Present:	Chair – Kimberly Kirk, Vice-Chair – Amy Houghton, Roxanne Ackerman, Kelly McCracken, Skipper Manter, Kathryn Shertzer*, Michael Watts,
Others:	About 100 attendees, including the following:
MVRHS/MVPS:	Principal Sarah Dingledy, Assistant Principals: Jeremy Light, Dahkir Warren, Barbara-Jean Chauvin - CTE Director & Assistant Principal,
	Athletic Director - Mark McCarthy, Finance Manager – Suzanne Cioffi,
	Facilities Director – Mike Taus, Noelle Warburton,
	Special Ed Director – Hope MacLeod, Technologist – Rick Mello,
	Guidance – Rachel Schubert,
	MVEA: Spencer D'Agostino,
Supt. 's Of:	Superintendent - Matt D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent - Richie Smith,
	School Business Administrator- Mark Friedman,
Towns/County:	Oak Bluffs: Maura McGroarty, West Tisbury: Skipper Manter,
Press:	MV Times – Lucas Thor, Vineyard Gazette – Maia Coleman,
Secretary:	Minah Worley,

Call to Order

The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) meeting was called to order at 5:12 pm. In order to facilitate the technology: the meeting was being recorded; video cameras should be off except for MVRHSC members or Administrators or when actively participating; attendees were asked to identify themselves with first and last names; the chat feature was turned off.

- (<u>Recorder's Note</u>: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

### Approval of Minutes: (Agenda Item #I)

## A. School Committee Minutes: 5/3/21 & 5/13/21

Chair Kimberly Kirk welcomes new Committee member Kelly McCracken and relays that today might be the last zoom MVRHSC meeting.

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVES TO APPROVE THE MVRHSC MINUTES OF 05/03/2021 AND 05/13/2021; AMY HOUGHTON SECONDS; MOTION PASSES: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—ABSTENTION, & MS. KIRK –AYE.

### Student Report: (Agenda Item #II)

### A. Annabelle Biggs and Ben Mulvey

Junior class President Annabella Biggs updates the Committee about wonderful graduation at the MVRHS. Ms. Biggs relays a special thanks to Administration, Supt. D'Andrea, and Asst. Supt. Smith for braving the heat and celebrating with the senior class at graduation. The junior class is enjoying being the big shots at school and planning for exciting new events next year with the seniors graduated.

Junior class Vice-President Ben Mulvey reports that the student government election is happening next week for the next school year. Mr. Mulvey thanks the MVRHSC for inviting the junior class officers to join, and he appreciates the Committee's hard work to better the MVRHS.

## Principal's Report: (Agenda Item #III)

# A. Academic Presentation:

## 1. Summer Program

Principal Dingledy has recruited some outstanding staff members to create a robust summer school program. At the end of summer school, Principal Dingledy hopes to provide a chance for students to recover credit in core courses such as math, science, English, and social studies for students who have fallen behind due to Covid and for other students who may need extra support in core classes where they can be better prepared for next year's courses. During the entire summer school period, the MVRHS will be reaching out to sign-up as many students who can benefit from summer school while continuously supporting the MVRHS ELA and English learners simultaneously.

# 2. Graduation

Ms. Kirk congratulates all parents with graduating children and recognizes Supt. D'Andrea's son, Asst. Supt. Smith's son, and Mr. Watts' daughter on their graduations.

Principal Dingledy recognizes Noelle for her incredible work done with grace and professionalism regarding graduation prep and execution. Principal Dingledy also thanks volunteers for an efficient breakdown of the field thanks to Russ Current for his flexibility and usage of the field. Finally, Principal Dingledy shared graduation images and acknowledged student speakers' great turnout, including Asst. Supt. Smith's son. <u>Comments:</u>

- Chair Kirk thanks Noelle for her incredible dedication to creating an efficient yet welcoming environment for graduation and recognizes Russ Current for his willingness to let the MVRHS use the field. Chair Kirk especially enjoyed being able to host graduation next to the MVRHS campus.
- Mr. Watts thanks an anonymous volunteer for providing bottled water during graduation. It was a sweltering day, and luckily due to great planning, no one needed EMS support.

# 3. CTE Update

CTE Director Barbara-Jean informs the Committee that MCAS has wrapped up. Last week, the MVRHS tested 10<sup>th</sup> graders in ELA and math, and 9th-grade students enrolled in Biology. Ms. Barbara-Jean relays that MCAS was a huge endeavor, but Ms. Barbara-Jean had a lot of help and patience from staff which made MCAS overall successful.

The dust collection system is wrapping up and will be finalized this month. This year, the MVRHS reinstated the practice of issuing certificates of completion for three years. Fifth-teen seniors out of four programs received certification of completion, which will be presented with the student's diploma. In addition to the certificate of completion, two of the nursing assistant students will go for their exam on June 14<sup>th</sup> to be certified.

Looking to the future, the MVRHS enrollment numbers are strong and some of the classes, such as automotive, are already full. In addition, there are about 375-400 students overall enrolled in one of the CTE, maritime, and or exploratory programs which allow the MVRHS to get approximately 1.8 to 2.2 million dollars in reimbursements to continue supporting all the CTE programs.

## 4. AP Testing/SAT Scores

Principal Dingledy shares that the MVRHS SAT scores have consistently gone up by 20 points in the past few years, which is a steady incline towards academic improvement and success. A brief presentation of SAT scores between MVRHS, Nantucket HS, Nauset HS, and the State Ave was shown. The MVRHS' SAT scores are the highest among all schools.

Asst. Principal Jeremy Light updates the Committee regarding the MVRHS' 173 AP enrollment. Each year, additional AP exams have been added due to student interests. Due to Covid, this year was unique; every student enrolled in AP classes got to take the test at home or was supervised taking the exam at the YMCA. *Please note, all students at the MVRHS who are enrolled in AP classes must sit for the test, unlike other school and or districts. Please note, AP exams require finances that the MVRHS does not cover, but there is financial support for those in need.* 

Asst. Principal Light provided a presentation of 2019-2020 AP score results. (Please see the presentation on file.)

### **B.** Administration

## 1. Facilities Update

Principal Dingledy updates the Committee that due to Covid, one of the silverlining results of utilizing outdoor tents was that students used them naturally as an additional meeting and peer-to-peer connection space. Principal Dingledy hopes to continue exploring outdoor tented space in the future because of the positive impact it had on-campus life. Lastly, the MVRHS received their furniture delivery, and the new dust collection system looks beautiful.

### 2. Sports Update

Asst. Principal Light shares news that MVRHS student Zack Ooche from the track team set a new school record, breaking his school record from earlier in the year. Zack Ooche was invited as the top 12 high school milers in the state to participate in the Track Smith invitational held at Bishop Highschool. Mr. Ooche's time was 4:25.

Spring sports are ending, and the boys' and girls' tennis teams are continuing their dominance and will hopefully be going to the state tournament to capture another title.

## 3. Annual Wellness Policy Adoption-Kevin Crowell-Vote

AMY HOUGHTON MOVES TO ADOPT THE FIRST READING OF THE WELLNESS POLICY; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER-AYE&, MS. KIRK –AYE.

## 4. Annual Cape Cod Collaborative Representative -VOTE

The Cape Cod Collaborative Representative is responsible for attending meetings once a month as the Martha's Vineyard representative to advocate for Islanders' needs. The Cape Cod Collaborative functions similarly to the MVRHSC, except that the Committee will be meeting in person on the Cape.

KATHERN SHERTZER MOVES TO APPOINT ROXANNE ACKERMAN AS THE CAPE COD COLLABORATIVE REPRESENTATIVE; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER-AYE&, MS. KIRK –AYE.

## 5. Minnesingers Trip-VOTE

Abigail Chandler briefly informs the Committee regarding the MVRHS' minnesingers' trip to Osteria and Germany for collaborations with educational organizations such as the University of Vienna's choir in 2022. The trip will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> with twenty-eight students and seven adult chaperones. There will be singing every day and lots of sightseeing!

KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINNESINGERS TRIP; AMY HOUGHTON SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE&, MS. KIRK –AYE.

## 6. Race and Equity Group Report

Ena Thulin provides a detailed presentation on the Race and Equity Group Report. Ms. Thulin explains that the Race and Equity Group have been working on a vision on diversity, inclusion, and equity. (Presentation and document on file.)

Race and Equity Group Report Recommendation Highlights:

- MVRHS staff are advised to take the REI Groundwater training.
- Review and revise curriculum and content for greater inclusivity.
- Editing the student handbook for more inclusive and culturally proficient language.
- Creating more diverse staff.
- Supporting the First Annual Social Justice & Diversity week for students and community showcase.

- Race and Equity Group are advocating for diversity, equity, & inclusion coordinator position.
- Celebrating and supporting opportunities and safe spaces for students to engage in dialogue around courageous conversations.
- Developing and offering all-school assembly discussions on social justice issues.
- Organizing school-wide PD opportunities around systemic racism and bias.

# Comments:

- It was clarified that the REI Groundwater training for one hundred individuals is \$7,000.
- Many Committee members are committed to this work, and Principal Dingledy clarified that hopefully, the MVRHS staff would be able to get training either this summer or the following.
- Ms. Thulin and Principal Dingledy emphasized the highly positive feedback from those who have already received training, and luckily the training is only three to four hours long on zoom.
- Amy Houghton asks if anyone who received the REI Groundwater training is also a part of the MV Diversity Coalition. The Committee assumes that Mr. Warren is a part of both organizations. Ms. Houghton suggests that the MV Diversity Coalition would be a great place to go for funding or the MV Hospital.
- It was clarified that the MVRHSC and SAC would review the Vision Statement, and then the full Committee will vote on it at the next meeting.

# Superintendent's Report: (Agenda Item #IV)

# A. AISC Update

Supt. Matt D'Andrea updates the Committee that AISC hasn't needed to meet lately, but there may be a need to call a meeting soon to accept some donations and opportunities for housing for teachers.

# B. Management and Non-Union Salary Adjustment FY22-Vote

Supt. D'Andrea informs the Committee that the Non-Union Salary Adjustments are the folks who did not get a raise last year. Supt. D'Andrea informs the Committee to please disregard Transportation Manager Marc Rivers salary adjustments and Asst. Principal Jeremy Light from today's discussions. Supt. D'Andrea also notifies the Committee that Transportation Assistant Anastasia Carter is a new hire and will only be getting a 2.25% increase, while Transportation Assistant Chyenne Ward will be getting a significant raise due to Ms. Chyenne taking on additional responsibilities and displaying leadership actions. Supt. D'Andrea also relays that he hired Ms. Chyenne on the lower end. *Please note, Supt. D'Andrea's presentation reflects a double raise due to Covid, and all increases have been properly budgeted.* Comments:

• Skipper Manter expressed his disdain of the current non-union salary adjustment process and would prefer that this agenda item has gone through the Budget Sub-Committee. Mr. Manter is in favor of the raise.

AMY HOUGHTON MOVES TO APPROVE THE MANAGEMENT AND NON-UNION SALARY ADJUSTMENT FY22 WITH THE ACCEPTIONS OF ASST. PRINCIPAL JEREMY LIGHT'S

POSITION AND TRANSPORATION MANAGER MARC RIVERS POSITION; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—NAY, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE&, MS. KIRK–AYE.

Supt. D'Andrea purposes of providing a retroactive raise for the non-union transportation bus drivers and monitors. Due to covid, Administration held non-union raises last year, and again, due to Covid, the Budget currently has a surplus due to non-off island trips.

School Business Administrator Mark Friedman explains to the Committee that the transportation budget has approximately over \$200,000.00 in budget savings due to covid. The budget cost savings is mainly due to no off-island field trips, sports travel, etc. Overall, due to the amazing accounting department at the Supt. Office, the payroll team was able to calculate since July 2020 to present every run non-union driver and monitor performed with retroactive pay raise calculations of approximately under \$27,000. *Please note, there are sufficient savings of approximately over \$200,000.00 in the transportation budget, and Administration would like the Committee to please consider.* Comments:

- Ms. Houghton asked if the retroactive pay is for time bus drivers and monitors weren't working. Mr. Friedman clarified that payroll compiled every run every non-union bus driver and monitor performed, and the retroactive raise is derived from the exact number of runs performed.
- Ms. Houghton asked if the raise is a compounding increase and how does this affect next year's Budget. Mr. Friedman clarified again that the proposed raise rates were budgeted for FY21, and the budgeted raise rates were temporarily frozen due to Covid. *Please note, Mr. Friedman further explains that with a retroactive raise for the non-union drivers and monitors, transportation will still come under Budget.*
- Mr. Manter expressed that he acknowledges that non-union drivers and monitors deserve this money, but his disdain is, again, a non-proper budget protocol.

AMY HOUGHTON MOVES TO APPROVE THE RETROACTIVE RAISE FOR NON-UNION DRIVERS AND MONITORS; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE&, MS. KIRK–AYE.

### C. Transportation Policy – Third Reading—Vote

AMY HOUGHTON MOVES TO APPROVE THE THIRD READING OF THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY; KATHERYN SHERTZER SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE&, MS. KIRK –AYE.

#### D. Testing/Reopening Guidance for Fall 2021

Supt. D'Andrea relays that next year there will be no safety measures needed for Covid, with a possible exception of masking for elementary.

Comments:

- A Committee member asked why do elementary need to be masked. Supt. D'Andrea believes it is due to children under the age of twelve not having access to vaccinations.
- •\_\_\_Does the state require vaccination? As of now, no.

# Financial Report: (Agenda Item #V)

# A. Expenditure Report (Document on file)

Finance Manager Suzanne Cioffi informs the Committee that finances are concluding for this upcoming year. Ms. Cioffi reports some budget transfers, budget entries, and expenditures. Overall, the Budget looks to be in fairly good shape.

Comments:

• Ms. Ackerman asks what the bottom line is. As of today, the MVRHS has a positive bottom-line balance.

# **B.** Revenue Report

Ms. Cioffi updates the Committee that the circuit breaker, town assessments, and dust collection monies have come in.

## C. Grants and Donations—Vote

AMY HOUGHTON MOVES TO ACCEPT THE \$800 GRANTS FOR THE SCIENCE FAIR, THE GOODMAN GIFT OF \$20,000 TOWARDS THE THEATRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE \$5,000 FROM VINEYARD GOLF AND BOAT HOUSE FOUNDATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2021; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE&, MS. KIRK –AYE.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVES TO ACCEPT THE ESER TWO GRANT OF \$1,299,055; KATHERYN SHERTZER SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE&, MS. KIRK –AYE.

# D. Performing Arts Department: Orchestra position-

Principal Dingledy informs the Committee regarding the retirement of Mike Tennis. Uniquely to Mr. Tennis, he equally led and instructed the MVRHS orchestra, jazz, and band department. The MVRHS posted the two specialized position openings, and luckily a band leader candidate has been selected. Currently, MVRHS is looking to contract out a string teacher to compliment the band teacher. *Please note, the strings teacher is not a new position, and it has been budgeted appropriately*.

Comments:

- It was clarified that the position of the string job is a .2 position.
- Mr. Friedman explains that because there are enough savings of the line-item from Mr. Tennis' retirement with the potential hiring of the new position, there is enough in the

salary line and savings support the position. *Please note, the MVRHSC is not needed to vote, but officially informing the Budget and full MVRHSC of the music department going from a 3 position to 3.2.* 

### E. Transfer From ESP to ASP line-

KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVES TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF ESP LINE 161 TO ASP LINE 87 FOR FY22; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE&, MS. KIRK –AYE.

### F. Return of Excess and Deficiency to towns

Mr. Manter explains his position that the first step in understanding Excess and Deficiency (E & E&D) funds is that it can't be spent till it's certified, typically in the first week of April. Mr. Manter further explains his position on why the MVRHS should return the E&D funds to the towns.

Comments:

- There was a question regarding what the amount auditors have advised to keep in reserves for the MVRHS? Mr. Friedman relays that the general recommendation allows regional schools to keep 5% of the E & E&D as essential reserves, and auditors generally recommended keeping up to 5%. Mr. Friedman further explains that with serious potential renovations and improvements to the MVRHS facility, it is crucial to strengthen our bond ratings to have the most advantageous interest rates for potential loans.
- Mr. Friedman clarified that retaining the current E&D funds strengthens our bond rating, which allows the MVRHS to obtain a lower interest rate. *Please note, there are significant financial savings in a lower interest rate on a twenty to thirty-year plus loan.*
- Maura McGroarty asked if the MVRHS has a capital stabilization fund and why doesn't it have a capital stabilization fund. Mr. Friedman clarified that the MVRHS requested a capital stabilization fund but was denied by the Towns on a local level.

## **Personnel:** (Agenda Item #VI)

### A. Leave Requests/Retirements

KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVES TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS WITH MUCH GRATITUDE OF MIKE TENNIS, KEVIN LEWIS, AND INEZ MONTANILE AND A SECOND-YEAR LEAVE REQUEST FOR JILL GALT; KATHERYN SHERTZER SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE &, MS. KIRK –AYE.

### Committee Updates: (Agenda Item #VII)

A. Land Use Subcommittee: Improvements to Varsity Baseball Field

Russ Curan updates the Committee that approximately \$33,623.00 was an award from a CPC grant to improve the varsity baseball field. The improvement is located on the right field to create a berm to better direct water drainage, providing additional outdoor seating. <u>Comments:</u>

- Chair Kirk thanks Mr. Curan for all he did to make the MVRHS graduation an amazing event.
- Mr. Manter informs the MVRHSC that Mr. Curan's request came through the Land-Use Sub-Committee, and there were concerns regarding seating capacity.
- Ms. Houghton asks the Committee to confirm that there will be commensurate funding for the girls' softball field to avoid a fault with the Title Nine policy. Principal Dingledy informs the Committee that Mr. Curan generously has provided some in-kind support for the girls' softball fields. In the future, Mr. Curan will go through proper Administration channels to build improvements into the Budget in concert.
- Ms. Houghton explains to the full Committee that it is the MVRHSC's jurisdiction to approve any donations awarded to the MVRHS and be applied the same way policies are handled. Although it is extremely helpful to get these donations, the MVRHSC must be aware that the MVRHS has to find funding to provide equal access to girls' sports. Supt. D'Andrea clarified it. D'Andrea that Mr. Curan provided improvements to the girls' softball field and a donation of a batting cage.
- Mr. Friedman clarifies that the CPC grant was \$36,150.

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVES TO ACCEPT THE CPC GRANT OF \$36,150.00 FOR THE VARSITY BASEBALL FIELD; KELLY MCCRACKEN SECONDS; MOTION PASSES: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION: MS. HOUGHTON—ABSTENTION, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE&, MS. KIRK –AYE.

**B.** Scheduling of MCRHS School Committee Meeting (End of Year Financial Closeout) On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021, there will be an end-of-year financial closeout meeting at 5:00 pm. During that meeting, the MVRHS will elect a new chair and vice-chair along with reviewing committee assignments.

**Public Comment:** (Agenda Item #VIII) None.

**Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by The Chair:** (Agenda Item #IX) None.

**Executive Session:** (Agenda Item #X) None (no report).

Adjourn:(Agenda Item #XI)SKIPPER MANTER ADJOURN THE MVRHSC MEETING; KATHERYN SHERTZERSECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS.

HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER–AYE&, MS. KIRK –AYE.

**Meetings/Events: (by Zoom)** TBA

### **Documents on File:**

- Agenda MVRHSSC 6.7.21.pdf
- SAT SCORE Presentation
- General Fund Expenditures 6.7.21.pdf
- Race and Equity Report.pdf
- General Fund Revenue 6.7.21.pdf
- IV. B. NonUnion Salary Adjustments 2021.pdf

Respectfully submitted,

Minah Worley – Secretary

Kimberly Kirk – MVRHSC Chair

Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

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