

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Budget Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 30th, 2021, 6:30 PM
Zoom

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Vice-Chair – Kelly McCracken, Robert Lionette, Michael Watts
Other: Roxanne Ackerman
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi,
Facilities Director – Mike Taus
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Matthew D'Andrea, Asst. Superintendent – Richie Smith,
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman
Towns/County: Chilmark – Vicki Jamieson Divoll, Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, Tisbury – Mary Ellen Larson,
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 6:31 PM on Monday, November 30th, 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)

Tabled.

FY23 Budget: (Agenda Item #III)

Chair Manter said this was the time to come to a consensus with a direction for the budget; the overall process was behind schedule. He said this was the opportunity to review all the recommendations with the exception of Transportation and Shared Services, as those had not been finalized. Suzanne Cioffi reviewed the summary of requests for the FY23 budget. *(See document on file for details; BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS).*

Discussion:

Members asked for the detailed description for the Groundskeeper position as required by the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC); Richie Smith provided the following:

3.2 MVRHS shall employ a full-time, qualified sports turf manager (or managers), with training in both natural and synthetic turf management, to oversee and maintain the athletic campus and grounds on a year-round basis. The staff member (or members) shall be located on the Island and shall be assigned/employed prior to the first intended use of the new fields.

Principal Sara Dingley said the needs for the school were such that a full-time grounds position was necessary, even if the MVC did not require it. Robert Lionette asked for a historical breakdown of the last 2-3 years for custodial staffing. Additional staffing requests were reviewed and concern over the use of the Contingency Fund was expressed.

- *See document on file for approved transfer of funds from the Contingency Line to the Salary Line for two new one-year-only (OYO) positions, ESP and ELL teacher; approved MVRHSC Minutes October 6, 2021 Meeting.pdf, pages 3 & 4.*
- *See document on file for details of staff requests and discussion - APPROVED Minutes Budget Sub-Committee 10.19.21, pages 1 & 2.*
- *See document on file for details regarding the new Physical/Health Education Teacher and the IT Computer Capital Plan - DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee 11.17.21 Minutes.*

Ms. Cioffi said the increase of 15% for Supplies and Shipping was due to the necessary replacement of Physics books (which were outdated) and supply & shipping costs which had dramatically increased.

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Robert Lionette asked the Transportation Sub-Committee to present, at a full MVRHSC Meeting, the details of the Electric Bus recommendations. *(See document on file for discussion: APPROVED Transportation Sub-Committee October 13 and DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee 11.09.21 Minutes, page 3.)*

Chair Manter was concerned the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) contribution was not enough and asked if it should be increased.

Total Operating Expenses increased by 5.66%; Committee Members said they could not support this increase and asked for reductions. Vice-Chair Kelly McCracken recommended having a list of things the administration could part with - have a plan A, B and C: what was absolutely necessary and what could be eliminated or offset through different means of funding; e.g. Excess and Deficiency (E & D), Warrant Articles.

Committee members were in agreement that there was not enough information to make any recommendations as it pertained to the FY23 budget. The next step was to bring what was currently available to the full MVRHSC to review and make recommendations for reduction. Members would not approve the budget as it was presented; they were at an impasse as there was missing information.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

(Agenda Item #IV)

None.

Adjournment:

(Agenda Item #V)

*KELLY MCCRACKEN MOVES TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7:42 PM;
MICHAEL WATTS SECONDS; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS:
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MCCRACKEN—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

Meetings/Events: (by Zoom)

- MVRHSC Meeting Monday, 12.06.21 Time TBD
- Budget Sub-Committee Meeting, Thursday 12.09.21, Time at 6:30 PM

Documents on File:

- Budget SubCommittee Agenda 11.30.21
- BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS
- FY23 Budget Verison 2

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

OCTOBER 18, 2022

Date

Skipper Manter – Budget Chair

Date

Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

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