

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD  
6:15PM, Tuesday, September 8, 2020  
By Zoom Cloud Conference**

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

Others: About 50 attendees (see participants list) including:  
Supt's Shared Services Office: Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman, Hope MacLeod, Ruda Stone,  
MVEA: Nedine Cunningham, Spencer D'Agostino, Anne Davey,  
Principals: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd, Susan Stevens,  
School Nurses: Kristine Cammorata,  
Chilmark: – Warren Doty,  
Press – Kelley Marolf – MVTV,  
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.

**Approval of Minutes—September 1, 2020 – Not Available** (Agenda Item #II)

**Financial Report** (Agenda Item #III)

**A. West Tisbury School (WTS) Nurse's Assistant** (See 9/1/20 Minutes p.4 #IV.)

After consulting with WTS Nurse Kristine Cammorata, Principal Donna Lowell-Bettencourt proposed an assistant at 12 hours per week, preferably with Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) or nurse training which would help with substituting in case of Ms. Cammorata's absence. Other duties would include: the need for two nurses office (one an isolation room), support with testing protocol/reporting, etc. The UIRSC reviewed the proposed testing protocols (see 9/25/20 AISC Minutes).

- Funding would initially be from the Long-Term Substitute line or, if permanently hired, from the Teachers Salary Increment line.

• *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE AN ASSISTANT TO THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL NURSE FOR UP TO 12 HOURS PER WEEK; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATE DEVANE—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE.*

**B. Additional Space(s) for Student Learning Cohorts**

The most recent survey showed that about 20% of parents requested Cohort D for total remote learning for their children for the first semester only. This reduced both first through fifth grade and grades six through eight class sizes enough to accommodate all students in the building for the additional six through eight in-person day (see 9/1/20 Minutes p.1-4 #III A). Staff could be shifted for combined and extra sections. It was agreed that both educationally and for cleaning protocols the middle school in-person days would be Monday and Friday. Students would eat in their classrooms and would not be using the cafeteria. All classes would conform to 6 ft. social distancing and masks.

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- Although the WTS lower and middle school students were in separate wings, concerns were raised over crossover for such things as visits to the nurse's office.
- At the end of the meeting public concerns included:
  - special education or other pull-out students crossing from one class to another;
  - students changing classes for such things as appropriate math levels.
- Concern was also expressed over breaking with the other Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Reopening Plan.
- Using other spaces as school was complicated by:
  - teachers instructing more than one grade level having to travel and set up in two locations;
  - training the other facility staff in school protocols and safety;
  - school facility regulations according to revised DESE guidelines (e.g a nurse unless used only for remote learning);
  - difficulty of duplicating equitable internet access in an unknown space.
- Chilmark Selectmen had discussed this issue and informed the UIRSC that the Chilmark Community Center Board of Directors offered the Community Center for children's use (other activities having been suspended until December 2020). The UIRSC thanked him for this generous and pro-active offer.
  - The Charter School was using the Agricultural Hall.
- The UIRSC suggested the topic be submitted to the All Island School Committee(AISC) as a possible agenda item.

**Superintendent's Report** (Agenda Item #IV)  
**A. Discussion: Mask Policy**

- The draft was being revised to conform with recently announced Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.
- The MVPS testing proposal (see 8/25/20 AISC Minutes) was proving to be extremely complicated, in terms of administration, cost, acquisition of equipment, procurement law, etc. The team was reaching out to the Martha's Vineyard Hospital for support.
- These topics would be reported at the next AISC meeting.

**Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD)** (Agenda Item #V)  
**A. Policy for Protocol for Entering the School Building**

The UIRSC was looking for an Islandwide policy on re-entering a school facility, acknowledging that student/family activity outside of school was crucial: sports or sports travel, air travel, visits and visitors, gatherings, etc. There was a simple application that required all families to fill out a form before sending their child into a school.

**Personnel** (Agenda Item #VI)  
**A. Retirement**

- *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH APPRECIATION FOR GREAT SERVICE THE RETIREMENTS OF:*
  - *WEST TISBURY SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER MARSHA CURTIS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2020; AND*
  - *CHILMARK SCHOOL HEAD CUSTODIAN LISA NICHOLS AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020;*
- *KATE DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATE DEVANE—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE.*

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

- There was a suspected case of Covid at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS). Supt. D'Andrea would report on protocols at the AISC.
- The UIRSC was reminded not to engage in public emails in keeping with Open Meeting Law protocols.
- Transportation issues would also be addressed at the AISC. About 130 MVPS families registered for bus service. Bus times would be staggered and the transportation team was working on such issues as siblings with different arrival or departure times.

**Adjournment**

- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:22PM; ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE.*

**Meetings/Events**

- **MVRHSC Meeting – 5:00PM, Monday, September 14, 2020 – Zoom or TBD**
- **AISC – 5:00PM, Thursday, September 17, 2020 – Zoom or TBD**
- **UIRSC – 5:00PM, Monday, September 21, 2020 – Zoom or TBD**

**Documents on File:**

- Agenda 9/8/20
- UIRSC Participants 9.8.20 (2 p.)

**Minutes approved 11/9/20**