

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD**
Thursday, February 18, 2021 – Immediately Following the AISC Meeting
Zoom Meeting

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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, Nancy Dugan, Leah Palmer,
Principals: Mary Boyd, Celia Gillis, Jennifer Russel, Susan Conlan,
Press – MVTV, Noah Asimov – Vineyard Gazette,
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 at 7:02PM.
(Recorder's Note: Some discussions have been grouped for clarity and brevity.)

COVID-19 Remote Learning Policy (See 2/16/21 Minutes p.4 #VI B.) (Agenda Item #II)

- * During this discussion Kate DeVane entered the meeting at 7:07PM.
- Skipper Manter challenged the “emergency” nature of the meeting.
- Superintendent Matt D'Andrea spoke to the nationwide complexity and difficulty of this situation.
 - The Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) had been enforcing the original policy for some time.
 - Remote learning was instituted to preserve family health during the global pandemic, not for the convenience of travel.
 - Changing the policy would force the MVPS to use resources to educate families that were not necessarily taxpaying residents.
 - Student(s) might benefit from attending school, possibly in-person at their current location.
 - He would stand by the decision of the UIRSC.
- West Tisbury School (WTS) Assistant Principal Mary Boyd stressed the impact on families that had moved or withdrawn students during the course of the year according to the original policy and the possibility that it would impact Cohort D configuration.
- UIRSC comments included:
 - questioning the impact of the new policy on student enrollment and/or Cohort D;
 - strong advocacy that families be accommodated and not disrupted by having to change schools;
 - debate on justification by need, as not conducive to good policy.
 - amending the policy slightly.
- *KATE DEVANE MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE COVID-19 REMOTE LEARNING ATTENDANCE POLICY: ANY STUDENT WHO STARTED THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR ATTENDING AN UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL, IS ALLOWED TO BE IN THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COHORT D—REMOTE LEARNING UNTIL THE END OF THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR: ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATE DEVANE—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—NOT VOTING, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

Meetings/Events: (By Zoom)

- MVRHSC – 5:00PM, Monday, March 1, 2021 – Zoom
- UIRSC – 6:15PM, Tuesday, March 2, 2021 – Zoom

Adjournment

- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:24PM; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, KATE DEVANE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—NOT VOTING, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

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Documents on File:

- Agenda/Revised Agenda (2 p.) 2/18/21
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, COVID-19 Remote Learning Attendance Policy 2/16/21

Minutes approved 3/2/21