

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 30, 2023, 8:00 AM

Zoom

Present: Chair – Kimberly Kirk, Roxanne Ackerman, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts*
Others/Staff: Transportation Consultant – Richard Labrie, Climate Advisory Committee Chair/West Tisbury – Kate Warner, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Transportation Director – Troy Vanderhoop, Transportation Assistant – Chyenne Ward, Transportation Admin – Anastasia Carter, Facilities Director – Mike Taus
Supt.'s Office: Asst. Superintendent of Operations, Facilities & School Projects – John Stevens, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski *Late arrivals or early departures of Sub-Committee members (see * in text)

*Michael Watts left at 9:00 AM

Call to Order: (Agenda Item #I)

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Transportation Sub-Committee was called to order by Chair Kimberly Kirk at 8:03 AM on Thursday, March 30, 2023. Participation was available remotely by Zoom. To preserve bandwidth, it was suggested that participants join via the Zoom audio and reserve video links for Committee members and administration; the meeting was recorded.

(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

Electric Buses Status Update & Environmental Protection Agency Grants: (Agenda Item #II)

Richard Labrie said the next round of EPA funding was on hold; he was waiting to hear more and how the funding would be distributed.

The next step for the MVRHS was to determine the location of the bus lot; he suggested partnering [with the Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA)] as an option; Mr. Labrie said once the location was in place, the next steps would move along.

Fleet Update & Needs: (Agenda Item #III)

Asst. Superintendent John Stevens recapped the issues with the Blue Bird electric buses and was uncertain if drivers needed more training or if it was vehicle failure; Troy Vanderhoop said the issue was with the buses, it was not driver error; Mr. Labrie said this was a warranty service issue. Asst. Superintendent Stevens asked what recourse there was if these buses continued to have issues; Mr. Labrie said he would assist with the process and that it was Anderson's (the vendor) responsibility to correct these issues.

Mark Friedman reviewed the need to replace two of the three 2010 gas buses; the lead time on new buses was 8 to 10 months. Mr. Labrie recommended holding on to the older buses as they would be valuable trade-ins for the EPA. Members discussed the different options for leasing including the various time-frames and ownership models, and the benefits of each.

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO GO FORWARD WITH ORDERING TWO NEW BUSES WITH THE LEASE ALREADY IN PLACE; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

MVRHS Bus Charter Policy: (Agenda Item #IV)

Members were in full agreement that a more thorough review and discussion was needed before making the recommendation to move to the Full Committee; this was tabled until the next meeting.

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Transportation Software Update: (Agenda Item #V)

Asst. Superintendent Stevens said Traversa by Tyler Technologies, the software that was recommended by Mr. Labrie had been purchased. They were now moving through the steps of installation and training, with the plan of full implementation for the fall. *(Please see document on file for details: Minutes Transportation Sub-Committee November 17, 2022.pdf; Phase 2 Consulting Update: (Agenda Item #IV); pg 2)*

Transportation Management Update: (Agenda Item #VI)

Asst. Superintendent Stevens introduced Troy Vanerhoop as the new Transportation Director; Marc Rivers was out on leave.

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

Roxanne Ackerman asked for information on how the Minutes and Recordings of these meetings were distributed; Suzanne Cioffi explained the process and how the general public could access each.

Adjournment: (Agenda Item #VIII)

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING AT 9:04 AM; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED:
3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. KIRK—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE.*

Meetings/Events: TBD

Documents on File:

1. 3.30.23 Transportation Sub Committee Agenda.pdf
2. participants_86933307709 (2).csv

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

May 25, 2023

Date

Kimberly Kirk – Transportation Chair

Date

Richard M. Smith, Ed.D – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date

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