the roof design article (see 9/21/20 Minutes p.2 #IV A).
- West Tisbury School (WTS) proposed Annual Town Meeting (ATM) articles were:
  - a disability access elevator for the stage (current elevator requiring cost prohibitive repairs)—very rough estimate \$20-25,000 range;
  - outdoor walk-in refrigerator/freezer (current equipment requiring expensive repair)—very rough estimate \$50,000 range).

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The Revolving Lunch Fund should cover the canopy for the fridge/freezer area. A more comprehensive kitchen remodel (see 11/16/20 Minutes p.2) could not be properly designed and estimated within the current situation and timeframe. As an outdoor model the fridge/freezer should not be moved (for example into an interior location) but could be incorporated into a design. WTS Principal Donna Lowell-Bettencourt and Cafeteria Director Jenni DeVivo were exploring options and fundraising source. This item would be within the UIRSD Regional budget site as part of the regional food program, but there was some discussion over using the capital formula instead.

- Chilmark School proposed ATM articles were:
  - replacement of glass entry and all side doors (existing doors rotted, warped and ununlockable)—8 doors at \$6-7,000 per door;
  - final phase of window replacement (already approved by West Tisbury ATM).
- The UIRSC raised the issue of differing assessment amounts from the West Tisbury ATM vote by FY20 assessment and the current proposals in FY21.
- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UIRSC TO PROCEED WITH THE PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLES.** Warrant article deadlines varied from Town to Town but were usually in February.
- The UIRSC FY22 Budget Public Hearing had been advertised as required.

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

**Meetings/Events: (By Zoom)**

**AISC Meeting – 5:30PM, Thursday, December 10, 2020**

**UIRSC Budget Meeting – 6:15PM, Tuesday, December 15, 2020**

**UIRSC Regular Meeting/Public Hearing - 5:00PM, Monday, December 21, 2020**

**MVRHSC Public Hearing - 7:00PM, Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

**MVRHSC Meeting – 5:00PM, Monday, January 4, 2021**

**Adjournment**

- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:21PM; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATE DEVANE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

**Documents on File:**

- Agenda 12/8/20
- Hannemann email re; UIRSD Meeting 12/14/20

**Minutes approved 12/21/20**