

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Thursday, August 13, 2020,
Directly after the All Island School Committee
By Zoom Cloud Conference**

Present: Chair - Kate DeVane, Roxanne Ackerman, Robert Lionette,
Skipper Manter, Alex Salop,
Others: 400-450 attendees (see Participant list) including: Dr. Sonya Stevens,
Supt.'s Of: Superintendent - Matt D'Andrea,
Asst. Supt. – Richie Smith, Interim Finance Manager – Mark Friedman,
Student Support Co-Directors – Nancy Dugan, Hope MacLeod,
Ruda Stone, Leah Palmer, Dr. Jeffrey Zack,
MVPS Committees: Tisbury - Jen Cutrer, Amy Houghton, Michael Watts,
Oak Bluffs - Kris O'Brien, Lisa Reagan, Kathryn Shertzer,
Edgartown - Megan Anderson, Kimberly Kirk, Kelly McCracken,
MVPS Admin/Health: MVRHS – Sara Dingledey, Jeremy Light, Dhakir Warren,
Barbara-jean Chauvin, Mike Taus
Chilmark – Susan Stevens, Edgartown – Shelley Einbinder, Nicole Barlett,
Oak Bluffs – Megan Farrell,
Tisbury – John Custer, Melissa Ogden, Catherine Coogan,
West Tisbury - Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd,
MVPS/MVEA: Nedine Cunningham, Anne Davey,
Towns/County: Chilmark – Warren Doty, Marina Lent, Dukes County – Keith Chatinover,
Edgartown – Jane Varkonda, Oak Bluffs – Kim Leaird, Ryan Ruley,
Tisbury – Maura Valley, Ben Robinson,
Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, Vineyard Gazette – Noah Asimov,
MVTV – Kelly Marolf,
Secretary: Marni Lipke **Late arrivals or early departures of AISC members (see * in text)*

Call to Order

(Agenda Item #I)

The Up Island Regional School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order.
- (Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

Vote: Fall Reopening Final Plan

(Agenda Item # V)

A motion was made and a lengthy discussion ensued with substantial input from the public.

- The UIRSD buildings allowed for a full return with social distancing. In fact, the Chilmark School had been used by 12-15 daycare children since April, complying with all health regulations (see 4/6/20 Minutes p. 1 #VA). It was argued that the plan was a blunt instrument and the UIRSC asked if individual building principals could tweak the plan.
- There was concern that the hybrid was not safer than full in-person. Supt. D'Andrea explained that the Plan was thoughtful and purposeful in proposing two week intervals and small groups across the board, and cited educational equity issues for the entire Island. It was also noted that differing districts would raise union contract negotiations issues.
- Members had heard from scores of constituents. Central Administrators acknowledged the high pressure on School Committee members. Since March 2020 the UIRSC, volunteers who also had jobs and family commitments, had worked tirelessly along with staff. Everyone was trying very hard to “thread this needle”.
- Others expressed reservations on the UIRSC ignoring the advice of the expert professionals they hired.

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- There was a suggestion to follow UIRSD Towns' Board of Health regulations to allow for input on what was safe.
- The Plan included three modes, remote, hybrid and full in-person at a later date.
- The UIRSC debated withdrawing the motion rather than failing it, and scheduling another meeting early next week.
- If the Plan failed the UIRSC vote, Supt. D'Andrea could revise the plan in accordance with School Committee feedback, and apply to the Commissioner for an extension beyond August 17th, however the request was not likely to be well-received.
- The Plan had to be submitted to allow schools to open.
- There was no consensus to withdraw the motion.
- *ALEX SALOP MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN AS A WHOLE: ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ROBERT LIONETTE—NAY, SKIPPER MANTER—NAY, KATE DEVANE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

Adjournment

(Agenda Item # IX)

- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:40PM; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, KATE DEVANE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

Meetings/Events: (TBD - by Zoom)

- Parent Forum – 5:00PM, Tuesday, August 18, 2020
- AISC – 5:00PM, Thursdays, August 20, 27, 2020
- UIRSC – 5:00PM, Wednesday, August 19, 2020
- AISC – 5:00PM, Tuesdays, August 25, 2020
- UIRSC – 7:00PM, Monday, August 24, 2020
- MVRHSC – 5:00PM, Monday, September 14, 2020

Documents on File:

- Agenda 8/13/20
- AISC Participants 8.13.20 (16 p.)
- Reopening Plan chart
- Proposal
- Remote Instruction Overview (4 p.)
- MVRHS 20-21 Plan, 1.0 Virtual Instruction, In-Person Support (23 p.)
- It's 7AM at the Da Silva's... (2 p.)

Minutes approved 9/1/20