MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)

School Committee Meeting Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm Library or Zoom

Present: Chair – Robert Lionette, Vice Chair (VC) – Kimberly Kirk, Roxanne Ackerman,

Skipper Manter, Kris O'Brien, Louis Paciello, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingledy, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light,

Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,

Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, IT Director – Rick Mello, Athletic Director –

Mark McCarthy, Research Specialist – Kim Garrison, Facilities Director – Mike Taus

Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D.,

School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman

Towns/County: Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, Tisbury – Nancy Gilfoy, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

Press: MVTimes – Eunki Seonwoo, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader, MVTV

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski

Call to Order

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Robert Lionette; all votes would be taken by roll call. Public participation was encouraged, and asked to use the Zoom 'hand raise' feature to be recognized. The meeting was recorded; video cameras were asked to be turned off except for MVRHS SC 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 said it was nice to see everyone at the table. He expressed appreciation to Superintendent Richard M. Smith for his communications over the weekend and to Principal Sara Dingledy and staff for being at the school on Sunday. (Please see below for details: SubCommittee Update (Agenda Item #VI), Facilities Update:paras 2 - 4) He asked to perhaps codify the steps/behaviors of the Chair in emergency situations, how to communicate to the full Committee and ensure that all would be comfortable moving forward with those decisions; he asked for thoughts and input.

Members said when it came to students, the Superintendent was the Executive of the School System and had the authority to make decisions.

All were in support of reviewing the agreement with Harbor Homes Martha's Vineyard (HHMV) for the Winter Shelter and changing the language to give authority to the Superintendent in emergency situations; it should be a future agenda item.

Superintendent Richard M. Smith recapped the emergency situations that arose over the weekend due to the extreme cold weather and said he communicated with the Chairs as things came up. Working with Lisa Belcastro, Winter Shelter Coordinator of HHMV and Chair Lionette, he determined that it would be OK to open the shelter at 3:00 PM on Friday and to keep it open all day on Saturday. He supported review of the language for the agreement.

Public Comment (Agenda Item #II)

None.

Routine Reports (Agenda Item #III)

A. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities:

The Student Council was very busy; morning announcements had started; Spirit Week was underway; planning for a Pep-Rally to celebrate winter sports had begun; midterms just ended.

B. Principal

1. General Update:

Principal Sara Dingledy screen shared the February 6, 2023 newsletter that went out each Monday to everyone on the school mailing list; she detailed the included topics for the Committee.

2. Fee Structure for All School Sponsored Events:

Principal Dingledy said there was an increase in attendance and was thrilled that students could get into the games for free. They were looking at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) musical and other programs that had a fee and ways to manage the free admission for MVRHS students. Members said it would be an easy system to manage using MVRHS Student ID's; it was suggested to offer 'Standing Room Only' free to students for PAC performances; Principal Dingledy said the musical would be handled on a case by case basis.

Members had a lengthy discussion over the differences of fees collected for sports and the [Arts] performances and how it was dispersed back into the school budget; Principal Dingledy detailed the current process.

Chair Lionette said the last vote was in place for 30 days and recommended it should continue for athletics, and to address other departments in the future.

The vote taken on January 9, 2023 was:

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO SUSPEND FOR ALL, FEES FOR 30 DAYS OR UNTIL THIS COMMITTEE ADJUSTS ACCORDINGLY THE FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY 2023; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. (Please see document on file for details: MVRHS SC Minutes January 9, 2023 Meeting; Routine Reports (Agenda Item #III); A. Student Report 1. Student Report of Activities, a) Sporting Event Entry Fee)

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT POLICY FOR ATHLETICS; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

3. Personnel:

Please see below in Consents, Agenda Item #IV - B.

4. POS System for School Store:

The store had a complete redo based on a case study/feedback and now included a more inclusive snack assortment, hygiene products and change in store hours, to name a few. In the future, help would come from the business classes of marketing and accounting for some 'real work' experience. They were working towards a new tablet based Point Of Sale system for payment and inventory management, including the Venmo process.

KIMBERLY KIRK MOVED TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT TO SUPPORT THE STUDENT STORE AS GUIDED BY THE ADVICE OF THE AUDITORS IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUZANNE CIOFFI; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Superintendent

1. School Committee Input on Future Strategic Planning/ Buildings Analysis:

Superintendent Richard M. Smith screen shared the <u>Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats</u> (SWOT) Analysis and explained how he used it; he felt the 'now' needed to be addressed while keeping eyes on the future. He asked Members to complete this 'Homework Assignment' and have it back no later than February 24, 2023. He valued what the Committee had to say and emphasized he wanted real input; his intention was to take what was written to identify patterns and to have it compiled and shared out by the end of the year; he thanked everyone ahead of time.

2. Budget Process Update:

Superintendent Smith recapped the process of defending the budget; he said they were getting really good feedback; two more towns remained.

3. Calendar Access for School Committee:

Chair Lionette said there was a need for a cohesive, central calendar; Superintendent Smith recommended using the All Island Calendar and populating it with town meetings; a user session/tutorial was suggested and to be included at one of the next meetings.

D. MSBA Update

Samuel Hart said there were three successful [90 minute] tours with 16 Building Committee Members to date (4 Members remained); both local papers were part of these tours. They received good feedback from the discussions which included the costs of running the facility. March 8, 2023 was the next [tentative] Building Committee meeting.

Mark Friedman said next month would be the official vote to borrow money for feasibility study; he reviewed the steps and timeline and said the vote would need to be taken after March 9, 2023; a special meeting may be needed.

Consents: Votes Required

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Minutes:

The minutes of the November 29, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING were dismissed as there was not a quorum present.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 28, 2022,
DECEMBER 5, 2022 AND DECEMBER 21, 2022 MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN;
KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE,
MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE
& MR. WATTS—AYE.

B. Personnel:

- ◆ Elizabeth Bonneau Spanish teacher, in a letter dated January 26, 2023, wrote: It's with both excitement and sadness that I would like to share with you my plans to retire from my teaching position at the Martha's Vineyard High School at the end of this school year.
- ◆ Cindy West, in a letter dated January 24, 2023, wrote: I am writing this letter to officially notify you that I will be resigning from my current position as Spanish teacher at MVRHS. My last day of work will be June 20th, 2023 and I will be officially retired as of September 1, 2023.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RETIREMENT OF ELIZABETH BONNEAU AND CINDY WEST; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

- ◆ Brumelha Magri, in an email letter dated Mon, Feb 6, 2023, wrote: I am requesting another year leave of absence from my ASP position for the 2023-24 school year. The leave I am requesting is from February 6th, 2023 to June 30, 2024.
- ◆ Kimberly Montanile, in an email letter dated Fri, Feb 3, 2023, wrote: I am requesting to take a leave due to my pregnancy starting June 5 to the end of the school year. I will be returning to my position in September of 2023.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE REQUESTS AS PRESENTED; KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

◆ Kevin Crowell, in an email letter dated Thu, Feb 2, 2023, wrote: This letter is to respectfully inform you of my intent to reduce from a FTE 1.0% to .8% beginning 30th of January and to continue through the remainder of SY 22/23.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST OF KEVIN CROWELL; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Grants and Donations:

Suzanne Cioffi presented a donation to the Building Trades department: In an email dated Mon, Feb 6, 2023, William Seabourne Carpentry Teacher MVRHS wrote:

Last Thursday Building Trades received a generous donation of power tools, hand tools, and PPE. This donation was made possible by Mark Martinos of Milwaukee Tools and Eddie Cottles (E.C. Cottles Building Supply). A conservative estimate of the value of the donation would be \$15,000.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GENEROUS DONATION; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

The NEA Foundation/Private: \$500.00 Cape Cod Five Mini Grants/Private Grant: \$500.00 The Sound Foundation/Private: \$40,400.00

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED ACCEPT THE GRANTS AS PRESENTED; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Chair Lionette asked if a total amount given from the Sound Foundation could be provided, as they have been very generous; Mark Friedman said he would put together a recap comparing the years they had/have provided grant funding.

D. Out of State and Overnight Travel:

Registration for the Exeter Humanities Institute (Professional Development) to be held June 25-30, 2023; four teacher-participants totalling \$6000 / \$1500.00 conference fee per participant. From the website: (https://www.exeter.edu/programs-educators/summer-conference-general-information/exeter-humanities-institute):

'The Exeter Humanities Institute offers teachers an opportunity to experience the student-centered, discussion-based Harkness pedagogy of Phillips Exeter Academy'

Principal Dingledy was asked to share more about this program at a future meeting.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ALLOW THE \$6000 EXPENDITURE FOR THE TRIP TO THE EXETER HUMANITIES INSTITUTE; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Theater Competition

03/04/23 Bourne High School/Bourne MA

(Additional dates would be needed as they progressed through the competition.)

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT REQUEST AS WELL AS THE ADDITIONAL DATES AS NEEDED; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Theater Club

04/29/23 Providence Performing Arts Center/Providence RI

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL
AS PRESENTED; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:
8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE,
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE,
MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Sailing Team

March 31st – April 1st, 2023:

Brother's/Essex, CT & Greenwich YC/Greenwich, CT

April 7 – 8th, 2023: Sail Maine/Portland, ME

April 15th, 2023: Moses Brown School/Providence, RI

May 13th, 2023: Barnstable HS/Hyannis YC, MA (possible May 14th if qualify for O'Day Finals)

May 5th or 6th, 2023: MIT Sailing Pavilion/Boston, MA

May 19th, 2023: Great Harbor YC/Nantucket, MA

2/17 - 2/19/23: MIT/Boston, MA

2/17 - 2/19/23. WIIT/DUSTOII, WIA

Swimming Indoor Track

2/16 & 2/17/23: MIAA State Meet/Boston, MA

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED WITH THE APPROPRIATE CHAPERONE RATIOS; KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Principal Dingledy explained the retro-active conference [held in Tennessee] fee of \$2300 was not pre planned but necessary and was vetted by the Arts & Technology Department Chair. There were funds within the Department budget but needed approval by this Committee as it was over \$1000 per person and out of state.

Members discussed the appropriate timing for approval, as it was mentioned it could be put off until May, 2023; support of teachers and professional development was vitally important and would not want a delay to seem hesitant in supporting the Chair's decision making. Discussion also included what the Committee needed to approve for Out of State travel and asked to have this as a point of review on a future agenda.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE \$2300 CONFERENCE FEE; OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

E. Sharks License Renewal:

Russ Curran, President MV Sharks Baseball Foundation, was there to get feedback from last year; and if they could proceed with beer and wine as approved last year. He said the Town of Oak Bluffs didn't have any complaints on record. Superintendent Smith said he only received positive feedback; Principal Dingledy said nothing was brought to her attention; Members said games went really well and were really controlled.

Mr. Curran thanked everyone for all of their support; he shared the successes of last year with the Committee. Members thanked him for coming in person, they really appreciated the effort and fully supported this partnership.

Procedurally, no action was needed.

F. Second Reading of Grants, Policies and Procedures:

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF GRANTS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Finance (Agenda Item #V)

A. Revenue and Expenditures:

A detailed review of the Expenditure Report was done by the Committee; Ms. Cioffi explained the negatives were the result of the timing of transferring funds; Ms. Cioffi and Principal Dingledy reviewed the discrepancies and the solutions for each; Members discussed the accounting practices and asked for a more detailed breakdown for athletics.

B. Other Post Employment Benefits Policy Discussion Update:

Mark Friedman put together a presentation that was a good starting point; the Budget Sub-Committee would spend more time with this; he would distribute a copy to all after the meeting.

SubCommittee Update

(Agenda Item #VI)

A. Facilities Update:

Michael Watts, Chair of the Facilities Sub-Committee, said the design was underway for the Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system for the Performing Arts Center (PAC); he said a joint meeting with the Transportation Sub-Committee would be scheduled in the future.

Over the weekend during the extremely cold weather, there was a significant leak on Sunday in the 100's classroom section. Mr. Watts thanked the team that came in - there were many hands to clean up which allowed school to open on Monday without disruption.

Superintendent Smith expressed gratitude to Keith Laslovich and Mike Taus for the efforts of preparing the building for the weekend; he said the work the two had done averted many issues that could have been; the air handler on the roof which blew over from a large wind gust, was the only one.

Members discussed the emergency decisions made over the weekend for the basketball and swim teams due to the extreme cold and the steps for safety of the athletes; responsibility of payment for emergency situations (hotels and meals) was touched upon.

B. Transportation Update:

Kimberly Kirk, Chair of the Transportation Sub-Committee said the Special Education Van was purchased; planning for the next Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant cycle was in discussions as timing was uncertain; electric bus issues would be an agenda item at the next meeting -TBD.

Old/New Business (Agenda Item #VII)

A. Athletic Field Legal Process Update:

Kris O'Brien said there was nothing new to report. Chair Lionette asked how to open the discussion with our attorney as an exchange; he said this was a process question, to be able to ask questions about things that had surfaced and were pertinent; he would provide an outline of his discussion points to determine the appropriate next steps.

Members discussed the process and best time to do this - a timeline to provide updates and the associated costs to hold a session with him.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

(Agenda Item #VIII)

Kathryn Shertzer reminded everyone the Performing Arts Department Musical *Chicago* had performances on February 16th - 19th, 2023; she encouraged everyone to attend and to spread the word.

Adjournment (Agenda Item #IX)

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:02 PM; KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Appendix A - Meetings/Events

— MVRHS SC – Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks: NONE.

Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda MVRHS SC 2.6.23.docx
- BUILDING AND TRADES DONATION 2.6.2023.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT Minutes MVRHS SC NOVEMBER 28, 2022 Special Meeting.pdf

- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes December 5, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHSC Special Meeing Public Hearing Minutes December 21, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHSC Pubic Hearing Minutes November 29, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. B. Bonneau Lttr.pdf
- IV. B. Brumelha Magri Lttr. 2 6 23.pdf
- IV. B. Crowell Lttr Intent.pdf
- IV. B. Kim Montanile Lttr. 2.3.23.pdf
- IV. B.. Cindy West Lttr Intent.pdf
- IV. C. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance list 02062023 (1).doc
- IV. D. MOSES BROWN (RI-DayTrip) APRIL 15, 2023 .docx
- IV. D. O Day QUALIFIERS FINALS (May 13-14, 2023) OVERNIGHT DOC .docx
- IV. D. PRESIDENT S-TERK (MIT) Overnight TRAVEL DOC .docx
- IV. D. C_I_s GIRL_S CHAMPIONSHIP (May 19, 2023) OVERNIGHT DOC .docx
- IV. D. GREENWICH OVERNIGHT (March 31 April 1, 2023) OOSTravel .docx
- IV. D. Overnight Travel.pdf
- IV. D. PORTLAND OVERNIGHT (April 7 -8, 2023) OOSTravel .docx
- IV. D. Swimming State.docx
- IV. D. Winter Track States.docx
- IV. F. Federal Grants Manual MVYPS Grants Draft FY23 12-02-2022 (2).docx
- MVRHS GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE 2.6.2023.pdf
- MVRHS GENERAL FUND REVENUES 2.6.2023.pdf
- PAC Overnight Providence 2.06.2023.pdf
- MVRSD OPEB Funding Plan Draft#2 1-25-2023.pdf

	March 6, 2023	
Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder	Date	
Robert Lionette – MVRHS SC Chair	Date	
Richard M. Smith, Ed.D. – MVRHSD Superintendent	Date	

APPROVED MARCH 6, 2023

Respectfully submitted,