

**MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)**  
**School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, September 12 , 2022 at 6:00 PM**  
**Library or Zoom**

Present: Chair – Robert Lionette, Louis Paciello  
*Zoom:* Vice Chair – Kimberly Kirk\*, Roxanne Ackerman, Skipper Manter,  
Kris O'Brien, Michael Watts

Others: About 20 attendees including: Junior Class President – Julia Sayre,  
Care Access/Patient Access Liaison – Joseph Collymore Small

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light,  
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,  
Student Intervention Coordinator – Sheryl Taylor Thompson, Research Specialist –  
Kim Garrison, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, IT Director – Rick Mello,  
Facilities Director – Mike Taus, Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy

Supt. ’s Office: Superintendent – Richie Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman,  
Director of Student Support Services – Hope MacLeod

Towns/County: Tisbury – Mary Ellen Larsen, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet,  
Vice Chair Chilmark Select Board – Warren M. Doty

Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski \**Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHS SC members*

*\*Kimberly Kirk left at 7:03 PM and rejoined at 8:08 PM*

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:07 PM by Chair Robert Lionette; 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 MVRHS SC 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 #I)

Chair Lionette welcomed everyone.

**Public Comment** None.

(Agenda Item #II)

**Routine Reports**

(Agenda Item #III)

**A. Superintendent**

**1. General Report:**

Superintendent Richie Smith said the convocation for school opening was special as it had been three years since the last in-person session. The various performers set a really nice tone for the day; he listed each individually for recognition.

Superintendent Smith screen-shared a quote of Roland Barth and said the central message was about relationships and the profound impact they had on student accomplishments.

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**2. Care Access Update:**

Joseph Collymore Small thanked the MVRHS for giving CareAccess a warm welcome. They had a lot of staff on the Island conducting this Phase III clinical study for the Lyme Disease Vaccine sponsored by Pfizer. The community response had been great which created a need for the additional request. Superintendent Richie Smith said they were great tenants; they were using school electricity and were prepared to pay. Mr. Small was asking to stay through the end of October, 2022; he believed there could be a need to come back again to ask for an additional extension in the future.

Chair Lionette deferred for process to Michael Watts, Chair of the Facilities Sub-Committee (FacSubCom) and Vice Chair Kimberly Kirk; both agreed this should move to the FacSubCom as the fee structure needed to be reviewed, it was an important step to follow; Mr. Watts said an ad-hoc session would be set to move this forward quickly.

Members discussed why this could not be decided now; Superintendent Smith said this was a new request and should be treated as such.

**3. Covid Policies:**

Superintendent Smith said they continued to monitor and follow guidelines from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Board of Health (BOH). They discontinued weekly pool testing; mask wearing was optional; testing of athletes and club participants that traveled off Island had ended. He said the current policies would be reviewed at the next All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting and he would update the Committee with any changes.

**B. Principal**

Principal Sara Dingley introduced Barbara Bianco, the new Administrator of Special Education.

Julia Sayre said this would be her last presentation as she was now a senior; the torch would be passed on to Nikeya Tankard. She reviewed the fall events that were being planned including homecoming. The Committee thanked her for all of the detailed reporting over the past year.

**1. School Advisory Council (SAC):**

Principal Dingley said Becka Eldeiry was now working with Keren Albiston. Ms. Eldeiry said there were four goals set for FY23:

1. Community of Belonging (carried over from LY)
2. Advocacy in Education
3. Communication as a two-way street with the MVRHSSC
4. Creation of a subcommittee to support and inform the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) project.

Meetings were set for the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. Chair Lionette appreciated the focus on a more structured communication with the Committee; Principal Dingley said Ms. Albiston or Ms. Eldeiry would give monthly updates.

**2. Opening Update:**

Principal Dingley said it was a very busy week filled with positive energy throughout the building. She said the staff was stretched a little thin, but were stepping up and not making it apparent.

**3. CSTAG (Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines):**

Jennifer Russell, School Psychologist and Cheri Cluff, English Language Learners (ELL), screen-shared the presentation and walked the Committee through the program on how it impacted students and parents. The Student Handbook had been updated with CSTAG protocol; this was a

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means for threat assessment and violence prevention that was data driven and fostered communication.

**4. I-Care Suite (Individual Counseling & Assessment Resource Environment):**

Principal Dingley said grant money covered the existing programming and space conversions for [virtual] mental health counseling as it related to pediatric health. Members thanked Kim Garrison and the others involved for their perseverance to make this a reality.

**Consents: Votes Required**

(Agenda Item #IV)

**A. Minutes:**

*LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 23, 2022, JUNE 3, 2022, JUNE 6, 2022, JUNE 27, 2022, JULY 18, 2022, AUGUST 1, 2022 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.*

**B. Personnel:**

- ◆ Debra Swanson: rescind my retirement letter accepted on Feb. 7, 2022; I would like to amend my retirement date to 7/1/23.
- ◆ JoEllen Meuse: request an extension of my “leave without pay” through this coming 2022-23 school year.
- ◆ Jane McGroarty Sampaio: request maternity leave from August 31 through October 14 (Return date: Oct. 17th).
- ◆ Brumelha Magri: leave of absence from my ASP position for the 2022-23 school year. The leave I am requesting is from September 14, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
- ◆ Emily Santana: formal resignation letter for ESP at Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School, effective (08/30/2022). I have accepted the position as an ASP for the ELL program.
- ◆ Justine DeOliveira: Leave of Absence from my teaching position for this school year (2022-2023) in order to take on the role of the Administrative OYO Instructional Coach and Evaluator at Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School. *Please see letter for contract details.*
- ◆ Mary Korba: resigning from my position as 1400 ASP (dated August 28, 2022).

*(Please see associated documents [below] on file for details.)*

*LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL CHANGES AS PRESENTED FOR DEBRA SWANSON, JOELLEN MEUSE, JANE MCGROARTY SAMPAIO, BRUMELHA MAGRI, EMILY SANTANA, JUSTINE DEOLIVEIRA, MARY KORBA; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O’BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE. & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ALLOW THE SAME DAY, OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL TO RHODE ISLAND FOR THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAM; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O’BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

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**C. Grants and Donations:**

\$29,811.00 TISBURY REAP (SRSA)  
\$30,350.00 OB REAP (SRSA)  
\$44,881.00 EDG REAP (SRSA)  
\$ 1,976.00 FY22 Homeless FC302 Federal  
\$12,573.99 Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank  
\$28,397.00 FY2023: PERKINS (Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the  
21st Century Act) Secondary

*LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS AS PRESENTED;  
ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS,  
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE,  
MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**Finance**

(Agenda Item #V)

**A. Revenue and Expenditures:**

Suzanne Cioffi recapped the warrants that were recently signed; Chair Lionette said many were dated, he signed all in order to bring things current; he appreciated how Ms. Cioffi itemized everything. Mark Friedman said many Central Office warrants needed to be signed; he appreciated everyone making the effort.

**MSBA/ Regional Agreement**

(Agenda Item #VI)

**A. Initial Compliance Certificate Signatures**

Superintendent Smith thanked Samuel Hart for his role in the process as it moved forward. Members were in agreement to hold the kickoff meeting on Monday September 19, 2022 at 10:30 AM by Zoom; all were invited to participate.

Mr. Friedman asked for input for the amendments of the Regional Agreement; Town Meetings vs. Special Town Meetings for review and approval. Members and Town Representatives discussed at length, the process, sequencing of approval followed by a funding request for a feasibility study. Superintendent Smith said it was best to speak with every town as it would not be a uniform approach.

Mr. Hart said the initial compliance agreement needed signatures of the Superintendent and Chair by September 30, 2022; the Building Sub-committee would need to be set by October 30, 2022.

*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ALLOW CHAIR ROBERT LIONETTE SIGN ON THE  
COMMITTEE'S BEHALF; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE,  
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE &  
MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**B. Building Subcommittee**

Mr. Hart screen-shared the form that would assist in the composition of the sub-committee; Superintendent Smith reviewed the positions and potential candidates; they encouraged Committee input. Chair Lionette indicated this would be part of the October meeting agenda.

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**Executive Session**

(Agenda Item #VII)

- A. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares MVRHS vs Town of Oak Bluffs discussion and vote to release executive session matter concerning the MOA. Returning to the open meeting after the executive session.**

- ★ Chair Lionette said the wording of the executive session posted was not correct; the first part was misleading and recommended only moving forward with the second part.

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:10 PM, NOT TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION, TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR LITIGATION IF AN OPEN MEETING MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE BARGAINING OR LITIGATING POSITION AND VOTE TO RELEASE EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER CONCERNING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA); AND TO INVITE SUPERINTENDENT RICHIE SMITH, SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR MARK FRIEDMAN, PRINCIPAL SARA DINGLEDY, COORDINATOR OF PATHWAYS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS SAMUEL HART, FINANCE DIRECTOR SUZANNE CIOFFI AND RECORDER TERESA KRUSZEWSKI TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.*

**SubCommittee Update**

(Agenda Item #VIII)

- A. Sub-Committee Meeting Schedule:** Tabled.  
**B. Budget Sub Committee:** Tabled.  
**C. Athletic Up Date:** Tabled.

**Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements**

(Agenda Item #IX)

None.

**Adjournment**

(Agenda Item #X)

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:29 PM; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**Appendix A - Meetings/Events**

— MVRHS SC – 6:00 PM, Monday, October 3, 2022

**Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks:** NONE.

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**Appendix C - Documents on File:**

- Agenda MVRHS SC 9.12.22.docx
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes June 6, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT Minutes MVRHS SC JUNE 3 Special Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT Minutes MVRHS SC May 23 Special Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT Minutes MVRHS SC September 1 Special Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes August 1, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes July 18, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes June 27, 2022 Meeting - Google Docs.pdf.pdf
- IV. B Brumelha Magri Ltrr\_.docx
- IV. B. Emily Santana Ltrr..pdf
- IV. B. Justine DeOliveira ltrr.docx
- IV. B. Letter of resignation MKorba.pdf
- IV. B. McGroarty ltrr.docx
- IV. B. Meuse Ltrr. Intent.docx
- IV. B. Swanson ltrr\_.docx
- IX. Cross Country Rhode Island .docx
- MVHRS School Committee Grants Memo 09122022.pdf
- VI. A. Martha\_s Vineyard Committee Form.docx
- VI. A. Martha\_s Vineyard\_Intial Compliance Certification copy.png
- VII. A. 2021-2022 Sub Committee Meetings.docx
- VII. A. MVRHSSC Calendar 2022-2023 (2).docx
- VII. A. Sub-Committee Members 2022-2023 (1).pdf
- SC Participants.numbers

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

**Date**

**Robert Lionette – MVRHS SC Chair**

**Date**

**Richie Smith – MVRHSD Superintendent**

**Date**

***APPROVED NOVEMBER 7, 2022***