

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Budget Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 6:00 PM
Library and Zoom (Hybrid)

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Jennifer Cutrer, Robert Lionette, Louis Paciello
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman
Towns/County: Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski **Late arrivals or early departures of 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 7:11 PM on Tuesday, November 15, 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).*

Approval of Minutes: (Agenda Item #II)

Tabled.

FY24 Draft Budget Discussion: (Agenda Item #III)

Principal Sara Dingley said it was a challenge to get to 2.5%. She presented *Version iii* which represented a compromise: it protected programming and the staffing that pushed the school community toward making gains while still providing support in a post-pandemic time period; this resulted in a 3.58 % increase in the operating budget which did not include Transportation and Shared Services (place-holders/assumptions were in place). Principal Dingley reviewed the highlight sheet which detailed the reductions and additions; many additions were fixed costs. *(Please see the document on file, the highlight sheet, for details.)*

- Many of the cuts were done to hit a number, Principal Dingley hoped to restore many of the lines in the future.
- With the current preventive maintenance schedule in place, the reduction to the Facilities Line was appropriate.
- The new [addition] requests were the following: teachers positions which totaled 1.0; the athletic stipends; the Drivers Education Program absorption of drivers hours*. *(Could be a potential revenue stream in the future*.)*
- Electrical and the heating lines would be reviewed again to ensure they reflected the anticipated increases.
- A recommendation was made to remove 'one-time capital expenditures' from the budget and place them on separate Town Warrant Articles to achieve the overall 2.5%.
- The amount in the Contingency Line was discussed at length with the recommendation to reduce it to \$500,000.

Superintendent Richard M. Smith recapped the changes and recommendations made by Members so that revised budget could be presented at the next meeting:

- Reduce the contingency line by \$100,000 or \$500,000.
- Add back \$15,000 to line 321.
- Back out one-time capital expenditures.

Transportation: (Agenda Item #IV)

N/A

Facilities: (Agenda Item #V)

N/A

Admin/Other: (Agenda Item #VI)

N/A

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Excess and Deficiency (E & D): (Agenda Item #VII)

Nothing new to report.

- a. Contingency Use
- b. Discussion on Use to Reduce Requests to Towns
- c. Feasibility Study Amount & Draft Warrant Article
- d. Discussion to Borrow the Feasibility Study Money

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

Nothing new to report.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: (Agenda Item #IX)

None.

Adjournment: (Agenda Item #X)

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 8:10 PM;
LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS:
MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE & MR. PACIELLO—AYE.*

Meetings/Events:

- Budget Sub-Committee Meeting, Tuesday November 22, 2022, Time at 5:00 PM

Documents on File:

- Budget SubCommittee Agenda 11.15.22.docx
- DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 09.29.22.pdf
- DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 10.11.22.pdf
- DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 10.18.22.pdf
- DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 10.25.22.pdf
- DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 11.01.22.pdf

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

Date

Skipper Manter – Budget Chair

Date

Richard M. Smith, Ed.D – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED December 14, 2022