

**Martha's Vineyard Regional High School**  
**Joint Transportation and Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, May 27, 2022, 8:00 AM**  
**Zoom**

Present:

Transportation: Chair – Kimberly Kirk, Roxanne Ackerman\*, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts  
Facilities: Chair – Michael Watts, Kimberly Kirk, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Kris O'Brien  
Others/Staff: Anderson Bus/Bluebird Dealer, Rhode Island – John Anderson & Jim Anderson,  
Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) Administrator – Angela E. Gompert,  
Dr. Elaine Weintraub, InCharge – Van Wilkins, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi,  
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,  
Facilities Director – Mike Taus, Transportation Assistant – Chyenne Ward  
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith,  
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman  
Towns/County: Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty  
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski \*Late arrivals or early departures of Sub-Committee members (see \* in text)

**Call to Order:** (Agenda Item #I)

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Transportation Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Kimberly Kirk at 8:02 AM on Thursday, May 27, 2022. Participation was available remotely by Zoom. To preserve bandwidth, it was suggested that participants join via the Zoom audio and reserve video links for Committee members and administration; the meeting was recorded.

The meeting of the MVRHS Facilities Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Michael Watts at 8:02 AM on Thursday, May 27, 2022. (*Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.*)

**Electric Bus Charging Stations Discussion and Possible Vote:** (Agenda Item #II)

Jim Anderson thanked the Committees and School District for this opportunity and looked forward to working together. Van Wilkins reviewed the recommended infrastructure and power management for the chargers. Members discussed possible locations for the installation in relation to the power sources (three-phase electric power) currently in place. Maintenance, software, generators and associated costs were reviewed for understanding; it was important to think about transitioning the fleet.

Chair Kirk said they had options to review; Chair Watts said a decision had to be made soon to satisfy the Grant; Mark Friedman said the stipulation was to have buses "in service".

More details and costs would be reviewed at a touch base meeting prior to the MVRHS SC on June 6, 2022.

*\*Roxanne Ackerman arrived at 8:50 AM*

★ Both Committees agreed that Mike Taus should move forward with installation work for the charging stations.

*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:16 AM; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**Policy for Bus Usage Discussion and Possible Vote:** (Agenda Item #III)

Chair Kirk said there were too many variables and unknowns, she expressed her concerns over the following:

1. Insurance impacts
2. Registration/license plates restrictions
3. Signage as school bus/compliance issues

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Suzanne Cioffi said there were possible restrictions for Federal Grant Programs that supplemented the buses; the terms would need to be reviewed so as not to jeopardize funding.

Dr. Elaine Weintraub requested use for the buses over six days in the summer months. Chair Kirk said she would check with Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) for more information as she was not comfortable moving forward at this time; Members agreed a policy should be in place.

**Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: (Agenda Item #IV)**

None.

**Adjournment: (Agenda Item #V)**

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:33 AM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**Meetings/Events:**

- Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting: June 6, 2022 at 8:00 AM..

**Documents on File:**

- 1) 5.27.22 Joint Transportation & Facilities Sub Committee.pdf
- 2) 5.27.22 Revised Joint Transportation & Facilities Sub Committee (1).pdf
- 3) participants\_85364605290 (1).csv
- 4) Anderson Bluebird Bus Charger Estimate - 05-26-2022.xlsx
- 5) ICE-50A & 80A Dual-Spec-Sheet v2 (1).pdf
- 6) InCharge ICE 80 AC Chargers Quote - Equipment Only.pdf
- 7) Jim Anderson Bluebird Email - Bus Electric Chargers - 05-24-2022.pdf
- 8) Mike Taus Email - Bus Electric Chargers - 05-26-22.pdf

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

September 15, 2022  
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**Kimberly Kirk – Transportation Chair**

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**Michael Watts– Facilities Chair**

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**Matthew D’Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent**

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*APPROVED September 15, 2022*