

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
School Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 24, 2022, 6:30 PM
Zoom

Present: Chair – Amy Houghton, Vice Chair – Kelly McCracken,
Roxanne Ackerman, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Michael Watts
Others: About 33 attendees including: Tisbury Health Agent – Maura Valley,
Martha’s Vineyard Diversity Coalition – Ann Charnley
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,
Administrator of Special Education – Heather Rogers-Rodrigues,
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy,
Student Intervention Coordinator – Sheryl Taylor Thompson
MVEA Martha's Vineyard Educators Association (MVEA) Co-President – Spencer D'Agostino
Supt.’s Office: Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman,
Director of Student Support Services – Hope MacLeod
Towns/County: Chilmark – Vicki Jamieson Divol, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet
Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski

Call to Order

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) was called to order at 6:32 PM by Chair Amy Houghton; all votes would be taken by roll call. Public participation was encouraged, and asked to use the Zoom ‘hand raise’ feature to be recognized. 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. *(Recorder’s Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

Welcome - Chair

(Agenda Item #I)

Chair Houghton said this meeting was called to order in response to the meeting last week *(All Island School Committee Meeting, February 17, 2022)* to have a more detailed discussion for masking at the MVRHS.

Vote on Mask Mandate

(Agenda Item #II)

Asst. Superintendent Richie Smith presented the newest information from the Health and Safety Committee (HSC) from a meeting earlier in the day. They recommended unanimously to follow the local Boards of Health (BOH) and would continue to work on mitigation strategies.

*KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVED TO RESCIND THE MASK POLICY CONTINGENT ON THE
BOARDS OF HEALTH RECOMMENDATIONS; IT WAS NOT SECONDED.*

Members debated suspending vs. rescinding; it was suggested to fully review the existing Mask Policy of strategies and exceptions. Roxanne Ackerman asked to attach the letter from the HSC to the motion; the amendment was not accepted but would be recorded as a document on file.

(FYI re Health and Safety Mask recommendation.pdf)

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Chair Houghton suggested sending a letter to parents before returning from vacation and to update all Martha’s Vineyard Public Schools (MVYPS) websites with masking updates; Asst. Superintendent Smith said the Superintendent’s website was current.

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO SUSPEND THE MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MASK POLICY, COMMENSURATE WITH THE ACTIONS OF THE BOARDS OF HEALTH; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #III)

Chair Houghton said exciting news was received yesterday - the MVRHS was on the list for inclusion in the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funding strategies. More discussion would follow at the next MVRHSC meeting to be held on March 7, 2022.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHSC MEETING AT 7:07 PM; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Appendix A - Meetings/Events

- 1) MVRHSC – 6:00 PM, Monday, March 7, 2022 by Zoom.

Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks None.

Appendix C - Documents on File:

- REVISED Agenda MVRHSSC 2.24.22.pdf
- FYI re Health and Safety Mask recommendation.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

April 4, 2022

Date

Amy Houghton – MVRHSC Chair

Date

Matt D’Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED APRIL 4, 2022