

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD  
Thursday August 27, 2020  
After the All Island School Committee Meeting  
By Zoom Cloud Conference**

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Present: Chair - Alex Salop, Roxanne Ackerman, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter,  
Others: 400-450 attendees (see Participant list) including:  
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, Michael Watts,  
Oak Bluffs - Kathryn Shertzer,  
Edgartown - Megan Anderson, Kimberly Kirk, Kelly McCracken,  
MVPS Admin/Health: MVRHS – Sara Dingley, Jeremy Light, Barbara-jean Chauvin,  
Mike Taus  
Chilmark – Susan Stevens, Edgartown – Shelley Einbinder,  
Oak Bluffs – Megan Farrell,  
Tisbury – John Custer, Melissa Ogden, Catherine Coogan,  
West Tisbury - Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd, Sue Leonard,  
MVPS/MVEA: Nedine Cunningham, Anne Davey,  
Towns/County: Chilmark – Warren Doty, James Malkin, Marina Lent, Matt Poole,  
Dukes County – Martina Thornton, Edgartown – Matt Poole,  
Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, Ryan Ruley,  
West Tisbury – Omar Johnson, Skipper Manter,  
Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, MVTV – Kelly Marolf,  
Secretary: 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 7:48PM.

**Approval of Minutes – August 19, 2020 – Not Available** (Agenda Item #II)

**Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD)** (Agenda Item #III)

**A. Discussion of Fall Reopening Plan**

The UIRSC discussed whether to continue the meeting at this late hour, however Head of Chilmark School Susan Stevens strongly protested further delaying the matter of a full time Chilmark School nurse (see Minutes: (see 5/11/20 Minutes p.3) 6/22/20 p.4 #VI A, & 8/19/20 p.3), who was needed to train staff returning on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, coordinate testing (see AISC 8/25/20 Minutes), etc.

- The position was currently at 0.4 Full Time Equivalent (FTE), and the cost of the 0.6 FTE expansion (including benefits) was \$39,702 which could be offset with salary savings to \$30,641. Deferring Building Maintenance was not advised but the UIRSC had created \$98,779 in contingency reserves for Covid spending (see 6/2/20 Minutes p.2-4 #III A).

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- Skipper Manter considered the contingency to be essentially Excess & Deficiency (E & D) disproportionately funded by the West Tisbury School (WTS) site and consequently was adamantly against it. Robert Lionette strongly protested Mr. Manter bringing this up at this time when the UIRSC had voted against it year after year.
- Roxanne Ackerman proposed the WTS nurse share time at the Chilmark School.
- \* Roxanne Ackerman briefly left the meeting due to a technical glitch.
  
- Assistant Superintendent Richie Smith explained that school nurses had a heavy burden of responsibilities during a pandemic so that although regional sharing was a good idea in general, in this instance Administration advised against splitting nurse duties between two locations.
- There were a number of public comments:
  - The WTS was looking for assistance for its nurse who was already overburdened with pandemic issues/reporting.
  - A parent pleaded for the UIRSC to take the Chilmark School seriously, expressing anger that they would allow a school to open in a pandemic without a full time nurse.
  - Chilmark Selectmen Jim Malkin reported the Selectmen had been discussing school funding.
- \* Roxanne Ackerman re-entered the meeting.
- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO HIRE A FULL TIME CHILMARK SCHOOL NURSE USING CONTINGENCY FUNDING FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SALARY NOT COVERED BY CHILMARK SITE SALARY SAVINGS; ALEX SALOP SECONDED: MOTION FAILED: 2 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—NAY, SKIPPER MANTER—NAY, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*
  - Skipper Manter was in favor of the full time nurse but objected to the funding source. He would confer with the Chilmark Selectmen and at the end of the meeting requested the actual cost of the Chilmark School Nurse for each town under the Chilmark assessment formula.
  - The matter was tabled until the next meeting.
  
- *ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN; ALEX SALOP SECONDED.* Members suggested the vote be deferred until the next meeting in consideration of:
  - time to review the changed plan;
  - the need to consult with the site Principals;
  - rank and file comments at the Edgartown School Committee meeting;
  - lack of full UIRSC attendance possibly resulting in another failed vote;
  - desire to make a better plan for the UIRSD.
- MOTION WITHDRAWN.*
- Public comment included:
  - a parent requesting the UIRSC vote in order to allow families to plan jobs and daycare;
  - a staff member asking why all members were not present and if Kate DeVane could be called to rejoin the meeting.

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- Chair Alex Salop expressed the UIRSC sympathy with the unfortunate situation and hoped the matter would be swiftly resolved at the next meeting.

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

**Adjournment**

- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:12PM; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

**Meetings/Events**

- UIRSC Meeting – 6:15PM, Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – Zoom or TBD
- AISC – 5:00PM, Thursday, September 3, 2020 – Zoom or TBD

**Meetings/Events (cont.)**

- MVRHSC – 5:00PM, Monday, September 14, 2020 – Zoom or TBD
- UIRSC Meeting – 5:00PM, Monday, September 21, 2020 – Zoom or TBD

**Documents on File:**

- Agenda 8/25/20
- AISC & UIRSC Participants 8.27.20 (15 p.)
- All Island School Committee Revised Reopening Plan Proposal (13 p.)
- Mayhew email re: Clarification to Consider (2 p.) 8/22/20
- 2019-2020 All Island Sub-Committees

**Minutes approved 9/1/20**