

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 (MVRHS) Committee
Up-Island Regional School Committee

6:30PM, Thursday December 2, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Present:	Chair – Kate DeVane (UI), Vice Chair – Michael Watts (TIS)
Up-Island	Roxanne Ackerman, Kate DeVane, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Alex Salop
Tisbury	Jennifer Cutrer, Amy Houghton, Michael Watts
Oak Bluffs	Kris O'Brien, Lisa Reagan, Kathryn Shertzer
Edgartown	Kimberly Kirk*, Kelly McCracken, Louis Paciello
Others:	Martha's Vineyard Diversity Coalition (MVDC) Education Committee Co-Chair – Jocelyn Coleman Walton, MVDC – Lisa Pimentel, MVRHS Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi
Shared Services Office	Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman, Director of Student Support Services for MV Public Schools – Hope MacLeod, Administrative Assistant – Ruda Stone
Principals	Chilmark – Susan Stevens, Edgartown – Shelley Einbinder, MVRHS – Sara Dingley
FinComs	Tisbury – Mary Ellen Larson
Press	MV Times – Lucas Thors
Recorder	Teresa Kruszewski <i>*Late arrivals or early departures of AISC members (see * in text)</i>

Please note: All business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action

Call to Order

(Agenda Item #I)

The All-Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Chair Kate DeVane. In order to facilitate the technology: the meeting was being recorded; video cameras should be off except for AISC members or Administrators or when actively participating; attendees were asked to identify themselves with first and last names; the chat feature was turned off. *(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

Approval of Minutes

(Agenda Item # II)

A. Including But Not Limited To: October 20 & November 4, 2021 If Available

Tabled.

Old/New Business

(Agenda Item #III)

A. FY23 Shared Services Budget

Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea said the goal was to keep growth down while meeting the needs of the student population; historical increases ranged between 3% and 4%. There was difficulty in maintaining that growth level as this was mostly a Personnel Budget which included Health Insurances, Lanes & Steps and Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA). With awareness how these decisions impacted all others, they looked for alternative funding options.

This budget had five core areas:

- Special Education, the greatest part
- The Central Office and Finance Department, next largest
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Behavioral Health, Medstar recommendations
- Strings (music)

(Please see document on file for details: Minutes AISC November 4, 2021, Agenda Item III-section A)

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Line 11: R&D (MASC School Committee's Policies Review) \$10,500.00

Line 160: Placeholder for negotiations \$98,000.00

Grants to fund the following:

- Line 49: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Position (DEI), \$30,000.00
- Line 58: Education Coordinators Contractual/Behavioral Health Increase, \$50,401.00
- Line 148: Bridge/Compass Contracted Services, \$20,000.00

As presented, the FY23 Proposed Shared Services Budget would increase 3.96% or \$293,593.00.

(Please see document on file for details: FY23 Shared Services V#3 HIGHLIGHTS -12-02-21 E.pdf)

Discussion:

- ❖ Mark Friedman responded to the question specific to the jump in salary for the Grants Coordinator, explaining this was a vital role and anticipated asking for additional funding as needed. Federal grants were difficult to administer; it was full-time work. Mr. Friedman said the District did not have a Professional Grant Writer.
- ❖ Chair DeVane asked for grant accountability - that all grant funded positions be noted so as to inform future budgets; to be reviewed/assessed at the end of the year and determined if it should become permanent.
- ❖ Members said they had less control on granted positions, less power.
- ❖ Robert Lionette suggested an itemization of how the grant funding was used to prevent this confusion, as well as to itemize how the grant money would be used in the future; what was it initially intended to fund.
- ❖ Mr. Friedman said there were 67.09 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)'s in total that were funded in this proposal, a .65% net increase.
- ❖ Amy Houghton said there was a need to be cognizant of putting positions in grants; it demonstrated the Committee was not ready to commit. Citing Behavioral Health as one of the major issues impacting the students, Ms. Houghton expressed it was important to support these positions, they needed to be long term.
- ❖ Asst. Superintendent Richie Smith said many were "stable grants" that supported positions year after year; they were based on enrollment and demographics. Using an entitlement grant for the Behavioral Health Coordinator position would not send a negative message to the public, but quite the opposite.
- ❖ Alex Salop wanted a salaried DEI position that would be responsible for statistics and tracking results in support of this role; a grant funded position would not have this integrated into the day to day.
- ❖ Asst. Superintendent Smith clarified that they were not seeking a .30 DEI position. After much research and discussion, it was determined that working with a consultant to set up the framework/infrastructure for the role was the best course of action; the grant money was for the consultant.
- ❖ Kelly McCracken recommended that Asst. Superintendent Smith partner with the MVDC, as he had a great relationship with them. She suggested that the MVDC should have a DEI person, which would then work with the schools. Ms. McCracken said this was a Human Resources (HR) role.
- ❖ Superintendent D'Andrea said every part of the budget was essential and addressed important needs across the Island. They heard very clearly that the original budget was too high; he honored the Committee's request of reducing the budget and honored the needs of the students. By using targeted grants it did not devalue the importance of the position, the grant afforded the efforts. Superintendent D'Andrea asked the Committee to support his budget.
- ❖ As members of Massachusetts Association Of School Committees (MASC), should this service (Line 11) be included in the membership? *(Please see document on file for previous discussions: APPROVED MVRHSC Minutes September 13 Meeting.pdf, Agenda Item VII - section B and Minutes AISC October 20, 2021.pdf, Agenda Item III - section F)*

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ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO AMEND THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED AND REMOVE LINE ITEM 11, R&D (MASC SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S POLICIES REVIEW) OF \$10,500.00; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED. MOTION FAILED: 4 AYES, 10 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE AND MR. PACIELLO—AYE. MS. CUTRER—NAY, MS. DEVANE—NAY, MS. HOUGHTON—NAY, MS. KIRK—NAY, MR. LIONETTE—NAY, MS. O'BRIEN—NAY, MS. REAGAN—NAY, MR. SALOP—NAY, MS. SHERTZER—NAY AND MR. WATTS—NAY.

AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE FY23 PROPOSED SHARED SERVICES BUDGET AS PRESENTED IN VERSION #3 WITH A TOTAL EXPENDITURE LINE OF \$7,705,262.38, WHICH REPRESENTED A 3.96% INCREASE IN THE FY22 BUDGET; ALEX SALOP SECONDED.

KATE DEVANE ASKED FOR A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: THAT ALL GRANT FUNDED POSITIONS BE NOTED AS SUCH AND REVIEWED PRIOR TO THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR; THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY MOVED INTO THE BUDGET.

MS. HOUGHTON AND MR. SALOP ACCEPTED THE AMENDED MOTION.

MOTION PASSED: 12 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. LIONETTE—NAY AND MR. MANTER—NAY.

B. Reentry Protocols After Out-of-State Travel

Superintendent D'Andrea reviewed the proposed protocol and asked for a vote of approval:

All participants must provide consent to be part of the Surveillance Testing Program for any school sponsored event that leaves the Island.

Committee Members wanted this reviewed by the Health and Wellness Committee (HWC) before a vote would be taken; consensus was that all participants should be tested the following week upon return. After the HWC has reviewed the policy and made recommendations, the local school committees would vote, as time was of the essence.

The vote was tabled: more specifics were needed.

*Kimberly Kirk left at 8:04 PM.

Personnel

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Retirement

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH GRATITUDE, THE REQUESTED RETIREMENT OF CATHY FORD; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 13 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE.

Public Comment

(Agenda Item #V)

None.

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Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

(Agenda Item #VI)

None.

Adjournment to allow the Local School Committees to immediately convene and vote on Reentry Protocols

(Agenda Item #VII)

Committee Members underscored the importance and value of having a regular meeting schedule for this Committee, Chair DeVane said she was working with Superintendent D'Andrea to make that happen.

AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:11 PM; ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 13 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE.

Documents on File:

- AISC Agenda 12.2.21.pdf
- FY23 Shared Services V#3 HIGHLIGHTS -12-02-21 E.pdf
- MVDC Education Report 11_2021 (2).pdf
- STATEMENT TO MVYPS REGARDING DEI (DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION) PROGRAM (2) (1).pdf
- IV.A. Ford Retirement.pdf

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