

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School
Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

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

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, IT Director – Rick Mello, Facilities Director –
Mike Taus, Student Intervention Coordinator – Sheryl Taylor Thompson

Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith,
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman,
Director of Student Support Services – Hope MacLeod

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

Press: MVTV, MV Times – Lucas Thors, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader

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 6:03 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. This would be a short meeting without public comments; whatever was not discussed would be moved to the January 3, 2022 meeting agenda.

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

Welcome - Chair

(Agenda Item #I)

Chair Houghton welcomed everyone. With sadness, she said Pierre Bonneau, a French teacher in the World Languages Department, passed away over the weekend; she asked for a moment of silence to remember and appreciate him.

FY23 Budget Discussion

(Agenda Item #II)

- ❖ No comments from the general public had been received since the Public Hearing on December 14, 2021.
- ❖ What % of the increase was due to contractual obligations/increases, things outside of our control? Suzanne Cioffi said she did not have that available but would provide it to the Committee. Principal Sara Dingley asked that any calculations be requested in advance to move the process along.

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- ❖ Operations and maintenance of the plant: Members asked for clarification of lines 386 and 387. Mark Friedman said this represented the financing for roof repairs (circa 2015); the capital costs of borrowed money and financing of that debt.
- ❖ Contractual increases were due to contractual obligations out of our control, including step and lane changes and insurance increases.
- ❖ Skipper Manter said contract obligations were mandated by the contract, the number of employees we had control.
- ❖ Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea said we could not control the student population growth and the associated needs; that had a direct correlation to staff.

Robert Lionette joined the meeting at 6:11 PM

- ❖ Lengthy discussion ensued (with a good deal of frustration) around Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB); funding of and obligation to. Members asked for a meeting with OPEB (actuary) officials to share with this Committee details for understanding; to clarify our obligation with the towns and to set a policy. Kimberly Kirk asked Teresa Kruszewski (recorder) to find all historic information about OPEB and related policies.

FY23 Budget Possible Certification/Vote

(Agenda Item #III)

KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO CERTIFY THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, VERSION 5, AT:

- \$20,872,076.67 ASSESSED BUDGET (4.65% INCREASE), AND
- \$24,580,975.72 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (5.65% INCREASE);

KELLY MCCRACKEN SECONDED; MOTION FAILED: 5 AYES, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. ACKERMAN—NAY, MS. HOUGHTON—NAY, MR. MANTER—NAY & MR. LIONETTE—NAY.

Upon the motion failing, Chair Houghton said this agenda item would move forward to the January 3, 2022 meeting for additional discussion and approval.

Track and Field Project Update

(Agenda Item #IV)

Tabled.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

(Agenda Item #V)

None.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #VI)

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHSC MEETING AT 6:35 PM;
KELLY MCCRACKEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE,
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE,
MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

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Appendix A - Meetings/Events

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Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks

NONE.

Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda MVRHSSC 12.20.21.pdf
- MVRHS Version 5 Presented December 20, 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