

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Budget Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 6:00 PM
Library and Zoom (Hybrid)

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Robert Lionette, Jennifer Cutrer, Louis Paciello, Michael Watts
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith
Towns/County: Oak Bluffs – Mimi Davisson & Maura McGroarty
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski

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 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 11, 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; the meeting was recorded. *(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).* **⁺Due to technical difficulties, Zoom participation was not available.**

FY24 Draft Budget Discussion: (Agenda Item #II)

Principal Sara Dingley said they were going back and forth on a level funded/level service budget and were hesitant to share as contract changes were still unknown; she recapped swings [since 2019] of student population growth, additional staff and grant funded positions.

Principal Dingley and Suzanne Cioffi would present at the next meeting a level service budget with placeholder assumptions as discussed.

Feasibility Study Amount: (Agenda Item #III)

Historical information and comparable projects were discussed; members determined more time and research was needed.

Excess and Deficiency: (Agenda Item #IV)

a. Contingency Use

Historical use of these funds:

- FY23: Additional shingling of the gym.
Payment of previous year invoices.
- FY22: English as a second language (ESL) teacher; offsets were found, these funds were not used.
- This fund was increased during COVID-19 (coronavirus).
- Funds had been given back to the towns.

OPEB (Other Postemployment Benefits): (Agenda Item #V)

Chair Manter said the \$52.0M liability was not going away and encouraged a policy to be set to pay off the debt; he was concerned that future lenders would see this liability as being 'ignored'. Members and staff were uncertain if vested teachers from other states were calculated into the number.

Superintendent Richard M. Smith said not all towns funded OPEB and that Principal Dingley needed to work with a different calculation.

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Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:

(Agenda Item #VI)

None.

Adjournment:

(Agenda Item #VII)

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:52PM;
MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS:
MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

Meetings/Events:

- Budget Sub-Committee Meeting, Tuesday October 18, 2022, Time at 6:00 PM

Documents on File:

- Budget SubCommittee Agenda 10.11.22 (2).pdf
- Copy of DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee 11.02.21 Minutes.pdf
- Copy of DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee 11.09.21 Minutes.pdf
- Copy of DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 11.17.21.pdf
- Copy of DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 11.30.21.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

November 22, 2022

Date

Skipper Manter – Budget Chair

Date

Richard M. Smith, Ed.D – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

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