

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 30, 2022, 5:30 PM
Zoom

Present: Chair – Michael Watts, Kimberly Kirk, Skipper Manter, Kris O’Brien*
Others/Staff: Regional Business Manager/Highland Electric Fleets – Jason Raposa,
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Facilities Director – Mike Taus
Supt.’s Office: Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith
Towns/County: Tisbury – Mary Ellen Larsen, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet
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) Facilities Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Michael Watts at 5:40 PM on June 30, 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. In order to facilitate the technology, the meeting was recorded. *(Recorder’s Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).*

Approval of Minutes: (Agenda Item #II)

None.

Facilities Usage Form: (Agenda Item #III)

Chair Watts began the discussion by stating this should be framed with the philosophy of who we are, how we want to rent our facilities.

Mike Taus reviewed the list of recent requests for the Committee so they could understand the broad and varied spectrum.

After a lengthy discussion, Members were in agreement that “we were a school first”; all decisions should be made keeping that in mind.

Highlights:

- ❖ This was the only game in town; the focus should be delivering to kids on the Island.
- ❖ Other venues on Island had fields and parking lots, pressure should not be felt solely on the MVRHS.
- ❖ This was Community based; they liked the opportunity for other groups to use the facility that would benefit the students.
- ❖ Wear and tear as well as depreciation value of equipment should be factored in.
- ❖ Use of the facility in off season/summer takes away from the planned building maintenance.
- ❖ A policy should be in place to help Mr. Taus do his job; further review was needed to streamline the process and make it simpler.
- ❖ Members struggled to approve usage; there was an obligation to the taxpayers and the students.

**Kris O’Brien arrived at 5:57 PM*

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Chair Watts asked for further review and input as work still needed to be done; a policy should be created and presented to the MVRHS SC.

Asst. Superintendent Richie Smith said a facility use form could help filter requests. There would always be case by case requests that would merit discussion at the Sub-Committee and/or Full Committee level; he said there was a benefit to oversee these requests for discussion and input.

Mr. Taus currently approved/denied the Facility Usage Requests.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair: (Agenda Item #IV)

Members discussed the siding project increase of \$16,000.00 as presented by Mr. Taus and Suzanne Cioffi. There was concern this was happening at the beginning of the school year and that the project should stay on budget; others strongly expressed the value of doing the job correctly as the wall was extremely visible; a finished wall would send a positive message to students and visitors.

Skipper Manter asked Clark Rattet if this was a reasonable request; Mr. Rattet said he would support this request.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ASK THE MVRHS SC FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$20,000.00 TO COMPLETE THIS PHASE OF THE SHINGLING PROJECT; KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED.

Members discussed rising costs and other unknowns and wondered if \$20,000.00 was sufficient; it was noted that any unused funds would go back into the account.

SKIPPER MANTER MAKING A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO HIS MOTION, MOVED TO ASK THE MVRHS SC FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000.00 FROM THE CONTINGENCY LINE TO COMPLETE THIS PHASE OF THE SHINGLING PROJECT; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Adjournment: (Agenda Item #V)

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:48 PM; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Meetings/Events:

- TBD

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- Agenda Facilities Sub Committee 6.30.22.docx
- MVRHS usage.docx
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Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

October 12, 2022

Date

Michael Watts – Facilities Chair

Date

Matthew D’Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

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