

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
6:30PM, Wednesday, July 12, 2023
By Zoom Cloud Conference**

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Present: Acting Chair – Alex Salop, Roxanne Ackerman, Skipper Manter,
Others: CHA/Daedalus – Michael Owen, Recorder - Marni Lipke
Supt.'s Shared Services Office: Richard Smith, Hope MacLeod,
Principals: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd, Susan Stevens,
Press – Jenna Bernstein – MV Times, Julie Soikkeli - MVTV
*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: 6/20/23

• *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 20, 2023 MINUTES; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

Chilmark School Projects – Updates (Agenda VI)

- 19 of the 33 windows and the cracked door had been replaced. Painting would follow, with a completion goal of mid-August.
- So far there were no bids on the front entrance doors, however Owners Project Manager (OPM) CHA/Daedalus was negotiating with contractors.
- Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) Project—(See Minutes: 10/18/04 p.1-2 #VII, & 5/31/05 p.3-4 #II, & 12/19/22 p.2-4 #IV D, & 4/13/23 p.4-5 # 1 & IV C, & 5/15/23 p.1 #III B.) In general the project was going very well, on time and on budget.
 - The site was fenced but the OPM was negotiating price for interior and exterior separations to support the 40-50 preschool and summer program children.
 - Attic equipment/piping was demolished and removed. The carpentry crew was cutting the gable end access panels.
 - Chilmark Town representative Billy Dillon was on site 6 hrs./week and would be paid out of the project contingency.

Chilmark Special Education (SpEd) Co-Teacher – Vote Will Take Place

(Agenda Item #III) (See 4/13/23 Minutes p.3-4 #III B2.)

The School was awarded a grant for half of a full-time SpEd co-teacher. Consequently, Head of School Susan Stevens proposed modifying the previous contingency fund vote to cover half the co-teaching salary and only 1 Education Support Professional (ESP). The position, including benefits, was estimated at \$93,000; a shortfall of \$6,600 would be found in the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Budget. This would result in 2 teachers and one ESP covering 2 classrooms. Skipper Manter voiced his usual objections to the contingency fund formula.

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- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE TRANSFERRING PREVIOUSLY VOTED CONTINGENCY MONEY FOR TWO EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS TO ONE EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL AND A 100% CO-TEACHER OF WHICH 50% IS GRANT FUNDED; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: SKIPPER MANTER—NAY, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

Surplus Vote – West Tisbury School (WTS) - Tabled (Agenda item #IV)

Resignations (Agenda item #V)

- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FOLLOWING WEST TISBURY SCHOOL RESIGNATIONS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:*
 - *EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL LAIS SCHOENHERR (see Minutes: 3/21/22 Minutes p.4 #VII A, & 8/15/22 p.5 #V A), AND*
 - *FOURTH GRADE TEACHER DYAN DEMERS;*
- ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

A West Tisbury School (WTS) employee insurance encumbrance error left a \$38,287.12 shortfall in the June transfer vote (see 6/20/23 Minutes p.3-4 #IV B). The proposal was to cover it from the regional Contingency line in time for the July 15th FY23 closing deadline. The contingency was very close to the correct standard formula and well within the 80/20 WTS/Chilmark School split. Mr. Manter still objected to the use of contingency as inappropriate.

- *ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEE INSURANCE SHORTFALL BE PAID FROM THE REGIONAL CONTINGENCY LINE; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: SKIPPER MANTER—NAY, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

Adjournment

- *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:55PM; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE, ALEX SALOP—AYE.*

Meetings/Events

- Cabinet Retreat - July 31 - August 3, 2023
- UIRSC Meeting – TBD – Monday, August 21, 2023

Documents on File:

- Agenda/Revised Agenda (2 p.) 7/12/23
- Demers resignation letter 6/19/23
- Schoenherr email re: Resigning 7/5/23

Minutes approved 10/16/23