

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)/ *Special Meeting*
School Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 5:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

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

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Facilities Director – Mike Taus

Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman

Towns/County: Vice Chair Chilmark Select Board – Warren M. Doty, 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 5:10 PM.*

**Roxanne Ackerman arrived at 6:03 PM.*

**Chair Robert Lionette lost his connection at 6:05 PM and rejoined at 6:23 PM.*

***Vice Chair Kimberly Kirk conducted the meeting from 6:05 PM until it adjourned.*

Call to Order:

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 5:03 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. He appreciated the push back from his colleagues in filling the Building Committee (BC) roster and for slowing down and broadening the selection.

Building Committee - Vote

(Agenda Item #II)

Samuel Hart screen shared the document that detailed the 25 names and/or placeholders; he indicated this list would satisfy the The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) requirements. There were four boxes:

1. School Administration Required by MSBA (4)
2. Recommended by Town Select Boards (13)
3. Recommended by School Administration (6)
4. Member(s) of School Committee (2)

Mr. Hart said they were nominating positions not people and explained the rationale for those included. Placeholders could be filled at a later date; members would come and go as this was a multi-year commitment; the larger committee could be broken down into sub-committees to be more workable and manageable. Principal Sara Dingley said this was done very thoughtfully to be inclusive and representative of the student body.

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Discussion:

- ❖ The size of this committee was too large for it to be a functional group; concerns were expressed of it being dysfunctional before it even began; alternates were reviewed as a possibility.
- ❖ Mr. Hart said the MVRHS SC had the power to add or subtract membership of the BC, the MSBA needed a 20-day notification of any changes.
- ❖ Members were frustrated with the timing and process to date; they recommended reaching out to Attorney Nancy Campany, she had the necessary experience to guide this process on committee formation and size, as well as its voting structure.
- ❖ A placeholder for teacher/union position would be added.
- ❖ A recommendation to include Dhakir Warren, Executive Director of the MV Boys & Girls Club was made.
- ❖ Members were uncomfortable making changes to the town selections put forth by the Select Boards and strongly recommended acceptance.
- ❖ Superintendent Richard M. Smith said proper representation from the towns was important and to trust their decisions; those members would be the public spokespersons for the project.
- ❖ Members recommended approval of the group as presented and to let the BC determine how it would move forward. Categories would need to be maintained but the players could change; they could limit themselves as needed if the group size wasn't working.

VOTES

5:30 PM:

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO NOMINATE AS MEMBERSHIP TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD M. SMITH, PRINCIPAL SARA DINGLEDY, SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR MARK FRIEDMAN AND FACILITIES DIRECTOR MIKE TAUS; KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 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.

5:29 PM:

KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO NOMINATE LOUIS PACIELLO AS A MVRHS SC MEMBER TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED.

5:34 PM: VC Kirk and Chair Lionette accepted the friendly amendment from Skipper Manter, to include a placeholder for up to two additional members or a total of three School Committee (MVRHS SC) Members.

KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO NOMINATE LOUIS PACIELLO AS A MVRHS SC MEMBER TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE AND TO INCLUDE A PLACEHOLDER FOR UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL MVRHS SC MEMBERS, FOR A TOTAL OF THREE; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 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.

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5:57 PM:

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO NOMINATE TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM OAK BLUFFS AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH OF THE OTHER TOWNS; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED.

6:00 PM: *Mr. Manter, after discussion, amended his motion to include one representative from each town.*

6:14 PM: *Mr. Manter withdrew his motion.*

***Vice Chair Kimberly Kirk conducted the meeting from 6:05 PM until it adjourned.*

6:34 PM:

SKIPPER MANTER RESCINDED THE VOTE PREVIOUSLY TAKEN, REQUIRING THREE MVRHS SC MEMBERS AND TO CHANGE THE MVRHS SC MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE A TOTAL OF TWO; 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.

6:33 PM:

LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO APPROVE THE FULL SLATE OF 25 MEMBERS TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE AS DESCRIBED DURING THIS MEETING; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED.

6:36 PM: *Louis Paciello and Kris O'Brien accepted the friendly amendment to the motion to approve the second and third boxes of nominees for the Building Committee which included: as recommended by Town Select Boards AND as recommended by the School Administration as well as members of the MVRHS SC as set forth.*

LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN SELECT BOARDS (SECOND BOX); AND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION AND MVRHS SC (THIRD BOX) AS SET FORTH TO INCLUDE MARTHA'S VINEYARD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DHAKIR WARREN, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE REPRESENTATIVE GRACE ROBINSON, SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE LUCIANA FULLER, PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE TRACEY OVERBECK-STEAD, A TRIBE REPRESENTATIVE AND A TEACHER/UNION REPRESENTATIVE; 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.

Members thanked everyone for the work that had been done and those that were stepping into these positions.

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Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements:
None.

(Agenda Item #III)

Adjournment:


(Agenda Item #IV)

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHSSC MEETING AT 6:40 PM; LOUIS PACIELLO 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 10.27.22.pdf
- 2) 2022 10.27 Building Committee Names for Review.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