

**Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Budget Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:30 PM**  
**Zoom**

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Vice-Chair – Kelly McCracken, Robert Lionette  
Other: Roxanne Ackerman  
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,  
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi  
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman  
Towns/County: West Tisbury – Clark Rattet  
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski  
*\*Late arrivals or early departures of the Budget Sub-Committee members (see \* in text)*

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

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Budget Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Skipper Manter at 6:48 PM on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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)

*KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVES TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2021 AS WRITTEN;  
ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS:  
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE & MR. MANTER—AYE.*

*KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVES TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2021 AS WRITTEN;  
ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS:  
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE & MR. MANTER—AYE.*

Vice-Chair Kelly McCracken revisited the question raised for the proposed incentives of bus drivers; was it legal to use taxpayer money for bonuses? *(Originally asked at the October 26th Budget Sub-Committee meeting and noted in the document on file - APPROVED Minutes Budget Sub-Committee 10.26.21)* Superintendent Matthew D'Andrea said he did not have an answer but would do so in the next few days.

*Note:* At 7:30 PM, Superintendent D'Andrea said the attorney responded to this inquiry and did not see anything prohibiting the use of the proposed funding.

**IT Computer Capital Plan:** (Agenda Item #III)

Tabled.

**Shared Services:** (Agenda Item #IV)

Mark Friedman reviewed the highlights but underscored that this budget was not voted on at the time of this meeting; the next (anticipated) meeting of the All Island School Committee (AISC) was December 2, 2021 where the Shared Services Budget would be reviewed and approved.

- If approved, the overall increase would be \$475,000.00 or 6.42%
- \$258,000.00 was for Level Service increases
- A new Psychologist position was added
- An allocation of \$30,000.00 for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) position was added
- An assumed increase of 10% for Health Insurance and 3% for Dental Insurance was included

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

(Agenda Item #V)

The Transportation Budget was not planned on the agenda but was a topic of discussion; Chair Manter agreed to review the highlights. Mr. Friedman said the following points were approved on November 4, 2021 at the Transportation Sub-Committee (TranSubCom) Meeting:

1. Vehicle procurement \$364,000.00
  - a. FY23 proposal to replace two of the three 2010 buses with leased gasoline buses, (5 Year Term)
2. Consultant \$25,000.00
  - a. Outside expertise for the infrastructure necessary to move forward with the fleet conversion to electric.

*(Please see document on file for details: FY23#2 Line Items - 11-04-2021)*

3. Salaries increase \$198,000.00 or 13%
  - a. Bus driver rate increases and incentives.

*(Please see document on file for details: FY23#2 Run Rates - 11-04-2021)*

Chair Manter asked, procedurally, who would have the final say on the bonuses; Superintendent D'Andrea confirmed it would be voted on by MVRHSC.

Suzanne Cioffi reviewed the final numbers of the Transportation Capital Needs Assessment that were approved at the Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting November 8, 2021:

- Buses and Vehicles: \$364,505.00
- Consultant, Electrification: \$25,000.00

**Capital Needs Assessment in Total: \$823,785.00**

*(Please see document on file for details: MVRHS Capitol Needs Transportation 11.08.2021.pdf)*

**Discussion:**

- The breakdown of buses was the following:
  - Seven buses were currently leased; it would increase to nine with this approach.
  - There were 24 full-sized buses, four of which were off-Island.
  - There was one half-sized bus.
  - There were 15 Special Education buses.
- The cost for leasing a bus over five years was the same as buying one; Committee Members had difficulty understanding this choice. Mr. Friedman said the TranSubCom did not want to commit to a ten-year ownership of any new buses; minimal commitment as the fleet transitioned.
- The five-year lease agreement was not severable.
- Further planning and logistics needed to be in place before moving forward with an electric fleet.
- Robert Lionette asked for this topic to be included on the MVRHS agenda so that the TranSubCom could present in more detail.

Sam Hart asked if the Culinary Arts equipment inventory worksheets were helpful and asked for feedback; Members asked to have them re-distributed. Ms. Cioffi and Mr. Hart said they would pull together all the updated documents and share them with the Committee.

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**Adjournment:**

(Agenda Item #VI)

*KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVES TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:43 PM;  
ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS:  
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE & MR. MANTER—AYE.*

**Meetings/Events: (by Zoom)**

- Budget Sub-Committee Meeting, Wednesday 11.17.21, Time TBD  
Presentation of the IT Computer Capital Plan and update for High School Personnel
- Budget Sub-Committee Meeting, Monday, 11.22.21 at 5:00 PM (followed by the MVRHSC Meeting at 6:30 PM)
- Public Hearing, Monday, 11.29.21 7:00 PM (submitted to local Papers)

**Documents on File:**

- Budget SubCommittee Agenda11.9.21

**Respectfully submitted,**



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**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

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**OCTOBER 18, 2022**

**Date**

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**Skipper Manter – Budget Chair**

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**Date**

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**Matt D’Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent**

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**Date**

***APPROVED OCTOBER 18, 2022***