

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
5:00PM, Monday, December 22, 2022
West Tisbury School
and by Zoom Cloud Conference**

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Present: Chair – Alex Salop, Roxanne Ackerman*, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter,
Jim Newman*,

Others: John Christensen, Recorder: Marni Lipke
Supt's Shared Services Office: Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Hope MacLeod, Ellie Parece,
West Tisbury – FinCom - Greg Orcutt, Accountant – Bruce Stone,
Press – Eunki Seonwoo – MV Times,

*Late arrivals or early departures of UIRSC members

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) meeting was called to order.

Public Hearing and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget for the Up Island Regional School District (See documents on file & 12/19/22 Minutes #VI D.) (Agenda item #1)

- The Public Hearing was opened at 5:04PM. *During the discussion Roxanne Ackerman entered the meeting at 5:11PM.
- Version #5, already distributed to UIRSC and Town Finance Committees (FinComs), was reviewed.
- The total operating budget was \$14,921,475 (Medicaid and School Choice offsets not included) with a \$1,018,000 or 7.33% increase, driven by collective bargaining agreements enrollment growth, and spiking inflation; and showing a slight net decrease in total Full Time Equivalents (FTEs).
 - The Superintendent's Shared Services (or Central) Office was up 4.2% (~ \$74,000+) as assessed by student population from the Office total increase of 5.97%.
 - The West Tisbury School (WTS) site was up \$495,472 or 6.24% increase over FY23 with a 1.0 FTE net decrease. Version #5 included a \$2,000 furniture increase as voted.
 - The Chilmark School site was up \$195,882 or 11.13% over FY23, largely due to population growth. Version #5 included \$5,000 furniture increase and 0.2 FTE expansion of the Reading Teacher.
 - The District site increased \$253,000 or 9.51% largely due to a \$213,000 increase in the Contingency Reserve—see below E & D.
 - The possible Chilmark School Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) overage estimate was removed from the Capital site as it would impact the FY25 budget.
- The total assessed budget increase was 5.26% over FY23. Revenues were estimated as follows.
 - Chapter 70 usually increased very slightly and was set at FY23 receipts.
 - Chapter 71 was increased to \$239,000 in keeping with the latest projections.
 - Charter School was set at FY23 actuals.
 - Medicaid was projected on the best information available as were School Choice receipts.
 - The Excess and Deficiency (E & D) offset was \$440,000, covering:
 - the standard ~ \$99,000 Contingency Reserve;
 - ~ \$116,500 offset to reduce the previous year's offset (see 12/17/21 Minutes p.2);

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° \$213,000 to cover 3 Education Support Professional (ESP) positions in case of unknown student population needs. Hopefully the positions would not be required and funds would revert to E & D.

- The three Towns' assessment proportions changed due to enrollment shifts between schools—Chilmark School growth from 57 to 70, and WTS decrease to 337 due to a large graduating 8th grade. (Foundation enrollment reported on the census but not here included 12 home schooled students as well as those few in private schools.)

- Skipper Manter repeated previous objections to E & D as over-assessing taxpayers and to the Contingency line as more properly to be distributed among the school sites.
- The UIRSC had examined several versions and felt they were presenting an excellent budget, noting that all MVPS were experiencing large FY24 increases after the collective bargaining agreements.
- The Public Hearing was closed at 5:27PM.

Possible Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget Certification (Agenda item #II)

At the request of the UIRSC * Jim Newman entered the meeting remotely at 5:39PM. Version #5 was as requested and there were no Reductions in Force (RIFs), new discussions or changes.

• *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO CERTIFY THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AT \$14,921,475.20 OR 7.33% INCREASE ASSESSED AT \$14,389,007.79 OR 5.26% INCREASE; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: JIM NEWMAN—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—NAY.*

Meetings/Events

- **UIRSC - TBD**

Adjournment (Agenda item #III)

• *ROBERT LIONETTE AND SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:41PM; ALEX SALOP AND ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE, JIM NEWMAN—AYE.*

Documents on File:

- Agenda 12/22/22
- Friedman cover email re: FY24 UIRSD Versions #5 12/20/22
- UIRSD FY24 Budget Version #5 12/21/22, Proposed Changes from FY23 Budget (3 p.)
- Up-Island Regional School District FY24 General Fund Budget – Version #5, 12-21-2022 (12 p.)
- UIRSD FY2024 Assessment – V#5 12/21/2022

Minutes approved 1/17/23