

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
School Committee Meeting
Budget Sub Committee Meeting
Monday, December 13, 2021 at 2:30 pm
Zoom

Present: Chair – Amy Houghton, Vice Chair – Kelly McCracken,
Roxanne Ackerman, Kimberly Kirk, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter*,
Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer*

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Research Specialist – Kim Garrison,
IT Director – Rick Mello, Facilities Director – Mike Taus,
Administrative Assistant to the Principal – Noelle Warburton

MVEA Martha's Vineyard Educators Association (MVEA) Co-President – Spencer D'Agostino

Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith,
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman

Towns/County: Chilmark – Vicki Jamieson Divol, Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty,
Tisbury – Mary Ellen Larson, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski *Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHSC members
(see * in text)

Call to Order

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) was called to order at 2:33 PM by Chair Amy Houghton; all votes would be taken by roll call. The meeting was recorded; video cameras were asked to be turned off except for MVRHSC members or Administrators or when actively participating; attendees were asked to identify themselves with first and last names; the chat feature was turned off.

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Budget Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Skipper Manter at 2:34 PM.

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

Welcome - Chair

(Agenda Item #I)

N/A

Budget

(Agenda Item #II)

Principal Sara Dingley said reductions were made in Personnel Lines; these now reflected actuals not assumptions. Working with the Facilities Sub-Committee, items were pulled out and offset by \$140,000.00 of Excess & Deficiency (E&D) for the Capital Investment Line; Members thanked Principal Dingley for this work.

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Budget Highlight Increases:

ADMINISTRATION: SUPT/SHARED SERVICES: 2.44%

ADMINISTRATION: HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS: 9.33%

INSTRUCTION: SUPT/SHARED SERVICES: 7.59%

INSTRUCTION: HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS: 4.64%

Line 87: Positions changed/shifted (decrease reflected in Line 165)

Line 110: Placeholder for Union Negotiations

Line 133A: New Physical Education Instructor

Line 141A: New ELL Teacher

Line 143: New ESP

Line 159: New Early Childhood Teacher

Line 161: Substitute salary increase from \$90/day to \$120/day

Line 165: Decreased (shifted to Line 87)

Line 176: Development funding shifted

Line 181: New Text Books (Physics)

Line 182: Supply Cost Increases

Line 196: IT Capital Strategic Plan

Line 207: Reduction due to actual spending

OTHER SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SERVICES: HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS: 10.49%

Line 221: Bus Driver Salary Increase

Line 222: Bus Driver Incentive/Retention Program

Line 223: Paid Driver Training

Line 224: Instructor Salary

Line 285: Increased Fees and Uniforms/Equipment for Athletics

**Skipper Manter left at 3:02 PM*

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT: HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS: 9.79%

Line 303: Reduction of Custodial Salary due to retirement

Line 303A: New position for Groundskeeper

Line 327: Capital Projects (E&D Offset of \$140,780.00 anticipated)

**Kathryn Shertzer left at 3:09 PM*

★ ***KRIS O'BRIEN SAID THIS BUDGET WAS THOROUGHLY VETTED BY THE FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDED TO BE PUT FORWARD TO THE MVRHSC, WITH CAPITAL EXPENSES OFFSET BY E&D.***

FIXED COSTS: SUPT/SHARED SERVICES: 3.30%

FIXED COSTS: HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS: 5.97%

Line 366: Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) increase for each new hire

Line 372: Assumption of 7.5% Health Insurance

Line 375: Increase for Student/Athletic Insurance

Line 377: Increase for Property Insurance

Line 378A: New position Electrification of the Fleet Consultant

Line 388: Residential Care Tuition increase based on this years projection

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FY23 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES:	\$ 24,652,615.10, increase of 5.96%
FY23 TOTAL REVENUE/REIMBURSEMENTS:	\$ 3,708,899.05, increase of 11.61%
FY23 TOTAL ASSESSED EXPENSES:	\$ 20,943,716.05, increase of 5.01%

Discussion:

- ❖ Robert Lionette asked for clarification Line 34/Audit of the \$10,000 increase; he asked to consider bidding out if not at a competitive rate. Mark Friedman said the OPEB Audit was driving this number as the High School's share was a significant part of this.
- ❖ Members were concerned about re-introducing the Early Childhood Program, as it had been discontinued. They wanted assurance the program was fully invested before bringing it back. Principal Dingley said there was demand for a small group of students and believed that with 2-3 years of investment it could be on par with the Building Trades and Automotive programs.
- ❖ Mr. Friedman said \$600,000.00 in the Contingency Line, if not spent, would revert back to E&D helping to fund the one time expenses.
- ❖ The funding policy for OPEB needed to be reviewed.
- ❖ Maura McGroarty asked if there would be warrant articles to anticipate; Chair Houghton said no as some town deadlines were missed.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

(Agenda Item #III)

Mr. Friedman asked for approval of two grants awarded for Behavioral Health.

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE, THE MV COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT-\$3500.00 AND THE MV HOSPITAL GRANT-\$25,000.00; KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE & MS. O'BRIEN—AYE.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #IV)

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 3:32 PM; KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE & MS. O'BRIEN—AYE.

Appendix A - Meetings/Events

MVRHSC – Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm

MVRHSC – Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks

NONE.

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Appendix C - Documents on File:

1. Agenda MVRHSSC 12.13.21.docx
2. 12132021 MVHRS School Committee Grants Memo .docx (1).pdf
3. FY23 Budget Highlights 12.09.2021.pdf
4. FY23 Budget Version 2pdf.pdf
5. FY23 Budget Version 3.pdf
6. MVRHS UPDATED E_D Capitol Needs Transportation 12.07.2021.pdf
7. MVRHS UPDATED E&D Capitol Needs Transportation 12.07.2021.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

March 7, 2022

Date

Amy Houghton – MVRHSC Chair

Date

Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

Approved March 7, 2022