

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)/*Special Meeting*
School Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm
Library or Zoom

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

Staff: Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Career Technical Education (CTE) Director – Jack O’Malley

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

Towns/County: Oak Bluffs Town Administrator – Deborah Potter, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

Press: MV Times – Eunki Seonwoo, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 5:06 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 #I)

Chair Lionette thanked everyone for attending.

Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Deliverables due NOV 30:

(Agenda Item #II)

Samuel Hart said there were three deliverables that were boiler-plate and did not require signatures.

1. Online Enrollment Projection
2. Education Profile Questionnaire
3. Chapter 74 vocational/technical education viability documentation, discussed in detail below.

Mr. Hart said there were four new nominees for the Building Committee and asked if a vote should be taken this evening; Chair Lionette asked to defer that vote to November 28, 2022.

Feasibility Review

Asst. Superintendent John Stevens presented his findings for the Feasibility Study:

He selected four schools out of the list of 17 that were currently active in the MSBA grant program and that mostly resembled the MVRHS for student population, academic programs, CTE & Chapter 74 programs and project status; he said up to 38% of this cost was reimbursable from the MSBA; Members said anything below \$2M would not be realistic for this study. *(Please see the document on file for details.)*

A lengthy discussion ensued about the process for funding and communicating to the towns. *(Please see document on file for details: Budget Sub-Committee Minutes 10.18.22.pdf, Excess and Deficiency (E & D), (Agenda Item #V), c. Feasibility Study Amount & Draft Warrant Article, pg 1)*

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE BORROWING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING TO OFFSET WITH EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED.

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After further discussion, a friendly amendment was accepted:

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE BORROWING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NECESSARY TO FUND THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND COMMUNICATE WITH THE TOWNS OUR INTENT; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, 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.

Ch 74 Career Technical Education (CTE) Viability Documentation: (Agenda Item #III)

Samuel Hart, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects, said one of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) deliverables due November 30, 2022 was the Chapter 74 vocational/technical education viability documentation. The questions that needed to be answered were:

1. What was the nature of the CTE programing?
2. How many were in place?
3. What was the current enrollment?
4. Was there a plan to expand existing programs and/or create any new programs?

He underscored the need for Members to understand the framework of these Chapter 74 programs and why they were so important to the MVRHS mission, including what the enrollment numbers looked like, credentials students received once completed and the reimbursement rate per pupil cost; he believed this would be a big part of the potential building project.

There were six programs currently in place with a ½ program for Maritime Science that was not Chapter 74 approved, but could be expanded to make a 7th CTE shop. The MSBA advisors stated that leaving it out or putting it in would not have an negative impact, as nothing in the document was set in stone and could be revisited during the feasibility study.

Jack O’Malley, CTE Director, screen shared his presentation that detailed the CTE programs:

- ❖ MVRHS offers 6 CTE Chapter 74 programs

Automotive	Carpentry
Culinary Arts	Health Assisting
Horticulture	Exploratory

- *Early Childhood Education and Care is currently engaged in the approval process*

- ❖ Freshmen students participate in the Exploratory program at a very high rate.
- ❖ Sophomore year all CTE programs offer a one period Level I class.
- ❖ Students in CTE then proceed to take Level II and III for 2 or 4 class periods.
- ❖ Students can access Co-op workplace learning after 1 ½ years in a shop.
- ❖ CTE teachers teach 6 classes (Gen ed teaches 5 plus duty).
- ❖ There were State and Federal Grant opportunities.
 - *Benefits of CTE - Coordinated Program Review, Safety Review, Advisory Boards, Competitions, Professional Development.*
 - *Articulations agreements - Between Massachusetts Community Colleges and Massachusetts Chapter 74 Approved Secondary Career/Vocation Technical programs.*

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- Big numbers in Level I with fall-off over the following years due to students realizing the program/s might not be for them. Members asked for a detailed review of enrollment and those of which resulted in graduations.
- Each shop was designed with industry standards including the appropriate square footage.
- The State provided materials that showed the pathways students could take once they complete the MVRHS CTE programs, including certifications and licenses that would allow them to secure employment. Members asked for those to be updated as they were not fully representational of what was offered.
- Members asked for clarification of a Comprehensive School [of which the MVRHS was designated] that offered CTE programs and how that differed from a Career Vocational Technical School. Superintendent Richard M. Smith suggested inviting a Superintendent or Principal to a future meeting for better understanding.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements:

(Agenda Item #IV)

Kris O'Brien asked Members to reconsider the vote taken at the November 7, 2022 MVRHS SC meeting that approved the request from Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard (HHMV) to use the Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS) property for a second year. She learned from the Oak Bluffs Police Chief [since that meeting] there had been eight calls over the ten weeks of operation in 2021; she said the vote was taken with mis-information. *(Please see document on file for details: MVRHS SC Minutes November 7, 2022 Meeting, Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements, Agenda Item #VII)*

*KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE TAKEN ON NOVEMBER 7, 2022;
KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED.*

- Members indicated they were conflicted with supporting the homeless shelter and the safety of the students.
- It was not a responsible approach to wait for someone to report issues; it was our responsibility to stay current with the activities at the shelter and should ask on a regular basis.
- This needed to be posted as an agenda item for a proper discussion; up until this point it has been addressed under *Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated*; and to invite all relevant parties to attend.
- Time was of the essence; the meeting was re-scheduled for November 22, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Deborah Potter expressed frustration that this topic had not been listed as an agenda item; she said it was disappointing that a courtesy notification was not provided to the Town; they were not afforded an opportunity to address concerns to include as conditions for approval. Ms. Potter said a copy of the contract was not shared with the Town; they were looking for an opportunity to contribute to the discussion so that it was a well informed, thought out decision and asked for materials to be provided ahead of time.

Vice Chair Kimberly Kirk amended her earlier motion as follows:

*KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO RESCIND THE VOTE TAKEN ON NOVEMBER 7, 2022 SUBJECT
TO ANOTHER MEETING TO BE RESCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE IN DEPTH;
KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE,
MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. ACKERMAN—NAY & MR. LIONETTE—NAY.*

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Adjournment:


(Agenda Item #V)

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHSSC MEETING AT 6:55 PM; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, 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 11.15.22 (5).pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

December 5, 2022

Date

Robert Lionette – MVRHSC Chair

Date

Richard M. Smith, Ed.D – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED DECEMBER 5, 2022