

**MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)**  
**School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm**

**In Person Meeting for Committee Members - Culinary Arts Dining Room**  
**Zoom Link for Participants**

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

Others: MV Sharks Baseball General Manager – Russell Curren

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

MVEA Martha's Vineyard Educators Association (MVEA) Co-President –  
Nedine Cunningham, 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, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, MVTV – Shavanáe Anderson,  
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 (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:03 PM by Vice Chair Kelly McCracken. 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 Amy Houghton welcomed everyone and expressed how exciting it was to think about the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and steps in moving forward. She apologized for not being in person and thanked Vice Chair McCracken for running the meeting.

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**Routine Reports**

(Agenda Item #II)

**A. Superintendent**

**1. General update:**

Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea said on March 2, 2022, the MVRHS was voted on by the MSBA Board of Directors and invited into the eligibility period; selected along with 17 other schools across the state out of 118 total applicants. He thanked Principal Sara Dingledey, Samuel Hart and Chair Houghton for being at the meeting.

The eligibility period commenced on September 1, 2022 and concluded on May 29, 2023; there was a great deal to accomplish during this period. The MSBA was very structured on how things were done and would keep us informed on next steps and timelines/deadlines to meet.

The best use of the time between now and September 1, 2022 was to get all the towns in agreement over the Regional Formula. Superintendent D'Andrea thanked the Chilmark Select Board for putting a proposal together, a leader in the effort to remove this as an obstacle.

A public meeting would be posted a week from tonight, March 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM to encourage dialogue between the Select Boards of all six towns; Chair Houghton said everyone was welcomed.

*\*Michael Watts arrived at 6:07 PM.*

**B. Principal**

**1. General update:**

Principal Dingledey said Mr. Hart would be the special coordinator for MSBA within the building and would provide updates as we moved forward. She thanked Mark Friedman and Mike Taus for their perseverance in moving this along.

Principal Dingledey said there would not be a student report as they were both working. Speaking on their behalf she recapped the following:

- Today was the first mask free day; many students opted to continue wearing masks. This was the first time many Freshman and Sophomore students saw their fellow classmates. A special shoutout was given to the Committee for all the work done within the District.
- Academic Honors (twice a year) for the first semester have been completed; student recognition would happen at class meetings beginning next week.
- Athletics continued to excel both at the state and national level; game tickets were selling out for many team sports; girls and boys basketball teams received recognition.

Jeremy Light added:

- Beginning next week, an assembly for each class was planned.
- Free bowling days for the Junior and Senior classes would be scheduled on two Fridays very soon. (The Barn Bowl & Bistro donated this time for classes to get together and have fun.)

*\*Roxanne Ackerman arrived at 6:27 PM.*

**2. Feasibility Report & School-based Health Models - Kim Garrison:**

Ms. Garrison said this was not the final report as vetting of findings with the Advisory Committee still

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needed to be conducted. Many years of research, incorporating the 2018 MedStar recommendations, had brought her to this point. *(Please see presentation for details: School-based Health Center Feasibility Study/School Committee Update, March 7, 2022.)*

**Discussion:**

- ❖ Vice Chair McCracken said this was a great amount of information, something to be proud of.
- ❖ Parent, student and staff feedback was essential to create the appropriate model for needs.
- ❖ The final report would include data and the recommendations from that collected. Members asked to include the survey questions; they looked forward to the next session.
- ❖ Payment structure for the center's operations, would this fall on the patient?
- ❖ Concerns were expressed over financial implications related to the MVRHS and how to continue support. What were the staffing/labor needs?
- ❖ The MV Hospital had been invited into this.
- ❖ Survey outreach needed to be broadened to incorporate a larger percentage of non-English speaking families.
- ❖ The model of services was still in the infancy stages; size (when and how to scale up), operating hours, services and so forth, were still being reviewed/discussed.
- ❖ Principal Dingley said this was not to replace but to supplement their Doctor services including mental and telehealth; to increase access for students while in the building.
- ❖ Ms. Garrison said this would be separate from the school nurse.
- ❖ Vice Chair McCracken asked who determined what services would be provided; Ms. Garrison said this was something the Committee would help to decide.
- ❖ Roxanne Ackerman asked how the Vaccination Bus worked/worked out and could this model evolve into a mobile clinic?
- ❖ Members had additional questions but would hold off until the final report was presented.

**C. Student Report**

**1. Student Report of Activities:**

Please see Principal, General Update. *(Agenda Item #II, B., 1., para 2.)*

**Consents: *Votes Required***

(Agenda Item #III)

**A. Beach Road Request:**

Michael Watts wanted to understand who the legal entity was that was asking for this agreement. The fee structure would differ depending on whether it was for-profit or nonprofit; Mr. Taus said it was originally submitted from a nonprofit. A representative from Beach Road was not present to clarify.

Kimberly Kirk said she prepared an addendum with Mr. Taus, to ensure the appropriate legal aspects were addressed including insurance; the agreement was acceptable to move forward.

Ms. Kirk said there wasn't a policy in place for parking lot use and recommended the Facilities Sub-Committee (FacSubCom) set a policy - Mr. Watts, Chair of the FacSubCom agreed.

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*AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE THE BEACH ROAD AGREEMENT  
CONDITIONED BY FEE STRUCTURE THAT IS COMMENSURATE WITH THE  
ORGANIZATION STATUS OF FOR-PROFIT OR NONPROFIT; ROBERT LIONETTE  
SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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

**B. Sharks Request:**

Russell Curren was asking permission to apply for a seasonal beer and wine license through the proper licensing authority (ABCC, Town of Oak Bluffs) to sell beer and wine at MV Sharks Baseball Games.

**Discussion:**

- ❖ Mr. Curren said in prior years some attendees were lost; it wasn't a need but thought it could be another avenue to get more people to attend. He wanted to encourage more locals as a nice after work event.
- ❖ Skipper Manter didn't think the Committee should be endorsing this on school property. There were issues with alcohol and substance abuse Island-wide.
- ❖ Mr. Watts asked about new taxes. Maura McGroarty said the Portuguese American Club of Martha's Vineyard (PA) was nonprofit and served alcohol. The (tax) money didn't go to the vendor but to the state and then back to the town.
- ❖ Principal Dingley supported the equal betterment for the girl's field (in the spirit of Title 9) with upgrades to the playing field. She loved the opportunity to have more events for locals and families on campus.
- ❖ Members suggested a trial run in June with set criteria - approximately 12 home games; no alcohol served until after graduation. Principal Dingley said the games were timed well after the school day not to overlap; serving the beverages would be fine.
- ❖ Mr. Curren said a designated 'Beer Garden' (BG) with a ticket limit would be the serving area; nothing would be allowed beyond that space. Most other teams played in town parks that permitted alcohol. Ms. Ackerman thought people would not want to be confined to a space; Mr. Curren said the BG would be located where the game could be watched throughout.
- ❖ Field clean-up, additional insurances and need of a Police detail were of concern. Mr. Curren said this would all be addressed once the license was approved; the lease would have to be updated as well.
  - Online ticket sales would determine the need for a Police detail.
  - Mr. Friedman would follow up with the legal department for the necessary insurance coverage.

*AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO PROCEED WITH THE LICENSING PROCESS FOR SALE  
OF BEER AND WINE AT M.V. SHARKS BASEBALL GAMES; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED;  
MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE,  
MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE,  
MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.*

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**C. Minutes:**

Vice Chair McCracken asked Mr. Manter, Chair of the Budget Sub-Committee, for a process on how to proceed with voting on the Budget SubCom minutes as the next meeting would not be held until the fall. As it was not listed on the Agenda, Mr. Manter tabled the vote and asked that it be included on the Agenda for the next meeting.

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6, 2021, DECEMBER 13, 2021, DECEMBER 14, 2021 AND DECEMBER 20, 2021, MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MICHAEL WATTS 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.*

**D. Personnel:**

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF HEATHER ROGERS-RODRIGUES; AMY HOUGHTON 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:**

After July 2022, meetings would be required to be in person. Members discussed continuing with a hybrid model and how that impacted voting rights; it was recommended to continue this discussion at the April meeting.

**F. Grants and Donations:**

None.

**G. Out of State and Overnight Travel:**

Boys Varsity LaCrosse out of state and overnight travel to Canton, CT., April 17 - 20, 2022; 20 players and 4 chaperones. Mark McCarthy said details were not finalized; there was a scheduled game against Canton HS with some scrimmages.

Members were concerned this was a long time to be away over April Break and requested more details to review at the April MVRHS SC meeting.

Members said a more efficient method was needed, perhaps to adapt a new policy with parameters so all trips did not have to be voted on each time. A postseason schedule was asked to be available.

*ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ALLOW THE BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE TRIP TO CANTON, CT. APRIL 17-20, 2022; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. KIRK—NAY.*

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*KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO APPROVE (AFTER THE FACT) THE BOY SWIM TEAM TRIP TO BOSTON UNIVERSITY FEBRUARY 27-28, 2022; KATHRYN SHERTZER 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.*

*\*Chair Amy Houghton left at 8:05 PM.*

**Finance**

(Agenda Item #IV)

**A. Revenue and Expenditures:**

Suzanne Cioffi said revenues were similar to last year, using her one year anniversary as a gauge. Expenditures and Residential Expenses were on par for this year. Members asked Mr. Friedman to explain some Shared Services expenses that had big swings; Mr. Friedman said he would get back to the Committee with answers.

**Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements**

(Agenda Item #V)

Ms. O'Brien asked to consider changes to the Agenda; include more specifics for the Superintendent and Principal updates replacing 'General' and the addition for Public Comment.

Mr. Light said a new, user-friendly phone application was available for sports tracking and game schedules; *ArbiterSports*. Members recommended that coaches share this information with players and parents. *GoFan* was used for game ticket purchases and indicated which events were sold out.

**Adjournment**

(Agenda Item #VI)

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:15 PM; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—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**

— Joint MVRHS SC – 6:00 PM, Monday, March 14, 2022 with the Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury Select Board Meeting (*Participation In-Person or Zoom*)  
— MVRHS SC – 6:00 PM, Monday, April 4, 2022 by Zoom.

**Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks**

NONE.

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**Appendix C - Documents on File:**

- Agenda MVRHSSC 3.7.22.docx
- Beach Road 1.docx
- III. B Sharks Request.pdf
- III. C. DRAFT MVRHSC Minutes December 6, 2021 Meeting.pdf
- III. C. DRAFT MVRHSC Minutes December 13, 2021 Meeting.pdf
- III. C. DRAFT MVRHSC\_Pubic Hearing Minutes December 14, 2021 Meeting.pdf
- III. C. DRAFT MVRHSC Minutes December 20, 2021 Meeting.pdf
- III. C. DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee 11.02.21 Minutes.pdf
- III. C. DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee 11.09.21 Minutes.pdf
- III. C. DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 11.17.21.pdf
- III. C. DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 11.30.21.pdf
- LOA Request MVRHS.docx
- III. G. Boys Swimming Championships Boston.docx
- Boys lax Canton CT (1).docx
- IV. A. MVRHS-General Fund Expenditures 3.2.2022.pdf
- IV. A. MVRHS- General Fund Revenues 3.2.2022.pdf

**Respectfully submitted,**



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**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

April 4, 2022

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**Date**

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**Amy Houghton – MVRHS SC Chair**

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**Date**

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**Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent**

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**Date**

***APPROVED APRIL 4, 2022***