

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

Present: Chair – Robert Lionette, Roxanne Ackerman, Skipper Manter, Louis Paciello, Kathryn Shertzer
Zoom: Jennifer Cutrer, Michael Watts*

Others: Executive Director Martha’s Vineyard YMCA – Jill Robie-Axtell, Managing Partner Contemporary Landscapes Martha’s Vineyard (CLMV) – Caleb Nicholson

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Mathematics Teacher – Jerry Kadien, Research Specialist – Kim Garrison, Facilities Director – Mike Taus

Supt.’s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D., Director of Student Support Services – Hope MacLeod, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman

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

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

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

**Michael Watts had technical issues during the first hour of the meeting.*

Call to Order

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:07 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 went directly to other items on the agenda.

Public Comment None.

(Agenda Item #II)

Routine Reports

(Agenda Item #III)

A. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities:

The Junior Class Vice President recapped some of the sporting events and play-offs that were underway; a Winter Formal and talent show were being discussed.

Members asked about Fan Buses for transportation to the play-off games; Principal Sara Dingley said the priority was to get the teams to the games, overcoming issues for buses in general. She reviewed when Fan Buses would be considered, the level of playoff; there wasn’t money in the budget for a charter bus. Assistant Principal Jeremy Light said the policy was the third round play-off games for Fan Bus consideration; in the past it was covered by the boosters; currently it was unknown if there was a driver and/or bus available.

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Mark Friedman identified a line that could be used on the expense report for transportation as 'Surface Transportation', and said it was a catch all. Principal Dingley said for equity, it should be built into the budget; Chair Lionette recommended this be a topic at the Athletic Sub-Committee.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL TO USE UP TO \$5000.00, TO FOLLOW THE THE SET POLICY FOR FAN BUSES WORKING WITH THE BOOSTERS; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

B. Principal

1. General Update:

Principal Dingley said the weekly email, *Weekly Announcements / Anúncios Semanais*, was sent to parents every Monday; she would ensure Members would receive these updates going forward. She highlighted the athletics and sport team performances. She said the play *Chicago* which was performed during February 16 - 19, 2023 was phenomenal – the double casting gave more students the chance to be involved. She also gave a shout out to the play *Metamorphoses* with performances over break.

2. Wrestling Club Update:

Principal Dingley introduced Jerry Kadien, Math Teacher and Wrestling Coach/Club Starter. Mr. Kadien recapped his experience with the sport and the events [over the last two years] leading up to now; all players were brand new and very enthusiastic; 20 to 30 kids.

Kathryn Shertzer said she invited Mr. Kadien to the full Committee so everyone would understand what was going on/their needs. (This originated from a discussion at the Athletic Sub-Committee.) Ms. Shertzer said the biggest hurdle was space; Mr. Kadien said they were looking within the school for accommodations, but nothing had been decided yet. (*Please see document on file for details: Minutes Athletics Sub-Committee Wednesday, February 15, 2023.pdf; Any Requests for New Sports: (Agenda Item #IV); pg 2*)

C. Superintendent

1. General Update:

Superintendent Richard M. Smith said he was reviewing the Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats (SWOT) Analysis from each of the Principals; he asked the Committee to submit their feedback and offered an extension to the original deadline; he would like to present the findings/Strategic Plan Presentation at the May Committee Meeting. (*Please see document on file for details: APPROVED MVRHS SC Minutes February 6, 2023 Meeting.pdf; Routine Reports (Agenda Item #III); C. Superintendent, 1. School Committee Input on Future Strategic Planning/ Buildings Analysis; pg 3*)

2. Presentation from YMCA Staff on Potential Building Expansion:

Jill Robie-Axtell said with an expansion on the western side, there could be encroachment of a deed restricted area; she recapped the history behind the proposed plan and said the current asphalt courts were placeholders for this plan; there was not enough money at the time to build the full plan in 2009. Ms. Robie-Axtell [while Superintendent Smith screen shared the proposal], said this plan was always part of the design, 3 levels within the same footprint. She said COVID-19 magnified the need for more indoor space as the capacity was maxed out; this was a necessary, year round, multipurpose space for all ages; there was High School spillover most days.

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Ms. Robie-Axtell said the engineers and architects were concerned about encroachment on the deed restricted areas [of which would only occur during construction]. She outlined the timeframe of 'next steps' with the goal of breaking ground at the end of 2023/beginning of 2024.

Members had a lengthy discussion which included wastewater approval and Board of Health involvement; the standing approval of the project from 15 years ago and the necessary due diligence today (present day), as many members were not part of the Committee at that time.

All were in agreement to have the Land Use Sub-Committee work as the oversight and properly vet the proposal; they understood this was a time-sensitive issue; a Land Use Sub-Committee meeting was scheduled for March 13, 2023 at 4:30 PM, in person at the YMCA. Superintendent Smith would work with legal counsel to have something done by the end of the week.

LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO ALLOW THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD YMCA TO DO CONSTRUCTION IN THE DEED RESTRICTED AREA CONTINGENT ON LEGAL ADVICE; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED.

The motion was amended by Mr. Paciello and accepted by Ms. Ackerman as follows:

LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO ALLOW THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD YMCA TO EXPAND INTO THE DEED RESTRICTION BUFFER ZONE DURING CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENT UPON LEGAL ADVICE OF THE DEED; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE. MR. MANTER—ABSTAINED

D. Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Program Update

1. Scheduling School Committee Meeting in March for Feasibility Study Vote:

Samuel Hart said there were two more deliverables (out of the nine) to go, with the vote at Town Meetings being a big one. The second Building Committee meeting was scheduled next week.

Mark Friedman reviewed the timing for the feasibility money vote; he shared the required language; a meeting would be scheduled for the week of March 19th, 2023 for the vote.

Consents: *Votes Required*

(Agenda Item #IV)

A. Minutes:

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 9, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 6, 2023 MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.

B. Personnel:

- ◆ Aline Leite, Administrative Bilingual Support Personnel, in a letter wrote: I am submitting my letter of intent for the 1400 ASP position. As I am currently on a one year contract.

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- ◆ Maureen O'Malley, Administrative Support Personnel, in a letter wrote: This email is to inform you that I am happily accepting moving from the 1400 to the 1645 ASP position at the High School.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PERSONNEL SHIFTS AS OUTLINED [ABOVE]; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Grants and Donations:

Suzanne Cioffi and Michael Watts, Chair of the Facility Sub-Committee, recapped the donation for corrective maintenance which had been vetted at the Facilities Sub-Committee. *(Please see document on file for details: Minutes Facilities Sub-Committee January 12, 2023.pdf; Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair: (Agenda Item #VI); pg 2)*

From a letter dated 2/1/2023:

Martha's Vineyard Regional Highschool Main Athletic Field Renovation Project

John Keene Excavation, Carrol's Trucking and CLMV will be collaborating to deliver a releveled graded playing surface that runs 325' long and is 50' wide on the "Home" Sideline of the field directly in front of the bleachers. The project will consists of stripping existing sod and hauling off site. Topsoil will be stripped and stored at the field and the necessary fill material will be trucked in, in order to properly grade this area. After the rough grading has been completed, the topsoil will be spread and fine graded and prepped to accept the new sod. Any irrigation that will be damaged throughout the course of the demolition will be repaired.

The following companies will be donating the following as a part of the project:

- *CLMV – All Labor, trucking, irrigation and machines for 3 full days with 5 Laborers. Estimated cost \$7,500.*
- *John Keene Excavation – To be disclosed by John Keene Excavation.*
- *Carrol's Trucking – Donation of all trucking, fuel and ferry charge in order to deliver 16,250 SQFT of Sod. The Sod will not be marked up and sold to MVRHS at cost. Approximate Market Rate cost is \$12,000. Greg Carrol is working to get the sod at cost and will later provide an update on actual cost to MVRHS.*

Sincerely,
Caleb Nicholson – Managing Partner CLMV

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Caleb Nicholson said they were looking for compensation for the sod and should not exceed \$12,000; anything above they would absorb the cost; it was not possible to roll-up the existing turf to reuse. They wanted to get this done for the kids and safety on the fields. Mr. Nicholson said it would be done around June 3, 2023 so there would be time for transitions between the new and existing turf; they would work closely with Mike Taus and field maintenance crews.

Ms. Cioffi said the Athletic Fields lines (preventive & corrective) had the funding to cover this cost and would not shortchange other expenses. Principal Dingley underscored this was corrective maintenance; it was set up to use it.

Members greatly appreciated the generosity; Chair Lionette suggested monitoring the costs of the project, and to allow the full Committee address any cost overruns; Mark Friedman said the procurement element would be taken care of.

KATHRYN SHERTZER, WITH EXTREME GRATITUDE, MOVED TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$15,000 TO PAY FOR THE SOD FOR THE DONATED SERVICES BY JOHN KEENE EXCAVATION, CONTEMPORARY LANDSCAPES MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND CARROLL'S MARTHA'S VINEYARD RAPID TRANSIT; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVE TO ACCEPT THE DONATIONS AS SHARED BY SUZANNE CIOFFI; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVE TO ACCEPT THE STEM MINI GRANT OF \$500; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Mark Friedman presented the following:

-Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) STATE Funds:	
Fund Codes: FC613, FC311, FC322:	\$39,350.00
-State Funded/Massachusetts Attorney General's Office and GE Foundation/ Public/Private Collaboration:	\$1,100.00
-(DESE) Federal Funds: Fund Code 345:	\$4,740.00
-(DESE) FEDERAL Funds: Fund Codes: FC757:	\$15,809.00

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*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS AS PRESENTED;
KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE,
MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

D. Out of State and Overnight Travel:

Boys Lacrosse

4/14/23 – 4/18/23: Newington & Canton HS, CT

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

E. Rescind and Recertify FY 24 School Budget:

Ms. Cioffi referred to the [online] budget document with today's date; she said there were changes in Shared Services, but the total did not change. Superintendent Richard M. Smith said he had asked for this; Mr. Friedman said it was a net zero change – he reviewed the changes and recommendations; Chair Lionette asked for clarification.

*ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO REVISIT AND RESCIND THE JANUARY 9, 2023
VOTE FOR THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL
YEAR 2024 BUDGET; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:
7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE,
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE
& MR. WATTS—AYE.*

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO RE-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);*

*ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE,
MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

F. FY 22 Invoices:

Ms. Cioffi said Jay's Septic totalling \$1075.00, Nally Associates totalling \$701.46 and Electronic Security Systems totalling \$350.00 needed to be paid; there were funds available.

*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXPENSES AS PRESENTED;
KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE,
MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

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G. Third Reading of Grants, Policies and Procedures:

Tabled.

H. Middle Level and Coop Request for Softball:

Tiffany McCarty, the new Varsity Softball Coach reviewed the participation level for the sport and the challenges of rebuilding the youth program/s post COVID-19.

Members discussed at length why this process continued, the level of interest in the sport and the range in ages of students playing together; Louis Paciello explained some of the steps the newly formed Athletic Sub-Committee was taking to address these questions/issues. *(Please see documents on file for details: Minutes Athletics Sub-Committee Tuesday, February 7, 2023.pdf; Minutes Athletics Sub-Committee Wednesday, February 15, 2023.pdf)*

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ALLOW THE ATHLETIC WAIVER FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS TO COMPETE ON THE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM AND TO APPROVE THE CO-OP AGREEMENT WITH THE CHARTER SCHOOL, TO ALLOW STUDENT PARTICIPATION ON THE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. LIONETTE—NAY.

Finance

(Agenda Item #V)

A. Revenue and Expenditures:

Mr. Friedman said the Excess and Deficiency Funds (E & D) had been certified as follows: General Fund \$1,396,284.00. Members discussed the next steps/process.

(Please see documents on file for details: IV. E ED Cert Letter DLS MVRSD - 63022 - 2-21-23.docx; IV. E. ED Calculation MVRSD DLS 6-30-22_ED_2-21-2023.pdf)

SubCommittee Update

(Agenda Item #VI)

A. Facilities Update:

Michael Watts, Chair of the Facilities Sub-Committee, said a lot of work had been done over break.

Mike Taus reviewed the highlights including:

- A new custodian had been hired
- Pipe burst/water damage was being addressed to ensure the classroom environments were safe
- Culinary Arts Dining Room had a new floor installed
- Steps for the new HVAC system for the Performing Arts Center was moving forward

Principal Dingleddy said that tech/IT upgrades had been done throughout the entire building. She thanked IT Director Rick Mello and Mr. Taus for the amazing amount of coordination and the huge effort over the vacation week to get things done.

B. Transportation Update:

Chair Kimberly Kirk was not available to provide updates. Members discussed charging issues for the new electric buses; a meeting was TBD.

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C. Athletic Update:

Kimberly Kirk was the Sub-Committee Chair; Mr. Paciello said the group was just getting started; meetings would be twice a month.

Old/New Business

(Agenda Item #VII)

None.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

(Agenda Item #VIII)

None.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #IX)

*LOUIS PACIELLO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:23 PM;
SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE,
MR. MANTER—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

Appendix A - Meetings/Events

— Land Use Sub-Committee – Monday, March 13, 2023 at 4:30 PM, in person at the YMCA

— MVRHS SC – Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:00 PM Zoom

Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks: None.


Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda MVRHS SC 3.6.23.docx
- Feasibility Study Warrant Article Vote Wording MVRSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE - 12-16-2022.doc
- Feasibility Study Warrant Article Vote Wording MVRSD TOWNS - 12-16-2022 Corrected.doc
- IV. A DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes February 6, 2023 Meeting.pdf
- IV. A DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes January 9, 2023 Meeting.pdf
- IV. A. DRAFT Land Use Sub-Committee January 3.pdf
- IV. B. Leite Ltrr_.docx
- IV. B. Maureen O_Malley Ltrr_.docx
- IV. C. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance list 03062023 (1) (2).doc
- IV. C. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance list 03062023.pdf
- IV. D. Boys Lax. CT.pdf
- IV. E ED Cert Letter DLS MVRSD - 63022 - 2-21-23.docx
- IV. E. ED Calculation MVRSD DLS 6-30-22_ED_2-21-2023.pdf
- IV. E. Recertify Budget FY24 3.6.2023.pdf
- IV. F. Electronic Security Systems, LLC 2.23.2023.pdf
- IV. F. Jay_s Septic 2.23.2023.pdf
- IV. F. Nally 2.23.2023.pdf
- IV. G. Federal Grants Manual MVYPS Grants Draft FY23 - 2.6.23.docx
- MVRHS Field Project-1.pdf
- MVRHS Field Project.pdf
- Proposed Warrant Article Request re restatement - MVRSD.docx

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- Recertified Budget FY24 3.6.2023.pdf
- V. A. MVRHS General Fund Expenditures 2.22.2023.pdf
- V. A. MVRHS General Fund Revenue 2.22.2023.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

April 3, 2023

Date

Robert Lionette – MVRHS SC Chair

Date

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

Date

APPROVED APRIL 3, 2023