

**Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Budget Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 5th, 2021, 4:30 PM**  
**Culinary Arts Dining Room & Zoom (Hybrid)**

Present: Chair – Kris O'Brien\*, Skipper Manter, Kelly McCracken, Michael Watts  
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,  
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi (CADR)  
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith,  
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman,  
Towns/County: Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet  
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski (CADR)  
*\*Late arrivals or early departures of the Budget Sub-Committee members (see \* in text)*

**Call to Order:** (Agenda Item #I)

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Budget Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Kris O'Brien at 4:32 PM on Tuesday, October 5th, 2021. In order to facilitate the technology: the meeting was recorded. *(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

Chair O'Brien welcomed everyone; she mentioned this would be her last meeting as Chair for this Sub-Committee. Reflecting on her time in the role, she said that over the past two years it was an honor and a challenge. It was time for a fresh set of eyes and new energy on this process; she thanked everyone for their time, effort and energy for all the work that was done and thanked everyone in advance for all the work this committee will continue to put forth with their newly elected Chair.

**Chair Election:** (Agenda Item #II)

Chair O'Brien opened the floor to nominations, going forth with her nomination of Skipper Manter, Kelly McCracken seconds. Mr. Manter Skipper questioned if he really was the best choice; Chair O'Brien thought with his passion and eye for detail, he would be a very good choice. Mr. Manter accepted the nomination for a term of one year, but then asked if other members should be present for this election. Based on this discussion, the motion was tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Manter agreed to lead this meeting when Chair O'Brien left (before the adjournment).

**Review Past Agendas:** (Agenda Item #III)

Chair O'Brien reviewed the format of past agendas stating they were quite simplistic, not really giving the public details of what would be discussed. She asked for consideration of changing the agenda to five topics, where the focus of each meeting would be one budget item; the public could plan on attending based on the topic of interest.

Proposed Agenda Format:

- Call to order
- Approval of minutes
- Flex based on specific topic of discussion for budget
- Topics not anticipated
- Adjournment

Committee members were in agreement that one budget item should be discussed per meeting, which would be great for public involvement.

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**Set New Agendas:**

(Agenda Item #IV)

December 6, 2021 is the date to certify the budget. To meet that goal, the meeting dates and topics were proposed as follows:

November 30:	Revisions after Public Hearing
November 22:	Public Hearing
November 9:	Shared Services
November 2:	Facilities
October 26:	Transportation
October 12:	Personnel Presentation

Meetings will continue on Tuesdays - the new Chair will set the meeting time.

**Discussion:**

Committee members would prefer that Sub-Committee meetings continue on Zoom. Principal Sara Dingley mentioned that setting up hybrid meetings is taxing on her staff.

Teacher contract negotiations begin soon; the union is assembling their team keeping Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea updated with their timeline and needs for the Negotiations Committee.

Principal Dingley confirmed she would be ready to present her staffing and personnel recommendations for the next meeting.

**Review FY22 Budget:**

(Agenda Item #V)

Suzanne Cioffi stated there was nothing glaring as a whole; most things came in on budget. Mark Friedman confirmed the FY21 budget was closed with the state the prior week (W/E 10/2/21); actuals for that period will be ready for review at the next meeting and anticipates FY23 would be a “back to normal” type of year.

*\*Chair O'Brien leave the meeting, Mr. Manter takes over.*

**Review MVRHS Mission Statement:**

(Agenda Item #VI)

Principal Sara Dingley shared the Theory of Action:

*Our theory of action is that MVRHS should develop the heart and the mind of all of its students. In order for students to be prepared for college and life, they need a strong academic background and a set of socioemotional skills that make them adaptable, healthy, employable and happy. Our school strives to provide students with the classroom experience and school culture that promotes all of this.*

**FY23 Budget:**

(Agenda Item #VII)

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**Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:**

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None.

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**Adjournment:**

(Agenda Item #IX)

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVES TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:04 PM;  
KELLY MCCRACKEN SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS:  
MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE & MR. WATTS – AYE*

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

- Budget Sub-Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 10.12.21 at 6:30 PM

**Documents on File:**

- Budget Sub-Committee 10.05.21 agenda

**Respectfully submitted,**



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**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

**October 19, 2021**

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**Date**

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**Kris O'Brien – Budget Chair**

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**Date**

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**Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent**

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**Date**

***Approved 10/19/21***