

**ALL-ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA’S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENCY UNION #19
Edgartown School Committee
Oak Bluffs School Committee
Tisbury School Committee
Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee
Up-Island Regional School Committee
6:00PM, Thursday, May 13, 2021
By Zoom**

Present:

Up-Island	Chair - Robert Lionette, Roxanne Ackerman, Kate DeVane, Skipper Manter, Alex Salop,
Tisbury	Amy Houghton*, Michael Watts,
Oak Bluffs	Kris O’Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Edgartown	Megan Anderson, Kimberly Kirk,
Others:	Recorder – Marni Lipke, Janet Packer,
Supt. Shared	Superintendent - Matt D’Andrea, Asst. Supt. – Richie Smith, Ruda Stone,
Services Of:	Business Administrator – Mark Friedman, ELL Director - Leah Palmer, Student Support Co-Director – Hope MacLeod, Early Childhood Coordinator – Jen DeSelm Royal Shared Services Coordinator - Susan Conlan,
Principals:	Edgartown – Shelley Einbinder, MVRHS – Sara Dingley, Dhakir Warren,
MVPS:	Suzanne Cioffi, Spencer D’Agostino, Kim Garrison, Bridget Mello, Rick Mello, Elsbeth Todd,
Press:	MV Times – Lucas Thors,

**Late arrivals or early departures of AISC members (see * in text)*

Call to Order (Agenda Item #I)

The All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 6:11 PM.
(Recorder’s Note: Some discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

Approval of Minutes (Agenda Item # II)

A. Including but not limited to: February 18, 2021

• MS. AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021 MINUTES; MR. ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 3 ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT: MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, MS. KRIS O’BRIEN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MEGAN ANDERSON—ABSTAIN, MS. KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. ALEX SALOP—AYE, MS. KATE DEVANE—ABSTAIN, MR. MICHAEL WATTS—AYE, MS. KIMBERLY KIRK—ABSTAIN.

Financial (Agenda Item #III)

A. Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

A number of variances could be covered within the department or with other residuals so the Office should come in at or under budget:

- Central Office overages - benefits due to unexpected retirements, and Comcast internet upgrade and usage;
- Shared Services overages - contractual Speech Salaries a new hire, Project Headway change in benefits by an individual, Project Headway location split, and Bridge and Compass salaries.

B. Covid Expenses Update (See documents on file.)

- Except for small Central Office expenses (personal protective equipment (PPE) and heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) modifications), most Covid grants and expenditure pertained to individual Martha's Vineyard Public School (MVPS):

- \$276,000 Elementary and Secondary School Relief (ESSER) of which \$185,000 was spent, and \$65,000 was encumbered, remainder to be spent by June 30, 2021;
- \$57,000 Remote Learning Technology (administered centrally but split among schools) used to purchase Chromebooks, iPads and hot spots as needed, \$2,600 residual;
- \$495,000 School Reopening grant, of which \$335,000 was spent, \$6,000 encumbered and ~ \$145,000 in general fund expenses awaiting re-classification/journaling;
- \$113,000 Coronavirus Prevention grant in process – mostly for additional nurse's pay/pool testing expenses, tent rentals, etc.;
- small grant to school lunch programs - totally expended.
- The Martha's Vineyard Bank (MVB) Charitable Foundation and MV Youth donated \$322,000 and the 5 MVPS districts contributed \$120,000 (there was a request that amounts be verified). Miramus invoicing totaled \$251,000 at about \$50,000 per month and would run to the end of the 2020-21 school year. MVPS funds paid for administration now at \$25,000 and projected to be at \$45,000 for FY21. In addition the MVPS applied for and was awarded a \$48,000 State grant for Covid testing.
- The MVPS was partnering with the Martha's Vineyard Hospital (MVH) on vaccinations.

C. Grace Church Project Headway: Increase from 90% to 100% for 1 Education Support

Professional (ESP) and 1 Teacher (See Minutes: 6/25/19 p.4 #VII/VIII, & 11/14/19 p.4 #V.)

Early Childhood Coordinator Jen DeSelm Royal notified the AISC that, as expected, Project Headway enrollment continued to climb and would require additional staffing at 100% for 3 classes in 2 locations (including Grace Church) as well as the part-time program at the YMCA—effecting the FY23 Shared Services budget.

D. Non-Union Salary Recommendations

(See documents on file & Minutes: 5/28/20 p.3, & 10/22/20 p.3 #IV C.)

* During this discussion Ms. Houghton left the meeting at 6:31PM.

- Superintendent Matt D'Andrea thanked the AISC for their generosity in restoring the FY20 pay raises which were added to the FY21 increases in the same percentage as the Teachers Contract.
- The Behavioral Health and Grants Coordinators were level budgeted, but not yet hired.
- The total amount was within the budgeted pool.
- The positions were created and budgeted by the School Committee.
- *MS. O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR MANAGEMENT AND NON-UNION FISCAL YEAR 2021 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS AS LISTED: MS. ANDERSON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE.*

E. Director of Student Support Services – Retirement Salary Adjustment

Retiring Student Support Co-Director Nancy Dugan also did not receive a FY20 increase, and a previous request was deemed to be not allowable to be counted towards retirement (see 1/21/21 Minutes p.8). Supt. D'Andrea highly commended her work and requested a 2.25% FY21 increase (not to be counted towards retirement) to be covered out of the SpEd Staff Mileage line which showed a residual due to Covid reductions. There was an objection to it being un-budgeted, and to it's pertaining to a single individual. The special circumstances were noted.

• MR. SALOP MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE STUDENT SUPPORT CO-DIRECTOR'S SALARY BY 2.25% FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 (\$2,872.28): MS. KIRK SECONDED: MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—NAY, MS. O'BRIEN—NAY, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE.

Superintendent's Report

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Covid Testing Update

The testing program showed few students/staff with positive results, but was helpful in preventing outbreaks. The MVPS again thanked MVB Charitable Foundation and MV Youth, the MVPS school districts and taxpayers for their support. Administration was considering whether to extend the program to summer school and the Extended School Year (ESY) program.

B. Approval Vote: Revised School Year Calendars for 2021-22 & 2022-23

(See documents on file.)

The declaration of Juneteenth as a State holiday pushed the end of the school year back one day. The AISC asked about how various MVPS would celebrate the holiday.

• MR. MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2021-2022 AND 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDARS; MR. SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE.

C. District Physician

Supt. D'Andrea praised and thanked MVPS Physician Dr. Jeffrey Zach for his repeated assistance, helpfulness, time and energy, especially during the pandemic. Dr. Zach was moving on to concentrate on other aspects of his career. Supt. D'Andrea approached and recommended Dr. Sonya Stevens, who had also been a consultant on the Health/Safety Committee.

• MS. O'BRIEN WAS MORE THAN HAPPY TO MOVE TO THANK DR. JEFFREY ZACH AND TO APPROVE HIRING DR. SONYA STEVENS AS THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS PHYSICIAN: MS. DEVANE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MR. WATTS—ABSTAIN (due to conflict of interest), MS. KIRK—AYE.

D. AISC Personnel Sub-committee

The Subcommittee failed to meet on Supt. D'Andrea's evaluation, but Chair Robert Lionette urged action as one of the most important AISC obligations. The Subcommittee merged the 2019-20 goal structure with Supt. D'Andrea's Covid year goal (see 2/18/21 Minutes p.4 #C).

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AISC & AISC Sub-Committees Reorganization (Agenda Item V)

Sub-committees would meet to elect Chairs. Several members agreed to step down if newly elected school committee representatives expressed interest.

• Personnel Sub-Committee:

- Ms. Ackerman - Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC)
- Ms. Shertzer - Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS)
- Ms. Kirk - Edgartown School Committee (ESC)
- Mr. Watts - Tisbury School Committee (TSC)
- Ms. O'Brien - Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC)

• Negotiations Sub-Committee:

- Ms. Ackerman – UIRSC
- Ms. DeVane – UIRSC
- Mr. Lionette - UIRSC
- Ms. Reagan – OBSC – TBD
- Mr. Watts – TSC
- Ms. Kirk – ESC temporarily

• Sick Bank

- Mr. Manter & Ms. Shertzer

• Cape Cod Collaborative

- Ms. DeVane & TBD – MVRHSC representative

• Calendar Sub-Committee:

- Ms. Ackerman – MVRHSC
- Mr. Salop – UIRSC
- Mr. Watts – TSC
- Ms. O'Brien – OBSC
- TBD – ESC

• Island Parent Advisory Council (IPAC)

- Ms. DeVane

• MS. KIRK MOVED TO NOMINATE MS. DEVANE AS ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR AND MR. WATTS AS VICE CHAIR; MS. ACKERMAN SECONDED; MS. DEVANE AND MR. WATTS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATIONS; NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED; NOMINATIONS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SERVICE: 10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE.

Public Comment - None

(Agenda Item #VII)

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

• Supt. D'Andrea and the AISC thanked and honored departing AISC/MVRHSC/ESC member Ms. Megan Anderson for her service, support of schools and voice of reason—she would be missed. Ms. Anderson thanked everyone and spoke of her time as an amazing and fabulous experience, full of challenges, ups and downs. She saluted the AISC for their dedication in a sometimes thankless job and wished everyone the best.

• Supt. D'Andrea also recognized then MVRHS student Mr. Jeffrey 'Skipper' Manter for his initial advent on a 1974 school committee (see documents on file) and his many years of service.

• Ms. DeVane reported that she and some of her extended family participated in The Long Talk (see 1/21/21 Minutes p.2 #III A). She thanked Asst. Supt. Richie Smith for organizing the event, which she found life-changing and rewarding. She highly recommended it to everyone in the educational community.

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Executive Session (Agenda Item # VI)

A. To Discuss Strategy with Respect to Collective Bargaining or Litigation if an Open Meeting Would have a Detrimental Effect on the Bargaining or Litigating Position of the Public Body and the Chair So Declares

• MS. O'BRIEN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:26PM, NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION, UNDER MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 30A SECTION 21 (a) (3) – I.E. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS OR LITIGATION IF AN OPEN MEETING MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE BARGAINING OR LITIGATING POSITION OF THE PUBLIC BODY AND THE CHAIR SO DECLARES; AND TO INVITE SUPERINTENDENT MATT D'ANDREA, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT RICHIE SMITH, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR MARK FRIEDMAN, AND RECORDER MARNI LIPKE TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT; MS. SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 9 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—NAY, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE.

- There was a brief break for the public to leave the Zoom platform.

End Executive Session (Agenda Item # VI)

• MS. SHERTZER MOVED TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:40PM; MR. MANTER AND MR. SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. ANDERSON—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE, MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE.

Meetings/Events: (TBD)

Personnel Subcommittee – Thursday, May 20, 2021

Documents on File:

- Agenda 5/13/21
- D'Andrea memo re: Management and Non-Union Salary Adjustments 5/13/21
- D'Andrea memo re: Management and Non-Union Salary Adjustments 5/13/21 (revised)
- 2020-2021 All-Island Sub-Committees
- Superintendent's School Calendar Drafts Academic Year 2021-2022 (Revised)
- Superintendent's School Calendar Drafts Academic Year 2022-2023 (Revised)
- MVYPS/Pooled Covid Testing Expenses FY21, 5/13/21
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Grants Management Report – Remote Learning Tech 5/13/21
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Grants Management Report – 2020 CARES ESSER Grant 5/13/21
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Grants Management Report – 2020 School Reopening 5/13/21
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School BC 680 Supt. Office Expense Report (5 p.) 5/13/20
- Davis letter re: Jeffrey Manter recommendation to serve on Ad Hoc Committee 3/29/21