

**ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SUPERINTENDENCY UNION #19  
Edgartown School Committee  
Oak Bluffs School Committee  
Tisbury School Committee  
Martha's Vineyard Regional School District  
Up Island Regional School District**

**6:30PM, Thursday May 5, 2022  
In-Person Meeting for Committee Members – MVRHS Library  
Zoom Link for Participants**

Present: Chair – Kate DeVane (UI), Vice Chair – Michael Watts (TIS)  
Up-Island Roxanne Ackerman, Kate DeVane, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter (Zoom), Alex Salop\*  
Tisbury Jennifer Cutrer, Michael Watts  
Oak Bluffs Kris O'Brien, Rizwan Malik, Kathryn Shertzer  
Edgartown Kimberly Kirk, Louis Paciello\* (Zoom), Laura Seguin  
Shared Services Office Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith,  
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman, Director of Student Support Services for MV  
Public Schools – Hope MacLeod, Administrative Assistant – Ruda Stone  
Press MV Times – Eunki Seonwoo  
Recorder Teresa Kruszewski \*Late arrivals or early departures of AISC members (see \* in text)

**Please note: All business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action**

**Call to Order**

(Agenda Item #I)

The All-Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Chair Kate DeVane. Board Members and Administrators were thanked for being in person. Zoom was monitored for questions and technical issues; 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; 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 New Members**

(Agenda Item # II)

Rizwan Malik would be representing Oak Bluffs, replacing Lisa Reagan; he would like to use [rizwan.malik@mvyops.org](mailto:rizwan.malik@mvyops.org) for all correspondence.

Laura Seguin would be representing Edgartown, replacing Kelly McCracken; she would like to use [lecaleal49@gmail.com](mailto:lecaleal49@gmail.com) for all correspondence.

**Approval of Minutes - Including But Not Limited To: February 17, 2022**

(Agenda Item #III)

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 17, 2022 ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MALIK—ABSTAINED AND MS. SEGUIN—ABSTAINED.*

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**Hybrid Meeting**

## **Old/New Business**

(Agenda Item #IV)

### **A. H-1B Visas**

Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea said they were always looking for opportunities to diversify the staff. With the increased population of English Language Learners (ELL), over 90% of which were from Brazil, ELL Director Leah Palmer had partnered with an organization to create opportunities for teachers from Brazil to teach in our schools. The school districts would be the 'sponsor' for the hired individuals; those hired would not be able to work for anyone else.

Ms. Palmer said the presentation tonight was informational; a vote was not expected.

*(Please see presentation on file for details: H1B Visas, AISC Presentation .pdf)*

### **Questions:**

- ❖ Would these wages be consistent with the union wages?
- ❖ How was housing being addressed? Members would help as much as possible but would not be a requirement of the school system.
- ❖ What was the timing for this roll-out? Ms. Palmer said there were already people applying for the open positions; the need was for the approval of the process.
- ❖ How would these individuals be incorporated into the system?
- ❖ Was this just for teachers or other positions? Ms. Palmer said it was for teachers and counselors.

*\*Louis Paciello & Alex Salop arrived at 6:43 PM.*

### **B. Student Opportunity Act (SOA) Discussion**

Asst. Superintendent Richie Smith recapped the funding allocations and let everyone know they would be attending the local meetings in May and June. Funding from the foundation budget was determined by the state and local municipalities (Chapter 70 money) which supported students; Members discussed other uses of funds.

## **Superintendent's Report**

(Agenda Item #V)

### **A. Town Meetings Update**

Superintendent D'Andrea said the town budgets passed fairly easily, a sign of trust and support for Committee members. He thanked the staff across the Island and the Committees for all the work that was done.

## **Personnel**

(Agenda Item #VI)

### **A. Resignation**

Superintendent D'Andrea said he had verbal agreements for his new job in the Wareham, Massachusetts school system. He thanked everyone for all that had been done during his tenure, keeping the district aligned with the values of the community; he would remember his time fondly.

Chair DeVane said she could never have imagined the complexity of the past seven years; Superintendent D'Andrea brought the school system through the COVID pandemic in a brilliant fashion; he will be truly missed.

Skipper Manter asked if procedurally, Superintendent D'Andrea's contract needed to be amended? Chair DeVane said that would be covered in an executive session; this item would be tabled until then.

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*ALEX SALOP MOVED TO ACCEPT, WITH REGRETS, THE RETIREMENT OF SUSAN HECKLER SMITH AND THE RESIGNATION OF KERRY BRANCA; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 13 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SEGUIN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE.*

## **B. Retirement**

*Please see above, Personnel (Agenda Item #VI), A. Resignation*

### **Public Comment**

(Agenda Item #VII)

None.

### **Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

(Agenda Item #VIII)

Robert Lionette asked Mark Friedman to provide the lines in the budget which indicated the Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) costs for Shared Services Employees, a followup to the discussion at the recent Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) meeting.

### **Executive Session**

(Agenda Item #IX)

- A. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining**
- B. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.**

Mr. Manter said this was an important public topic and should be conducted during a public meeting; he objected to going into Executive Session.

*KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:29 PM, NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE(S): TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND TO CONDUCT STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NON-UNION PERSONNEL OR TO CONDUCT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS OR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH NON-UNION PERSONNEL; AND TO INVITE SUPERINTENDENT MATTHEW D'ANDREA, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT RICHIE SMITH, SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR MARK FRIEDMAN, MVRHS IT DIRECTOR RICK MELLOW AND RECORDER TERESA KRUSZEWSKI TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 12 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SEGUIN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.*

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## **Adjournment**

(Agenda Item #IX)

*ALEX SALOP MOVED TO ADJOURN THE AISC MEETING AT 8:20 PM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 13 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. DEVANE—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MR. SALOP—AYE, MS. SEGUIN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE AND MR. WATTS—AYE.*

## **Meetings/Events:**

- Unconfirmed/Placeholder: AISC May 19, 2022 6:30 PM

## **Documents on File:**

- AISC Agenda 5.5.22 Revision 2.pdf
- AISC Agenda 5.5.22 Revised.pdf
- AISC Agenda 5.5.22.pdf
- DRAFT Minutes AISC February 17, 2022.pdf
- Personnel. S Smith Retirement.pdf
- Personnel. Phelps Resignation.pdf
- Email Resignation Names for AISC minutes.pdf
- ruda email KPhelps Resignation.pdf
- Resignation Letter Branca 20220504073923287.pdf
- H1B Visas, AISC Presentation .pdf
- AISC Participants 5.5.22.xlsx

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