

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)/ *Special Meeting*
School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Present: Chair – Amy Houghton, Roxanne Ackerman, Kimberly Kirk, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Kris O’Brien, Louis Paciello, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts

Others: About 47 attendees including:
Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, PC/School District Counsel – Nancy Campany,
Tisbury Finance Director – Jon Snyder

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi,
Administrator of Special Education – Heather Rogers-Rodrigues, IT Director – Rick Mello,
Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy, Facilities Director – Mike Taus

MVEA Martha's Vineyard Educators Association (MVEA)

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 Larsen, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, MVTV – Shavanáe Anderson, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader,
WCAI – Eve Zuckoff

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School School Committee (MVRHSSC) was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chair Amy Houghton. 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 was a special meeting to address the The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The meeting was fully remote due to the recent surge of COVID on the Island; as per state rules all votes would be roll-called. She said there would not be public comment, that all comments would be welcomed at the June 6th, 2022 meeting; Skipper Manter said all meetings should welcome public comments.

MSBA/ Regional Agreement Discussion and Possible Vote:

(Agenda Item #II)

Chair Houghton recapped her conversation with the group reviewing the funding formula: the meetings have been productive and all towns were supportive; the MVRHSC would need to consider recommendations for changes to operational costs.

Nancy Campany presented the proposed additions and changes to the regional agreement, to be in compliance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE); Kimberly Kirk recommended this be a working session.

Comments and questions continued as each page was reviewed. *(Please see document on file for details: II. MVRHS Regional Agreement revised vesion 04 26 2022.docx)*

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Chair Houghton asked Ms. Company to itemize the areas for the Committee to focus on at the upcoming June 6, 2022 meeting, the important areas that needed input. All were in agreement a vote could not be taken on the regional agreement without the funding formula agreement.

Amendment to Sharks Contract:

(Agenda Item #III)

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO AMEND THE LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH THE SHARKS; SKIPPER MANTER 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. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Correspondence:

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Brooks Letter RE: Track Meeting

Tabled.

Next Steps for Track and Fields:

(Agenda Item #V)

Chair Houghton outlined the options for next steps:

1. Appeal the decision
2. Wait for two years and reapply with same project
3. Re-apply with a material change

Members discussed at great length the needs of the school, students and the community, and the associated costs.

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO POST AS AN EXECUTIVE SESSION WITH AN ATTORNEY IN ATTENDANCE TO ADVISE US; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED;

MS O'BRIEN AND MS. SHERTZER WITHDREW THEIR MOTION.

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO REAPPLY TO THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS WITH THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED BY CHRIS HUNTRESS WITH A MATERIAL CHANGE AS A GRASS INFIELD; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION FAILED. 3 AYES, 5 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE & MR. MANTER—AYE. MS. KIRK—NAY, MS. O'BRIEN—NAY, MR. PACIELLO—NAY, MS. SHERTZER—NAY & MR. WATTS—NAY. MS. ACKERMAN—ABSTAINED

KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO POSTPONE THIS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED. 5 AYES, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. ACKERMAN—NAY, MS. HOUGHTON—NAY, MR. LIONETTE—NAY & MR. MANTER—NAY.

Ms. O'Brien asked to post this meeting quickly, as time was of the essence. Members discussed procedurally how to post the meeting and what could be discussed during the Executive Session.

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The tentative meeting date was set as Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 PM by Zoom; the alternate date was set as Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements: (Agenda Item #VI)
None.

Adjournment: (Agenda Item #VII)

*KRIS O’BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHSSC MEETING AT 8:26 PM;
SKIPPER MANTER 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. O’BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

Documents on File:

- 1) Agenda MVRHS SC 5.17.22 (1).pdf
- 2) Agenda MVRHS SC 5.17.22.docx (revised)
- 3) II. MVRHS Regional Agreement revised vesion 04 26 2022.docx
- 4) II. Optional additional provisions.docx
- 5) II. MVRHS Regional Agreement revised vesion 04 26 2022 clean version.docx
- 6) III. Sharks Request.pdf
- 7) III. Sharks License Agreement Amendment.pdf
- 8) participants_87662586340 (3).csv

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

June 27, 2022

Date

Amy Houghton – MVRHSC Chair

Date

Matthew D’Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED JUNE 27, 2022