

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Budget Sub-Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 5:00 PM
Library and Zoom (Hybrid)

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Jennifer Cutrer, Robert Lionette
Zoom: 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, 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 5:06 PM on Tuesday, November 22, 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)

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2022, OCTOBER 11, 2022, OCTOBER 18, 2022, OCTOBER 25, 2022 AND NOVEMBER 1, 2022 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES AS WRITTEN; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.

FY24 Draft Budget Discussion: (Agenda Item #III)

Suzanne Cioffi screen shared the budget highlights *Version iv. (Please see the document on file for details.)*

Transportation: (Agenda Item #IV)

Mark Friedman said there were no changes to the fleet planning assumptions; the operating budget had a 2.86% increase over the current fiscal year budget.

Facilities: (Agenda Item #V)

Michael Watts, Chair of the Facilities Sub-Committee reviewed the Capital Improvement Project highlights as Suzanne Cioffi screen-shared the document.

Robert Lionette suggested placing all of the one-time capital expenditures on Town Warrant Articles for two reasons: 1.) These were not routine expenses; 2.) It was appropriate to put out to the voters the opportunity to weigh in on the maintenance programs, giving the community an opportunity to see what it took to maintain the building.

Superintendent Richard M. Smith said he believed the towns were looking to separate things out, in transparency, to talk about the one-time capital projects giving each the chance to weigh in. At the same time by separating things out, the risk was that certain items could be voted down.

Mr. Friedman cautioned in doing this now as it could cause confusion for these smaller projects with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) project on the horizon.

Principal Sara Dingley said this was an opportunity to educate people in what was corrective and preventative, the Warrant Articles for small upgrades that would save money down the road.

Mr. Watts expressed his concern that these items could be voted down; taking a risk that has never been taken before.

- After a lengthy discussion, Members were in agreement to recommend/ask the Full Committee to present these items as separate Warrant Articles including the Performing Arts Center (PAC) heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) replacement.

Shared Services: (Agenda Item #VI)

Superintendent Smith said *Version iv* reflected the impact to the MVRHS budget.

Admin/Other: N/A (Agenda Item #VII)

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

a. Contingency Use

Chair Manter said the \$500,000 in the Contingency Line should be reviewed again based on the actual expenditures; he recommended \$250,000 instead. Principal Dinglely and Mr. Friedman said there was more risk built into this budget as lines were planned very lean and cautioned reducing contingency funds further.

→ After discussion, all were in agreement to adjust the Contingency Line to \$375,000.

b. Discussion on Use to Reduce Requests to Towns

Members discussed using Excess & Deficiency (E&D) to lower town assessments and to support the Feasibility Study and the roof repair projects.

→ After lengthy discussion, all were in agreement to use the E&D money to offset the Warrant Articles as discussed above. (Facilities: (Agenda Item #V))

c. Feasibility Study Amount & Draft Warrant Article

d. Discussion to Borrow the Feasibility Study Money

OPEB (Other Postemployment Benefits): Nothing new to report. (Agenda Item #IX)

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: None. (Agenda Item #X)

Adjournment: (Agenda Item #XI)

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 6:40 PM;
JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS:
MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

Meetings/Events:

- N/A

Documents on File:

- Budget SubCommittee Agenda 11.22.22.pdf
- Copy of DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 10.11.22.pdf
- Copy of DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 10.25.22.pdf
- Copy of DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 09.29.22.pdf
- Copy of DRAFT Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 10.18.22.pdf
- Copy of 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