

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
Monday, November 22nd, 2021, 4:30 PM
Zoom

Present: Chair – Kimberly Kirk, Roxanne Ackerman*, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts*
Others/Staff: Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Transportation Director – Marc Rivers,
Transportation Assistant – Chyenne Ward,
Representatives for the Transportation Staff – Claude Chauvin and Brian Smith
Supt. 's Office: Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith,
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman,
Director of Student Support Services – Hope MacLeod
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski
**Late arrivals or early departures of Sub-Committee members (see * in text)*

Call to Order: (Agenda Item #I)

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Transportation Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Kimberly Kirk at 4:33 PM on Monday, November 22nd, 2021. Participation was available remotely by Zoom. To preserve bandwidth, it was suggested that participants join via the Zoom audio and reserve video links for Committee members and administration. In order to facilitate the technology, the meeting was recorded.

(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

Approval of Minutes 10.26.21: (Agenda Item #II)

Tabled.

FY23 Transportation Budget Update: (Agenda Item #III)

- Mark Friedman said Version #4 of this budget included the Elementary school bus reimbursement to the MVRHS and reflected the increased run-rates and other factors. He said the overall Elementary run-rate reimbursement went up 9.29%, reflecting the overall increase of the High School expenses.
- Committee members asked if there were reimbursements from Island Autism – Mr. Friedman said no; it was suggested they now have their own bus.

(Please see document on file for details: FY23 Transportation Line Items V#4 11-22-2021)

**Roxanne Ackerman arrived at 4:45 PM*

Members asked to put in a placeholder of \$10,000.00 for the anticipated ½ day run increases; the adjusted **total expenses for the FY23 Budget** (with the additional \$10,000.00) was **\$2,307,556.56, an increase of 9.77%**. *(Please see agenda item IV, #4 for details)*

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVES TO ACCEPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET WITH THE
ADDITIONAL \$10,000.00 CHANGE AS OUTLINED; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDS;
MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS.
ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

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Driver's Agreement Reconsideration: (Agenda Item #IV)

Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea reviewed the changes:

1. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) used for increases would now be the US Bureau of Labor Statistics: Min 1%, Max 3%.
2. A total of six paid holidays would be added: phasing in three next year and the remaining three the following year.
3. The maximum accumulation of sick days would change from 25 to 50 per employee.
4. Drivers asked for mid-day runs to be paid at 1.5 times their normal rate. When some schools have half days while others have full days, it makes it challenging for drivers who have jobs - this would help offset some of the lost pay.
5. All other runs would increase each year based on the CPI calculations.

Chair Kirk asked Claude Chauvin and Brian Smith if they were speaking on behalf of the Drivers group and if they were in agreement with what was presented. Mr. Chauvin and Mr. Smith said they agreed, it was fair for both drivers and the taxpayers.

Discussion:

- Members encouraged everyone to continue building a relationship with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA).
- The drivers were not an official union; negotiations could always be reopened.
- Chair Kirk said that no one was against the increase and support for the Driver Team, but expressed frustration with the process. Mr. Smith clarified he did not have knowledge of a prior vote; all agreed there was a breakdown in communication. *(Please see document on file for details: Transportation Sub-Committee Minutes November 18, 2021, Agenda #III, bullets two and three)*

MICHAEL WATTS MOVES TO APPROVE THE DRIVERS AGREEMENT WITH THE TERMS PUT FORTH; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

**Michael Watts left at 5:04 PM*

Superintendent D'Andrea asked how this budget should be presented to the MVRHSC; Chair Kirk recommended this be on the agenda for the December 6th, 2021 meeting as it would allow time for all documents to be shared out and reviewed. She planned to present an overview tonight at the Budget Sub-Committee (5:00 PM) and the MVRHSC (6:30 PM), both of which followed this meeting.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: (Agenda Item #V)

None.

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Adjournment: (Agenda Item #VI)

*ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVES TO ADJOURN THE TRANSPORTATION
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:07 PM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDS;
MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS:
MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE.*

Meetings/Events: (by Zoom)

- Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting: TBD

Documents on File:

- 1) Transportation Sub Committee Agenda 11.22.21
- 2) FY23 Transportation Line Items V#4 11-22-2021

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

January 20, 2022

Date

Kimberly Kirk – Transportation Chair

Date

Matthew D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

Approved January 20, 2022