

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)
School Committee Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM

In Person Meeting for Committee Members - Library
Zoom Link for Participants

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

Others: Junior Class President – Julia Sayre, Junior Class Vice President – Cali Giglio

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, IT Director – Rick Mello, Research Specialist – Kim Garrison, Student Intervention Coordinator – Sheryl Taylor Thompson, Facilities Director – Mike Taus,

MVEA Martha's Vineyard Educators Association (MVEA) Co-Presidents – Nedine Cunningham and Spencer D'Agostino

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 Divoll, Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, Tisbury – Mary Ellen Larson, West Tisbury – Greg Orcutt

Press: 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 (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:07 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 welcomed everyone.

**Kelly McCracken arrived at 6:10 PM*

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MSBA/ Regional Agreement

(Agenda Item #II)

Chair Houghton thanked all that attended the meeting with the Select Boards and Town Administrators. Members recommended working from a red-line document the lawyers would prepare; separate meetings should be planned on the calendar specifically for this review/work; a separate sub-committee was not advised.

(Please see document on file for details: Minutes MVRHS SC MARCH 30_MSBA.pdf)

Routine Reports

(Agenda Item #III)

A. Superintendent

1. General update:

N/A

2. Town Meetings:

The last step of the budget process was Town Meetings; there were no warrant articles this year. An administrator would be present at each; Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea encouraged MVRHS SC Members to attend.

Meeting Dates: April 12, 2022: Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury.
 April 25, 2022: Chilmark
 May 10, 2022: Aquinnah

3. Covid:

Things were going well with numbers remaining low; testing programs were still in place. The vaccination bus was scheduled for May, the date will be shared when available. Superintendent D'Andrea thanked Leah Palmer for all of her efforts; over 3000 shots were administered.

B. Principal

1. 2022 Report Card:

Principal Sara Dingley said her hope was to catch up with long term goals, where the resources were best used for preparation after high school.

2. Long Term Goals:

Please see Principal Dingley's presentation, MVRHS 2021 - 2022 Snapshot.

3. Post Secondary Options for Students - Dual Enrollment:

N/A

4. Student Demographics:

N/A

C. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities:

Julia Sayre and Cali Giglio said spring sports had started. They gave a shout-out to all seniors that were accepted into Ivy League colleges; the Grass Roots trip to Boston was a powerful experience for students; the performances of Les Misérables were incredible.

Sheryl Taylor Thompson said much work was going into strengthening awareness for all cultures with

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many events scheduled for the balance of the year for both the Black Student Alliance (BSA) and MV Social Justice. Two students, Mya Gardner and Gustavo Ribeiro, reviewed ways they were connecting with students. The group/s could be followed on Instagram:

@mvsocialjustice (<https://www.instagram.com/mvsocialjustice/>) and

@mvrhs.bsa (<https://www.instagram.com/mvrhs.bsa/>)

Members asked what financial needs were not being met and suggested examining this budget line again for next year.

Consents: Votes Required

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Minutes:

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 7, 2022, FEBRUARY 24, 2022, AND MARCH 7, 2022, MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT: 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.

B. Personnel:

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR GALEN BROWN AND AMY CRAWFORD; MICHAEL WATTS 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.

C. Warrant Signature on Warrants:

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO BRING BACK THE WARRANT SIGNING TO THE FULL COMMITTEE; 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.

D. Grants and Donations:

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT, WITH GRATITUDE, THE DONATION OF FIVE SAWS TO THE BUILDING AND TRADES DEPARTMENT; 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.

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACCEPT TWO GRANTS AS DETAILED:

1. SCHOOL NUTRITION EQUIPMENT GRANT (TO REPLACE THE OLD STEAMER

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AT THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL): \$19,165.00

2. FOOD SECURITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT CONTRACT | FSG00580

MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS: \$223,823.00

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.

E. Out of State and Overnight Travel:

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ALLOW THE OUT-OF-STATE AND OVERNIGHT TRAVEL FOR THE UPCOMING SAILING TEAM EVENTS; 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. Recertification FY23 Budget:

Mark Friedman said an accounting adjustment was needed for \$13,000.00, to balance the bottom line.

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO REVISIT AND RESCIND THE JANUARY 3, 2022 VOTE TO LEVEL FUND THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET; MICHAEL WATTS 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.

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO RE-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);

KIMBERLY KIRK 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.

Finance

(Agenda Item #V)

A. Revenue and Expenditures:

N/A

B. Certified Excess & Deficiency:

Mr. Friedman said \$904,759.00 would be returned back to the towns.

(Please see document on file for details: IV. F. Recertified Budget E_D 4.4.2022.pdf)

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Miscellaneous

(Agenda Item #VI)

A. Facilities Usage

Two Island-based (for profit) Dance Groups asked for a review of the Performing Art Center (PAC) rental charges, suggesting a new tier structure to make costs more affordable. After a lengthy discussion of how to handle this request and to be fair to all, it was recommended that the Facilities Sub-Committee create a cohesive pricing structure for future rental agreements at the MVRHS, both inside and outside of the building.

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADOPT THE NON-PROFIT RATE FOR ALL EVENTS FOR THE BALANCE OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 1 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY. MR. WATTS—ABSTAINED.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

(Agenda Item #VII)

Kimberly Kirk gave recognition to Vice Chair Kelly McCracken for all the work she has done, as this was her final meeting; the Vice Chair position was now open.

Skipper Manter said the published letter in the press gave the impression that it was from the full Committee; this was a lack of respect and not representational, to print without the knowledge of the full Committee.

Public Comment

(Agenda Item #VIII)

Beka El-Deiry said she was happy to see students at the meeting to discuss the turf, as she recognized how difficult it was for kids to speak up against the issues.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #IX)

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:15 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, May 2, 2022

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Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks:

NONE.

Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda MVRHS SC 4.4.22.docx
- DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes March 7, 2022 Meeting (1).pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHSSC Minutes February 24, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes February 7, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. B. Crawford letter.docx
- IV. B. Maternity Leave Letter of Intent - Brown.pdf
- IV. D. MVHRS School Committee Grants Memo 4-7-22 b.docx
- IV. D. MVHRS School Committee Grants Memo 4-7-22.pdf
- IV. E. Girls ACK May 20 - Herreshoff Qual @ BARN May 21 _ Finals May 22 (if qualify) .docx
- IV. E. St.Georges Quad April 30 _ Oday Qaulifier @ Hyannis on Sunday (Out of state _ overnight if needed FORM).docx
- IV. E. St.Georges Quad April 30 _ Oday Qaulifier @ Hyannis on Sunday (OOSTRAVEL FORM).docx
- IV. E. SAILING 2022 DOCX CALENDAR (Active _ Updated MARCH 28, 2022) .docx
- IV. E. PRESIDENTS TROPY NEW ENGLANDS MAY 13-15, 2022.docx
- IV. E. PRESIDENTS TROPY NEW ENGLANDS MAY 13-15, 2022 (1).docx
- IV. F. Recertified Budget E_D 4.4.2022.pdf
- V. A. MVRHS General Fund Revenue 4.4.2022.pdf
- V. A. MVRHS General Fund Expenditures 4.4.2022.pdf
- _MVRHS Slide Deck Template Student Report 4_4_22.pdf
- MVHRS School Committee Grants Memo 4-7-22 b.docx

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

May 2, 2022

Date

Amy Houghton – MVRHS SC Chair

Date

Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED MAY 2, 2022