

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)/ *Special Meeting*
School Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Present: Chair – Robert Lionette, Vice Chair (VC) – Kimberly Kirk, Jennifer Cutrer, Skipper Manter, Kris O'Brien*, Louis Paciello, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts

Staff: Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi

Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richie Smith, Asst. Superintendent of Operations, Facilities & School Projects – John Stevens, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman

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

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

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski **Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHS SC members (see * in text)*

*Kris O'Brien arrived at 5:47 PM.

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School School Committee (MVRHSSC) was called to order at 5:42 PM by Chair Robert Lionette. The meeting was recorded; video cameras were asked to be turned off except for MVRHSC 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 #1)

Chair Lionette provided background to the discussion that unfolded at the MVRHS SC monthly meeting held on October 3, 2022. He apologized for not being clear about what had transpired prior to that meeting, but did not apologize for the work done by the administration leading up to this point.

Chair Lionette said he recommended to the administration, to populate the Building Committee (BC) form that was presented three months earlier. As most of the positions were prescribed, there was not a lot of ‘wiggle’ room.

He had made the following assumptions:

1. Members would have contacted Superintendent Richie Smith and/or Samuel Hart about any specific interests.
2. Given the role the Select Boards and Town Administrators had played in the Regional Agreement process since early spring, there was an understanding of the progress made.
3. Given the time frame, we had to move with a sense of alacrity.

He said, ultimately it was the job of the administration to do this work with the input and guidance of the MVRHS SC. He understood he was in the minority with his point of view and said there was value in sharing this information.

VC Kimberly Kirk did not agree with Chair Lionette’s assessment of the process; she said, with all due respect to him, that it was not within his power to designate the administration with our [MVRHS SC] power. She looked forward to the opportunity to discuss and not just approve the composition of the BC, this was not a rubber stamp; Skipper Manter concurred.

Chair Lionette indicated there were concerns that some towns were appointing members, while others had not been contacted. He explained the process was still unfolding as the administration was working to contact all of the towns; they didn’t want to reveal individuals until the outreach was completed.

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Review and Approval of Regional Agreement Amendment Transmittal Letter and Summary (Agenda Item #II)

Mr. Hart asked for a vote to approve the letter and the go-ahead to transmit to the six towns:

- 1.) The Amended Regional Agreement
- 2.) The Letter
- 3.) The Summary

Members did not offer edits to the letter at this meeting; the recorder read the vote for the Amended Regional Agreement that was approved on September 1, 2022. *(Please see documents on file for details: APPROVED MVRHS SC Minutes September 1, 2022 Special Meeting.pdf; Discussion and Vote Regarding MVRHSD Regional Agreement Amendment: (Agenda Item #II), pg 1. & MVRHS SC Minutes October 3, 2022 Meeting.pdf; MSBA/ Regional Agreement (Agenda Item #VI) A. Update:, pg 6.)*

Superintendent Smith said it was important to understand the summary represented changes from the draft that was sent from the Working Group; he said we had a “charge and responsibility” to look at it through the MVRHS SC and school lens and per our counsel these were the changes made.

KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO APPROVE THE LETTER AS IT STANDS AND TO SEND IT ON TO THE TOWNS; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O’BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Mr. Hart thanked everyone and said the letter would be sent tomorrow.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements: (Agenda Item #III)

Building Committee Discussion

Superintendent Smith said a letter had been penned by Mr. Hart and sent to the Select Boards (SB’s) soliciting ideas for membership. Mr. Hart said he heard back from Edgartown, West Tisbury, Aquinnah and Oak Bluffs; he said all Members were copied on the correspondence.

Working within the time constraints and scheduling of these meetings, he suggested reaching out to Allison Sullivan, Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Project Liaison to MVRHS, for an extension if it could not be voted on by October 31, 2022.

- ❖ The MVRHS SC had the final decision/vote for this committee.
- ❖ The Oak Bluffs (OB) Finance Committee was recommending to the OB Select Board, to table this until spring when there was time to consult with attorneys.
- ❖ Mr. Hart was thanked for making the Friday meeting more accessible.
- ❖ A mid-month meeting was discussed to formulate the MVRHS SC membership of the BC.

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Adjournment:

(Agenda Item #IV)

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHSSC MEETING AT 6:19 PM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Documents on File:

- 1) Agenda MVRHS SC 10.6.22.pdf
- 2) participants_87662586340 (1) (1).csv

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Date

Robert Lionette – MVRHSC Chair

Date

Richie Smith – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

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