

**MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)**  
**School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM**  
**Library**

Present: Chair – Robert Lionette, Roxanne Ackerman, Jennifer Cutrer, Skipper Manter, Kris O'Brien, Louis Paciello, Michael Watts  
Others: Kelly McCracken  
Staff: Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Facilities Director – Mike Taus  
Supt.’s Office: Superintendent – Richie Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman  
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski was not present for the meeting; minutes were written from an audio recording.

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Robert Lionette. *(Recorder’s Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

**Welcome - Chair**

(Agenda Item #I)

Chair Lionette thanked everyone for being in person and welcomed the newest Committee Member, Jennifer Cutrer.

**Public Comment**

(Agenda Item #II)

Kelly McCracken presented her viewpoints on the Day of Dialogue as she was upset over many of the aspects and how it was conducted; she lamented that Principal Sara Dingley was not present.

Louis Paciello said community members had reached out to him and shared their concerns.

Superintendent Richie Smith spoke about school values and social justice; he would follow up accordingly, in respect to concerns with communication about this Day.

**MSBA/ Regional Agreement**

(Agenda Item #III)

**A. Review of proposed changes and *possible vote***

Mark Friedman reviewed the changes; Members discussed the best way to proceed with finalizing the document and setting/understanding the timeline.

Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, PC/School District Counsel Nancy Campany would be invited to the August MVRHS SC meeting to review the process and next steps.

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND AND INCLUDE LANGUAGE FOR STUDENTS NOT PARTICIPATING IN OUR DISTRICT; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O’BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

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**Routine Reports**

(Agenda Item #IV)

**A. Superintendent**

**1. General Report:** See below.

**B. Principal**

**1. MSBA Timeline:**

Superintendent Smith said the urgency was to demonstrate that progress was being made; an indicator for them to understand the total Island was working together; September 1, 2022 was an important date for the process.

**Consents: *Votes Required***

(Agenda Item #V)

**A. Minutes:** Tabled.

**B. Personnel - Access/Teaching:**

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO PERSONNEL AS PRESENTED FOR KIM HATHAWAY, JILL GAULT AND CHRIS ROBERTS; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**C. Grants and Donations:**

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE \$262,308.00 GRANT FOR ADULT EDUCATION (STATE); MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**D. Vehicle Usage Licensing Agreement Template:**

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THIS TEMPLATE FOR USE PENDING A POLICY; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.*

**E. Professional Development Request:**

*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE \$1613.00 FOR DEPARTMENT CHAIR CHRIS BAER; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**F. Contingency Transfer for Gym Side Wall**

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE \$25,000.00 FOR THE ADDITIONAL COSTS TO COMPLETE THE SIDE WALL; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED*

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*UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**G. School Committee Meeting Schedule 2022-2023:** Tabled.

**H. Facility Use Request from Care Access, a Boston-based global health care company regarding the use of an MVRHS parking lot to house and conduct vaccination trial administration. Discussion and vote for approval of facility use request:**

*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THIS REQUEST AND LEAVE THE FINAL DETAILS UP TO MIKE TAUS INCLUDING INSURANCE; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**Finance**

(Agenda Item #VI)

**A. Performing Arts Request for a Revolving Account:**

Members asked for the proposal in writing to discuss at a future meeting.

**SubCommittee Update**

(Agenda Item #VII)

**A. Reorganization of School Sub-Committee and Schedule First Meeting:**

**Budget:** Skipper Manter-Chair, Robert Lionette, Kris O'Brien, Michael Watts, Louis Paciello.

Alternate: ?

**Transportation:** Kimberly Kirk-Chair, Roxanne Ackerman, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts, Louis Paciello. Alternate: ?

**Facilities:** Michael Watts-Chair, Skipper Manter, Kris O'Brien, Kimberly Kirk, Roxanne Ackerman. Alternate: Louis Paciello

**Land Use:** Kris O'Brien-Chair, Kathryn Shertzer, Kimberly Kirk, Jennifer Cutrer.

Alternate: Skipper Manter

**B. Litigation Update:**

Kris O'Brien reviewed the steps taken so far and upcoming dates that were important to the process.

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

(Agenda Item #VIII)

*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR AND/OR VICE CHAIR TO SIGN ALL WARRANTS; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

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Members discussed the meeting format going forward; the benefits and drawbacks of Zoom, hybrid and in-person. All were in agreement that the August 1, 2022 meeting should be a hybrid meeting.

**Adjournment**

(Agenda Item #IX)

*LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:14 PM;  
ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS,  
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE,  
MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O’BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**Appendix A - Meetings/Events**

— MVRHS SC – 6:00 PM, Monday, August 1, 2022 HYBRID

**Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks:**

NONE.

**Appendix C - Documents on File:**

- Agenda MVRHS SC 7.18.22.docx
- V. B. Gault Ltrr\_.docx
- V. B. Hathaway.docx
- V. B. Roberts Ltrr..pdf
- V. C. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance list 07182022.doc
- V. D. MV School Bus License v1 06.13.22 (1) (1).docx
- V. G. 2022-23 Calendar REVISED (2) (2).pdf
- V. G. 1MVRHSSC Calendar 2022-2023

Respectfully submitted,



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**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

September 12, 2022

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**Date**

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**Robert Lionette – MVRHS SC Chair**

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**Date**

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**Richie Smith – MVRHSD Superintendent**

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**Date**

*APPROVED SEPTEMBER 12, 2022*