

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
School Committee Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm
In Person Meeting for Committee Members - Culinary Arts Dining Room
Zoom Link for Participants

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

Others: About 46 attendees including: Junior Class President – Julia Sayre,
Junior Class Vice President – Cali Giglio, Beach Road Weekend (BRW) Producer –
Adam Epstein, BRW Production Manager – Peter Sawyer

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,
Administrator of Special Education – Heather Rogers-Rodrigues,
Student Intervention Coordinator – Sheryl Taylor Thompson
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Facilities Director – Mike Taus,
IT Director – Rick Mello, Research Specialist – Kim Garrison

MVEA Martha's Vineyard Educators Association (MVEA) Co-Presidents –
Nedine Cunningham, Spencer D'Agostino, Gina Patti, MVRHS Rep. – Anna Cotton

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: Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, Tisbury – Mary Ellen Larson,
West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

Press: Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski

Call to Order

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chair Amy Houghton. Board Members and Administrators were thanked for being in person. Zoom was monitored for questions and technical issues; the meeting structure would continue to be hybrid going forward; 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 MVRHS SC 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 #1)

Chair Houghton thanked everyone for attending and looked forward to a really great Spring.

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Routine Reports

(Agenda Item #II)

A. Superintendent

1. General update:

Discussion ensued on how to move forward if the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) funding was granted, and how to get full agreement from the towns specific to the Regional Agreement. The community was looking to the MVRHS SC for leadership and guidance to move the project forward.

A recommendation to re-invigorate the Building Sub-Committee was made, to include membership that would be influencers.

It was noted that this should be an Agenda item for a larger discussion; it was asked if there should be a special meeting.

B. Principal

1. General update:

The chronic absenteeism rate was going down; the dropout rate was down with a vast improvement (rate drop by $\frac{2}{3}$) for the English as a Second Language (ESL) students. Principal Sara Dingleddy said all the data points were moving in the right direction.

2. Dual Enrollment - Sam Hart:

39 students, the majority upperclassmen, were enrolled in three (3) credit courses this semester at the Cape Cod Community College (CCCC), all remote learning by Zoom. Four students were enrolled in the electrical machinery course at Bristol Community College (BCC) through the partnership with Adult & Community Education Martha's Vineyard (ACE MV).

A high level of participation was underway in the cooperative education (Co-op) and work study (WS) programs allowing students to have real world experience before graduation. (Mr. Hart clarified that the Co-op program was specific to Career Technical Education (CTE) students and WS was for the general population.)

3. Special Education - Heather Rogers-Rodrigues:

The department was almost fully staffed. There was a strong sense of collaboration throughout the building with students and parents; the kids felt fully supported. Members were invited to visit the classrooms and see what they were accomplishing.

Ms. Rogers-Rodrigues gave a shout-out to the Education Support Professionals (ESP) who were unsung heroes. They worked very closely with the students and were amazing resources.

The Department was already planning programs for next year, gathering the needed information to transition new students as well as for those that were graduating.

C. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities:

The Student Council discussed midterms: overall they went along pretty smoothly but there was quite a bit of anxiety leading up to the exams; more review days were requested.

A Valentine's Day card activity was underway: cards would be sold to decorate and then distribute on the 14th. The National Honor Society partnered with the Food Pantry and was having a food drive. A pep rally was some needed fun for everyone, something that could be held outside.

The Swim team just won the Cape and Islands Championship; Committee members applauded.

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In an email dated February 7, 2022:

Everyone, An historic event occurred over the weekend. Our boys swim team won the Cape and Islands Swimming Championship on Saturday at Sandwich. A first in school history. Congratulations to all the swimmers and Coach Jen Paasafiume and her staff. Please let the boys know how proud we are of them. -- Mark McCarthy, ATC, CAA

Cali Giglio, referring to Agenda Item #II, A-1, suggested students be involved with getting the community to support the new school; inform the students to help move initiatives forward.

Robert Lionette thanked both, complimenting them on their presentation skills and the information provided at each meeting.

Consents: *Votes Required*

(Agenda Item #III)

A. Minutes:

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 3, 2022, JANUARY 10, 2022 AND JANUARY 20, 2022 MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN; KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. MANter—AYE, MS. MCCrackEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. O'BRIEN—ABSTAINED & MR. LIONETTE—ABSTAINED.

B. Transportation Department Agreements:

Roxanne Ackerman thought the Negotiations Sub-Committee should review this, a simple formality. Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea said legally, this was not a bargaining unit as it was a non-union group. Kimberly Kirk, Chair of the Transportation Sub-Committee said this had been discussed with the Drivers and arrived at an agreement everyone felt was a good one.

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANter—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. ACKERMAN—NAY. MS. MCCrackEN—ABSTAINED.

C. Request Beach Road Weekend:

Members needed more details including a draft agreement for review. This was a big event and should not be a standard facility agreement; the vote was tabled until more information was provided.

D. Personnel:

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RETIREMENT OF DEBRA SWANSON AND THE RESIGNATION OF DEBRA ANN SILVA; KRIS O'BRIEN 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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KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MOVEMENT OF AMY CRAWFORD FROM ESP TO WORLD LANGUAGE FRENCH I; KIMBERLY KIRK 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.

E. Warrant Signature on Warrants:

A vote was needed to continue with the appointed single signatory for warrants; Chair Houghton said she would carry on as the signer.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO CONTINUE WITH A SINGLE SIGNATORY FOR WARRANTS; ROBERT LIONETTE 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.

F. Grants and Donations: None.

G. Out of State and Overnight Travel:

Kris O'Brien requested the travel form be updated, as it read specific to sports; Principal Dingley said she would make the changes.

KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO ALLOW THE BOSTON OVERNIGHT TRIP FOR THE GRASSROOTS CLUB, MARCH 25TH AND 26TH, 2022, REQUIRING ANY OVERNIGHT PARTICIPANT CONSENT TO THE TESTING PROTOCOLS; WITH SUPERINTENDENT D'ANDREA AUTHORIZED TO CANCEL AS NEEDED; ROBERT LIONETTE 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.

Finance

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Revenue and Expenditures:

Suzanne Cioffi said Town Assessments were coming in as expected.

The approved funding from the Contingency Line, for one year only (OYO) positions of ESP and English Language Learners Teacher (ELL) had not been used to date. *(Please see document on file for details: Approved MVRHSC Minutes October 6, 2021 Meeting.pdf., pgs. 4&5, Agenda #IV, section C)*

Residential Care Tuitions continued to be closely monitored. Ms. Cioffi said some adjusted journal entries needed to be made; she would work with Mr. Friedman to provide a more accurate report in March. As needed, the budget could be recertified in March with updated health insurance numbers.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

(Agenda Item #V)

A heated discussion developed over concerns of recent events and how specifically those situations were resolved/handled. Principal Dingley said this was not the forum to get into the details of the

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issues; Superintendent D'Andrea assured the Committee that all was being addressed. Chair Houghton urged everyone to contact Superintendent D'Andrea and Principal Dingley directly if any cause for concern was heard within the community.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #VI)

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:08 PM;
ROBERT LIONETTE 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.*

Appendix A - Meetings/Events

MVRHS SC – 6:00 PM, Monday, March 7, 2022 by Zoom.

Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks NONE.

Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda MVRHSSC 2.7.22.docx
- Bus Agreement Proposal.docx
- III. A. DRAFT MVRHSC Minutes January 3, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- III. A. DRAFT Joint Meeting MVRHSC and Land Use Sub-Committee January 10.pdf
- III. A. DRAFT Minutes MVRHSC January 20.pdf
- III. C. Parking for Beach Road Weekend 2022.docx
- III. D. Amy Crawford Ltrr..pdf
- III. D. Silva ltrr.pdf
- III. D. Swanson Retirement Letter.pdf
- III. F. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance list 01202022.pdf
- IV. A MVRHS GENERAL FUND REVENUES 2.3.2022.pdf
- IV. A. MVRHS GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 2.3.2022.pdf
- MVRHS Regional Agreement.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

April 4, 2022

Date

Amy Houghton – MVRHS SC Chair

Date

Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED APRIL 4, 2022