

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)
School Committee Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Library or Zoom

Present: Chair – Robert Lionette, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts
Zoom: Roxanne Ackerman, Jennifer Cutrer, Skipper Manter*

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, English/Department
Chair/Project Vine – Dani Charbonneau, Research Specialist – Kim Garrison,
Student Intervention Coordinator – Sheryl Taylor Thompson, Finance Director –
Suzanne Cioffi, Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy, Facilities Director – Mike Taus

MVEA Martha's Vineyard Educators Association (MVEA) Co-Presidents – Cheri Cluff

Supt.'s Office: School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman,
Director of Student Support Services – Hope MacLeod

Towns/County: West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

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

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski **Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHS SC members*

**Skipper Manter arrived at 6:42 PM*

Call to Order

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:04 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 Superintendent Richard M. Smith would not be joining the meeting this evening; he wished Superintendent Smith well and everyone a Happy New Year.

Public Comment

(Agenda Item #II)

Chair Lionette asked if this agenda item would be positioned better at the end; Members did not have a preference.

Routine Reports

(Agenda Item #III)

A. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities:

a. Sporting Event Entry Fee

A lengthy discussion ensued; the following are discussion highlights:

1. Where did the admission money go, the profits? Revenue stream versus the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) and the League/s regulations.

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- a. The funds go to the school (General Fund) to offset the bills of hosting the game.
- b. The revenue stream would be shared at a future meeting.
2. Other Districts did not charge admission with a valid student identification (ID) card.
 - a. MVRHS students just received their new ID cards.
 - b. Younger students would not have ID cards.
3. The COVID residual had allowed students to attend without paying an entry fee.
4. Options to offset the cost of ticket prices for students so they could support their teams, their piers; equity for all.
5. This would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

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.

B. Principal

1. Project Vine Update:

Principal Sara Dingley introduced Dani Charbonneau, and shared her accomplishments including her award of Massachusetts Teacher of the Year (MTY). Ms. Charbonneau enthusiastically described the Project Vine Program as an alternative education program; the same curriculum but offered in different ways for student engagement, giving many a level of belonging; Alumni returned to meet and talk with current students.

As MTY, she would be meeting with the Governor of Massachusetts, Maura Healey as well as continuing interviews and discussions including the local radio station WCAI.

Members congratulated her and said they were lucky to have her in their building, they were very proud of her; Ms. Charbonneau invited everyone to visit the space.

2. Black History Month:

Principal Dingley said many events were planned, some had already begun. She said every month they worked to recognize a group, to create a culture of belonging and celebration; Sheryl Taylor Thompson was educating the leadership team on doing this; more activities and events were being done this year than in the past.

3. Behavioral Health Curriculum Update - Kim Garrison:

Kim Garrison screen shared the file 'Building Mental Health Literacy at MVRHS' that provided the current status of the program; 358/757 had been through the course to date; she was looking to train three additional [existing] staff members.

C. Superintendent

1. Update:

None.

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Consents: Votes Required

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Minutes:

Tabled.

B. Personnel:

- ◆ Julie A. Meader, in a letter dated January 6, 2022, wrote she will be resigning from her 1645 ASP position; her last day will be January 31, 2023.
- ◆ Lauren Goethals, in an email letter dated December 14, 2022, wrote: I am writing to inform you that I am pregnant and intend on taking maternity leave. My physician has estimated that the baby is expected on April 10th, 2023 and I would like to remain working until April 3rd, 2023. I plan to take twelve (12) weeks leave, and I anticipate no problems with resuming my current position as a History teacher following my absence.

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REQUESTS AS PRESENTED; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Grants and Donations:

Adult Education (State) FY2023:	\$7,214.00
Cape Cod Five Mini Grants/Private:	\$4,755.00
Improving Ventilation and Air Quality/DESE:	\$331,861.00
Early College Planning Grant / DESE:	\$49,060.00
The Sound Foundation/Private:	\$20,700.00
	\$1402.10
	\$13,044.57
Tower Peer Outreach/Private:	\$5,000.00
School Nutrition Equipment Assistance for Schools Fund/DESE:	\$14,970.00
Project Here Substance Use Prevention Curriculum/Public-Private Collaboration:	\$11,634.17

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE GRANTS AS PRESENTED; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE DONATION FROM KEVIN RYAN/ACT TWO OF THE UPRIGHT BASS TO RAY FALLON/MUSIC TEACHER; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

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D. Out of State and Overnight Travel:

Girls Junior Varsity Hockey 1/18/23 Portsmouth Abbey School/RI
12/14/22 St. George's School/RI (Postponed due to lack of buses)

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

E. Professional Development Request:

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE USE UP TO \$3500.00 OF THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LINE FOR POWER SCHOOL UNIVERSITY; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE. MR. WATTS—ABSTAINED.

F. Certification of FY24 Budget:

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO CERTIFY THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, VERSION 8, AT:
- \$21,594,602.25 ASSESSED BUDGET (3.46% INCREASE), AND
- \$25,099,293.22 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (2.11% INCREASE);
JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.*

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO UTILIZE THE STATUTORY FORMULA FOR THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET ASSESSMENT; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

G. 182 Day Helper Part Time:

Suzanne Cioffi recapped the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requirement for cafeteria to help run the cash register; this individual captured data and assisted with documents to the State; adults still paid for lunch. They were there to monitor healthy meal choices and regulate students getting more than one meal free as students would pay for their second meal; to support this position for the balance of the year, \$7500 needed approval.

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H. Big Band Student Activities:

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO APPROVE SETTING UP THE BIG BAND STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

I. Massachusetts School Building Authority Feasibility Study Funding:

Chair Lionette recapped the discussions to date and the value of keeping the Excess and Deficiency (E & D) at a certain level. He recommended further discussion, taking another look at this approach again in February and to make a decision including advice from the Bond Counsel.

[(Please see document on file for details: APPROVED Minutes MVRHS SC NOVEMBER 28, 2022 Special Meeting.pdf; FY24 Budget: (Agenda Item #IV); pg 3) AS VOTED: SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO TAKE \$500,000 FROM EXCESS & DEFICIENCY [REDUCTION] TO OFFSET THE REQUEST OF THE HIGH SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. O'BRIEN—NAY & MS. SHERTZER—NAY.]

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION VOTED ON NOVEMBER 28, 2022; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO GO TO TOWN WARRANT TO BORROW THE FULL REQUIREMENT FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY (2M); KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.

J. Use of Contingency for Performing Arts Center Repairs & Special Education Van

Ms. Cioffi said the reason for both of these recommendations was that lead times were very long. She recapped the current projects that were out to bid where estimates came in lower, creating available funds for re-allocation.

Ms. Cioffi said timing was key for the HVAC replacement, to get this out to bid, ordered and replaced in time for the heavy usage during the summer rental season; hazardous material removal was included in the quote; \$354,000 was being requested. *((Please see document on file for details: Minutes*

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Facilities Sub-Committee December 15, 2022.pdf; FY24 Budget Update: (Agenda Item #IV), HVAC; pg 2).

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO APPROVE FUNDS AS PRESENTED BY SUZANNE CIOFFI FOR THE HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) SYSTEM; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.

Ms. Cioffi screen shared the contract for the van and described the length of time it took to obtain the vehicle.

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE USE OF \$85,943.00 OUT OF CONTINGENCY FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE SPECIAL EDUCATION VAN, UPON APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.

K. Arther Smadbeck as Edgartown Representative to School Building Committee

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED APPROVE ARTHUR SMADBEC AS THE SECOND EDGARTOWN REPRESENTATIVE; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Finance

(Agenda Item #V)

A. Revenue and Expenditures:

Tabled.

B. Other Post Employment Benefits Policy Discussion

Members decided to hold a Budget Sub-Committee meeting within the next month for review.

SubCommittee Update

(Agenda Item #VI)

A. Facilities Update:

Members discussed having professional oversight and recommended Christian C. Huntress/Huntress Associates, Inc. review the project to ensure what would be done was adequate; Ms. Cioffi said \$9000 from last year/FY22 (Huntress-Sanderson Road Design) General Fund Capital Line remained. *(Please see document on file for details: Minutes Facilities Sub-Committee December 15, 2022.pdf; Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: (Agenda Item #VI); pgs 2 & 3).*

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KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO REALLOCATE THE MONEY OF UP TO \$9000 FOR THE DESIGN OF SANDERSON ROAD, TO RE ENGAGE WITH CHRIS HUNTRESS FOR CONSULTATION FOR WORK TO BE DONE ON THE PLAYING FIELD AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT WORK; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. ACKERMAN—NAY & MR. MANTER—NAY.

The soil testing summary was on the school website for review. There was no change in status with the court case; Members questioned plans for additional funding (if needed) and determined this should be an agenda item.

B. Transportation Update:

Tabled.

C. School Building Committee Update:

Samuel Hart said the first meeting was held last Thursday as an orientation session with 21 members in attendance; it went smoothly, a really great start. The next meeting/s would be held in February and/or March including tours of the facility.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

(Agenda Item #VII)

None.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #VIII)

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:40 PM; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Appendix A - Meetings/Events

— MVRHS SC – Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks: NONE.

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Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda MVRHS SC 1.9.23.docx
- FY23 CONTINGENCY VOTES 1.6.2023.pdf
- Sped Van Quote 1.9.2023.pdf
- MVRHS GENERAL FUND REVENUES.pdf
- MVRHS GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 1.9.2023.pdf
- FY24 Certified Budget 1.9.2023.pdf
- Warrant Spreadsheet-September-December 2022.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT Minutes MVRHS SC NOVEMBER 28, 2022 Special Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT MVRHSC_Pubic Hearing Minutes November 29, 2022 Meeting.pdf
- IV. B. JulieMeaderLtrr. 1.6.23.pdf
- IV. B. Lauren Goethals Ltrr 12.14.22.pdf
- IV. C. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance list 01092023 (1).pdf
- IV. D. Student Out of State travel form.pdf
- IV. D. JV girls hockey.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

March 6, 2023

Date

Robert Lionette – MVRHS SC Chair

Date

Richard M. Smith, Ed.D. – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

APPROVED MARCH 6, 2023