

**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, Wednesday, October 20, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

Present:	Chair – Kate DeVane (UI), Vice Chair – Michael Watts (TIS)
Up-Island	Roxanne Ackerman, Kate DeVane, Robert Lionette*, Skipper Manter
Tisbury	Jennifer Cutrer, Amy Houghton*, Michael Watts
Oak Bluffs	Lisa Reagan*, Kathryn Shertzer*
Edgartown	Kelly McCracken, Louis Paciello*
Others:	About 40 attendees including: William Cumming, Juliette Fay, Laura Silber, Jocelyn Coleman Walton.
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	MVRHS – Sara Dingley, Chilmark – Susan Stevens, Edgartown – Shelley Einbinder
FinComs	Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty
Recorder	Teresa Kruszewski *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 6:02 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: May 13, 2021; August 12, 2021; August 18, 2021**

*AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MAY 13, 2021 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; KELLY MCCRACKEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 4 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. CUTRER, MS. MCCRACKEN, MR. PACIELLO AND MS. REAGAN ABSTAINED.*

*AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 12, 2021 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; KELLY MCCRACKEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE.*

*AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 18, 2021 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; KELLY MCCRACKEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE.*

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## Old/New Business

(Agenda Item #III)

### A. MV Public Schools, Donor, and Island Housing Trust Letter of Intent

Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea presented the results of the 2021 Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) housing survey: 71% of staff owned their own homes, 11% rented year round housing, the remaining 18% did not have stable housing. The findings concluded that It was not uncommon for staff to move twice a year resulting in stressful situations that ultimately caused the loss of good people.

Superintendent D'Andrea introduced William Cumming: a resident of Chilmark and graduate of MVRHS. Mr. Cumming wanted to give back and show his appreciation by providing a dedicated housing opportunity for MVPS staff. Working in conjunction with the Island Housing Trust (IHT), the next step was to bring a *Letter of Intent* from the School Committee to the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) in support of this project in West Tisbury. (See documents on file for details: III. A. Ltrr of Intent.pdf and MVPS 2021.pdf/Huseby Meadows and Affordable Housing Presentation)

\*Robert Lionette arrived at 6:21 PM

#### Discussion:

- ❖ Committee Members acknowledged the generosity of Mr. Cumming, but expressed concern around management of the property. Was this letter premature with so many discussions yet to be had?
- ❖ Maura McGroarty asked for clarification; would this be workforce or affordable housing? She also recommended the language be clear; teacher vs. school staff.
- ❖ Superintendent D'Andrea said the Attorneys have reviewed the documents; there were still many details to be sorted out as the project unfolded - this would be an agreement between Mr. Cumming, MVPS and IHT.
- ❖ Amy Houghton asked to have the *Letter of Intent* updated with specifics around the proceeds from the lots sold; to be detailed in the letter, ensuring these funds from sales were restricted specifically for this project.

\*Kathryn Shertzer arrived at 6:36 PM.

LISA REAGAN MOVED TO SUPPORT SUPERINTENDENT D'ANDREA SIGNING THE NON-BINDING LETTER OF INTENT AND PROVIDING IT TO WILLIAM CUMMING FOR THE PROJECT; KELLY MCCRACKEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. REAGAN—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. SHERTZER ABSTAINED.

### B. Julie Fay – Housing Bank & Letter of Support

Two requests for the Committee:

- Letter of support for the statewide enabling legislation; hearing to be held on Beacon Hill October 26, 2021.
- Letter of support for the Island-wide Housing bank.

Members discussed whether this was within the AISC's purview as it was not specific to housing for school staff.

\*Louis Paciello left at 7:06 PM.

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO SUPPORT A LETTER FOR THE STATEWIDE ENABLING LEGISLATURE; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE AND MR. MANTER—AYE. MS. MCCRACKEN—NAY, MS. REAGAN—NAY, MS. SHERTZER—NAY AND MR. WATTS—NAY.

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- ★ Chair DeVane acknowledged Jocelyn Coleman Walton, the co-chair of the Martha's Vineyard Diversity Coalition (MVDC) Education Committee. Ms. Coleman Walton shared the "Action Program" her committee is developing, to support the school committees throughout the Island. *(please see document on file for details: Approved MVRHSC Minutes October 6, 2021 Meeting.pdf, page 8.)*

## **C. FY23 Shared Services Budget**

Mark Friedman reviewed the draft of the Level Services Budget:

- Overall increase: \$258,970.40 or 3.49%.

*(please see document on file for details: FY23 SuptBudgetWorkbook#1 -10-20-21.pdf)*

*\*Lisa Reagan left at 7:29 PM.*

## **D. .2 Strings Position Increase to .4**

Superintendent D'Andrea asked for approval to increase the Strings Position using funding from the FY22 budget.

*ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE STRINGS POSITION INCREASE FROM .2 TO .4; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED.*

The motion was rescinded after discussion; more information was needed to understand the long term costs and level of interest from the Island-wide student population. Members saw the need was "now" and suggested an interim vote with the understanding the position would be reviewed again.

*AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE STRINGS POSITION INCREASE FROM .2 TO .4; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY. MS. SHERTZER—ABSTAINED.*

## **E. Substitute Pay Rate Increase**

Tabled.

## **F. MASC Contract Policy Service**

Superintendent D'Andrea asked the Committee their preference for moving forward with the The Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Policy Review; the cost was \$10,500.00. Superintendent D'Andrea suggested looking at the current Shared Services budget to fund now, or add it to FY23 as a line item. He said it was long overdue and would benefit the District. *(please see document on file for details: APPROVED MVRHSC Minutes September 13 Meeting.pdf, page 7, Agenda Item #VII-B)*

*AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO APPROVE FUNDING FROM THE FY22 BUDGET FOR THE MASC CONTRACT POLICY SERVICE; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED.*

After lengthy discussion, the Committee decided more review was needed for the service and that it should be on the FY23 budget. Ms. Houghton withdrew her motion.

## **G. October 1, 2021 Student Census**

Tabled.

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## H. Future AISC meetings

### a. In-Person, Hybrid, or Fully-Remote

Tabled.

### b. Schedule in tandem with MVRHS School Committee Meetings

Tabled.

## Personnel

(Agenda Item #IV)

### A. Leaves of Absence

Tabled.

### B. Resignations

Tabled.

## Public Comment

(Agenda Item #V)

None.

## Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair

(Agenda Item #VI)

None.

*\*Amy Houghton left at 8:00 PM.*

## Adjournment

(Agenda Item #VII)

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:02 PM; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE.*

## Documents on File:

- AISC Agenda 10.20.21.pdf
- AISC Agenda 10.20.21-1.pdf
- AISC 5-13-21 Draft Minutes.pdf
- AISC 8.12.21 Draft Minutes.pdf
- AISC 8.18.21 Draft Minutes.pdf
- CCMVHB Info Sheet 10/2021.docx
- FY23 SuptBudgetWorkbook#1 -10-20-21.pdf
- H1377/S868 Transfer Fee Legislation Fact Sheet 10.6.21.pdf
- H 2895 Transfer Fee Fact Sheet (2).pdf
- Legislative Summary 9/2021.docx
- MVPS 2021.pdf
- III. A. Ltr of Intent.pdf
- III. G. 10.1.21 Student Census.pdf
- IV. A. Leandro.pdf
- IV. A. Fontaine.pdf
- IV. A. Burke.pdf
- IV. B. Sherman.pdf
- IV. B. Rebello.pdf
- IV. B. Habekost.pdf
- IV. B. Garcia.pdf
- IV. B. Avakian.pdf
- IV. B. Andrade.pdf
- IV. B. Thomas.pdf

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