

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
6:15PM, Tuesday, March 2, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

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Present: Chair – Alex Salop, Roxanne Ackerman, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter
Others: Supt's Shared Services Office: Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman, Ruda Stone, Nancy Dugan, Leah Palmer,
Principals: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd, Susan Stevens,
Staff: Amy Hoff, Katy Kurth, Victoria Phillips,
Towns: Rob Hanneman, Greg Orcutt,
Press – MVTV – Shavanae Anderson, MV Times - Lucas Thors,
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.)

Approval of Minutes

(Agenda Item #II)

A. Including But Not Limited To: February 18, 2021;

• *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 19, 2021 MINUTES; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT: SKIPPER MANTER–AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN–AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE–AYE, ALEX SALOP–AYE.*

Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD)

(Agenda Item #III)

A. COVID-19 Remote Learning Attendance Policy – Third Reading

(See documents on file & Minutes: 2/16/21 p.4 #VI B & 2/18/21.)

Skipper Manter stated the previous meeting was not a true emergency and consequently was not posted properly. There was a long discussion on protocol, whether to: reconfirm the motion, refer to the meeting, acknowledge the amendments, etc.

• *ROXANNE ACKERMAN 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SCHOOL DISTRICT COHORT D–REMOTE LEARNING UNTIL THE END OF THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR: ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED: MOTION WITHDRAWN.*

• *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED THAT DUE TO QUESTIONS ON THE STATUS OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021 MEETING THE SECOND READING TAKE PLACE AT THIS MEETING; ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: SKIPPER MANTER–AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN–AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE–AYE, ALEX SALOP–AYE.*

• Superintendent Matt D'Andrea understood the desire to support families, while noting the complexities of the situation.

- Remote learning (Cohort D) was instigated for health reasons not travel convenience.

- Other Commonwealth school districts were split 50/50 re: remote travel access or dis-enrollment.

- Continued enrollment should be predicated on Covid-19 related reasons for travel and intention to return to the district.

- Head of School Susan Stevens, noted that the policy was inappropriate for the Chilmark School which was fully in-person and had no remote learning option. A Chilmark student would have to unenroll and transfer to the West Tisbury School to adhere to the policy.

• In reviewing other districts' policy Supt. D'Andrea proposed substantial amendments for a more comprehensive policy and requested the UIRSC consider it before the final vote.

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* Kate DeVane entered the meeting at 6:44PM.

B. Chilmark School as a Possible Site for the Town of Chilmark Rapid-Charging Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station

Chilmark had short grant application deadlines to fund at least 1 and maybe 2 charging stations in Town center. Preferred locations included: the Post Office, Community Center, Library or School parking lots. Energy Committee Chair Rob Hanneman asked UIRSC permission to use the School parking lot as a stand-in location for application purposes. The UIRSC considered:

- parking lot jurisdiction, i.e. Town ownership/UIRSC long lease;
 - location within parking lot, including dumpster relocation;
 - loss of parking space(s) while non-school vehicles were charging;
 - security concerns re: non-school related drivers wandering around the grounds during charging.
- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF CHARGING STATION(S) AT THE CHILMARK SCHOOL; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, KATE DEVANE—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

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

- The Chilmark School Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) task force was making progress. Engineering and design were almost completed and the project should be posted shortly with the goal of bids covered by the Chilmark Green Community grant and previously voted funds (see 2/12/18 Minutes p.4 #C). The Owners Project Manager (OPM) recommended payment of a \$1,200 overrun for additional work on the engineers contract. The UIRSC asked about use of the 5% contingency built into all contracts—usually more focused on construction. Funds were already appropriated the request was for permission to expend.
- *KATE DEVANE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE OF \$1,200 TO THE ENGINEERS CONTRACT; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT: SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, KATE DEVANE—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*
- The rental refrigerator/freezer (see 2/16/21 Minutes p.4 #VIII) was priced at \$1,050/month, with delivery/set up/removal costs at \$3,950—all from the Revolving Lunch account. The rental would provide refrigeration until the Annual Town Meetings vote to purchase and install a new unit. The Lunch Fund did not run in deficit and all parental debt had been paid.
- *SKIPPER MANTR MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:14PM; KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, KATE DEVANE—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

Meetings/Events: (By Zoom)

- MVRHSC – 5:00PM, Monday, March 7, 2021 – Zoom
- UIRSC – 5:30PM, Monday, March 15, 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 3/2/21
- Up-Island Regional School District, COVID-19 Interim Policy, Out of District Access to Learning
(3 p.)

Minutes approved 3/15/21