

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
6:15PM, Tuesday, February 21, 2023
by Zoom Cloud Conference**

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

Others: Recorder: Marni Lipke
Supt's Shared Services Office: Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Principals: Mary Boyd,
West Tisbury: Treasurer/Collector – Kathy Logue, FinCom – Greg Orcutt,
Press – Shavanáe Anderson – MVTV, Louisa Hufstader – Gazette,

*Late arrivals or early departures of UIRSC members

Call to Order (Agenda item #I)

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

Approval of Minutes (Agenda item #II)

A. Including But Not Limited to: January 17 & 23, 2023

• *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 17, 2023 AND JANUARY 23, 2023 MINUTES; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS; ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, JIM NEWMAN—AYE.*

Public Comment (Agenda IV)

* At the beginning of this discussion Alex Salop and Roxanne Ackerman entered the meeting.
• In light of the upcoming West Tisbury Finance Committee (FinCom) meeting, West Tisbury Treasurer/Collector Kathy Logue reported the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which prioritized West Tisbury capital planning, set the West Tisbury School space study/feasibility at the lowest priority “3”. The Committee acknowledged it as an important exercise with a lasting shelf life, and understood the project should dovetail with school greening work. However, given the lack of both Town and Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) administrative capacity, as well as other West Tisbury and Regional projects, the CIP felt it would be more useful in 5-10 years. A joint WT CIP/UIRSC meeting was being scheduled (see below: Meetings/Events).

Finance (Agenda Item #III)

B. Excess and Deficiency (E & D) Certification

(See documents on file & Minutes: 12/19/22 p.4-5, & 12/22/22.)

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Division of Local Services certified E & D at \$755,435 just below the 5% cap. To lower Town assessments the UIRSC Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget could include as much as \$439,000, pending enrollment/staff developments. The UIRSC questioned whether to return more E & D to the Towns.

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A. Recertification of FY24 Shared Services Budget (See 12/22/22 Minutes.)

Version #6 revised health insurance line items to the new 3% premium increases: UIRSD (- \$24,681.52) and Superintendent Shared Services (Central) Office (- \$ 4,336.59), for a total saving of \$29,018.11 (~ 0.02%).

- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO RECONSIDER AND RESCIND THE DECEMBER 22, 2022 UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET CERTIFICATION: ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, JIM NEWMAN—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

- *ALEX SALOP MOVED TO RE-CERTIFY THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AT \$14,892,457.08 OR 7.12% INCREASE ASSESSED AT \$14,359,989.67 OR 5.05% INCREASE; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: SKIPPER MANTER—NAY, ALEX SALOP—AYE, JIM NEWMAN—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE.*

C. Impact Aid – Indian Policies and Procedures (See documents on file.)

The UIRSC helped the Town of Aquinnah apply for impact aid, including ratification of the Policies and Procedures, this year with a requested amendment. The UIRSC requested:

- better communications with Wampanoag Education Director Martha Vandershoop,
- at least one joint meeting with the UIRSC each year; and
- the annual reports on Impact Aid for FY22 and FY23.

- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WAMPANOAG TRIBE OF GAY HEAD (AQUINNAH) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS AMENDED FOR PREFERRED COMMUNICATIONS BY ELECTRONIC MAIL; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, JIM NEWMAN—AYE.*

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair (Agenda Item #V)

- The UIRSC considered the advantages of 5-10 year strategic planning for such upcoming changes as increased enrollment projections and higher proportions of English Language Learners (ELL). Superintendent Richie Smith was soliciting input from school committees, staff, Cabinet, Town leaders, parents, etc.) for a Strengths, Weaknesses, and Threats (SWAT) analysis that would be consolidated for a strategic plan that would be a framework for the future for the MVPS and its students by teaching skills, collaboration and values, for jobs that might not yet exist. UIRSC Members were requested to submit feedback on what they would like see in the MVPS: building, budgeting, cultural responsiveness, programs, staffing, tangible and intangible.

- The Chilmark School Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) bids were due 3:00PM, March 8th with a Chilmark Select Board/FinCom meeting to award the contract the afternoon of

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March 9th. Chilmark Town Administrator Tim Carroll requested a UIRSC meeting to endorse/the bid (see below: Meetings/Events).

Meetings/Events

- **UIRSC (Chilmark HVAC) – 8:00AM, Thursday, March 9, 2023 – Zoom**
- **UIRSC/WT-CIP – 5:30PM, Monday, March 13, 2023 - WTS/Zoom**
- **UIRSC – TBD, Monday, March 20, 2023**

Adjournment

• *ALEX SALOP MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:02PM; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Documents on File:

- Agenda/Revised Agenda (2 p.) 2/21/23
- Friedman cover email re: Materials for UIRSD School Committee Meeting -2/21/2023
- Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services, memo re: UpIsland 2/17/2023 (2 p.)
- Up-Island Regional School District FY24 General Fund Budget – Version #6, 2-21-2023 (12 p.)
- UIRSD FY2024 Assessment – V#6 Re-Certified 2/21/202
- Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Policies and Procedures, Up Island Regional School District, 2022-2023 School Year (5 p.)

Minutes approved 3/20/23