

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)
School Committee Meeting
Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Remote Only Via Zoom

Present: Chair – Amy Houghton, Roxanne Ackerman, Kimberly Kirk, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Kris O'Brien, Louis Paciello, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts
Others: Murphy, Lamere & Murphy, PC/School District Counsel – Nancy Campany, Junior Class President – Julia Sayre, Beka ElDeiry, Kristy Brooks
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Research Specialist – Kim Garrison
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: Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, Tisbury – Mary Ellen Larson, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet
Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski
**Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHS SC 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 Chair Amy Houghton; 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 MVRHSC members or Administrators or when actively participating; attendees were asked to identify themselves with first and last names. *(Recorder’s Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

Welcome - Chair

(Agenda Item #1)

Chair Houghton congratulated the students working toward graduation, the award recipients at Honors Night, the athletes continuing on into postseason competitions and others; there was so much to be proud of as a community.

The MVRHS SC/Special Meeting held on June 3, 2022 was cut short due to technical difficulties; Chair Houghton apologized to Beka ElDeiry and welcomed her Public Comment tonight.

A. Correspondence submitted to school committee members

Chair Houghton explained she had contacted the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) for procedures on how to handle correspondence; she recapped the process that was appropriate.

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Public Comment

(Agenda Item #II)

Ms. ElDeiry thanked the Committee for all of their service. She expressed concern over 'Vineyard Pride', that it was being hijacked by the pro-turf group and was not happy; she would not have Pride if the Committee sued the government. She wanted to know if there was a donor dictating the choice of a synthetic field.

Kris O'Brien replied there wasn't a donor list in place at this time; approval of the project was the first step; then funding would be addressed.

Kristy Brooks read her letter dated April 27, 2022 for the record and asked the Committee to comment; she appreciated being heard; she hoped measures in the future would be taken.

Kimberly Kirk apologized to the Brooks family for the length of time it took to get a response and how this situation was handled.

Principal Sara Dingley said an email was sent to the Committee outlining their response; she said things could have been handled better but they did the best they could in that moment. She apologized if people didn't feel it was enough and would learn from this situation to do better in the future.

Roxanne Ackerman acknowledged this was not the time to address the issue of the Region suing a member town, but said she contacted MASC and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to get advice. She asked if there was a way to bring in mediation; she just didn't get that we were suing ourselves.

MSBA/ Regional Agreement

(Agenda Item #III)

A. Review of proposed changes and *possible* vote

Chair Houghton said the vote on the Regional Agreement would be postponed until all the final documents were received. She learned through the local newspapers that the Regional Funding Formula had been decided.

Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea said there would be something formal coming soon to the Committee; the good news was they were in agreement, support was expected from each of the towns.

Kathryn Shertzer was thrilled the group had gotten to this point; she expressed disappointment that the Committee was not notified in advance of the news story.

The chat feature was disabled at 6:35 PM

- Nancy Campany reviewed the document section by section, answering questions and making recommendations to move the document forward; Chair Houghton said the goal was to vote on a final document at the last meeting in June, 2022; Attorney Campany said she would craft the new language with the specifics as discussed.
- Chair Houghton asked for an updated document in time to review at the next meeting; she thanked Attorney Campany for all the time and work that had been put forth; the Committee was learning a great deal through this process.

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Routine Reports

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Superintendent

1. Non-Union Salary Adjustments:

Tabled.

2. Black Print Visit:

Tabled.

B. Principal

1. Senior Class Survey Results:

Tabled.

2. Anticipated 9th grade class enrollment and staffing needs:

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE POSTING AND HIRING INTO A BIOLOGY POSITION OF .5 AND TO INCREASE THE WORLD LANGUAGE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE POSITION FROM .5 TO 1.0 BOTH FOR ONE YEAR ONLY; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.

3. Student Leadership Project:

Tabled.

C. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities:

Tabled.

Consents: Votes Required

(Agenda Item #V)

A. Minutes:

Tabled.

B. Personnel:

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF HASAN SHAHID AND MADISON STRAUS; KIMBERLY KIRK 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.

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KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF BRUMELHA MAGRI; 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. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF BRIAN JAKUSIK; 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. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Staffing Needs

Tabled.

D. Grants and Donations:

None.

E. Out of State Requests:

1. Track Team members national invitational trip to Oregon

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL FOR THE TRACK TEAM TRIP TO OREGON FOR THE NIKE NATIONAL INVITATIONAL; 4 STUDENTS, COACH AND PARENTS; 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. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

(Financial support for the athletes, please see document on file for details: Minutes MVRHS SC May 23 Special Meeting.pdf, pg 4, Agenda Item #V, Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements)

Finance

(Agenda Item #VI)

A. Revenue and Expenditures:

Tabled.

B. Grants and Donations:

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE \$90,000.00 GRANT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF HIGH QUALITY SUMMER LEARNING/THE WEST TISBURY SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM; KIMBERLY KIRK 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.

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C. Student Activities Account review:

Tabled.

D. Building Capital Expenditures:

The Committee agreed this discussion should take place at the next Facilities Sub-Committee meeting.

SubCommittee Update

(Agenda Item #VII)

A. Reorganization of School Committee:

Tabled.

B. Transportation:

1. Transportation Policy regarding 3rd Party Usage (possible vote)

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A TEMPORARY USAGE TO ALLOW THIRD PARTY USAGE OF ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL SCHOOL BUS ACCORDING TO THE PARAMETERS SET FORTH BY KIMBELY KIRK; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. HOUGHTON—NAY, MR. MANTER—NAY & MS. O'BRIEN—NAY.

2. Electric Bus Charging Stations Update (possible vote)

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF \$20,000.00 FROM THE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET TO THE CAPITAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE LINE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARGING STATIONS AND SITE WORK AS DESCRIBED BY KIMBERLY KIRK; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

(Agenda Item #VIII)

None.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #IX)

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:47 PM; 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. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

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Appendix A - Meetings/Events

- MVRHS SC Facilities Sub-Committee – 5:30 PM, Thursday, June 9, 2022 by Zoom
- MVRHS SC – 6:00 PM, Monday, June 27, 2022
- MVRHS SC as needed: June 30, July 11 and August 1, 2022

Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks:

NONE.

Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda MVRHS SC 6.6.22.pdf
- Agenda MVRHS SC 6.6.22.docx
- Decisions for the SC to make 06 01 2022.docx
- MVRHS Regional Agreement version 05 17 2022 showing statutory reqd wording.docx
- participants_87662586340 (6).csv
- MVHRS School Committee Grants Memo 05172022.docx
- V. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes May 2, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- V. B. Brumelha Magri Ltrr..pdf
- V. B. Jakusik Ltrr..pdf
- V. B. Shahid ltrr..pdf
- V. B. Straus Ltrr..pdf
- V. E. Overnight request TRACK NATIONALS.docx
- VI. A. MVRHS General Fund Expenditures 6.6.2022.pdf
- VI. A. MVRHS General Fund Revenues 6.6.2022.pdf
- VI. B. MVHRS School Committee Grants Memo 05172022.docx
- VI. D. ISI Bathroom Access ADDS 6.6.2022.pdf
- VI.C. Student Activities Balance Sheet 6.6.2022.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

September 12, 2022

Date

Amy Houghton – MVRHS SC Chair

Date

Matt D’Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 12, 2022