

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)/*Special Meeting*
School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Library or Zoom

Present: Chair – Kathryn Shertzer, Vice Chair (VC) – Skipper Manter, Jennifer Cutrer,
Robert Lionette, Kris O’Brien, Louis Paciello, Michael Watts Zoom - Roxanne Ackerman
Others: Town Counsel/Attorney of Mead, Talerma & Costa, LLC. – Brian Winner
Supt.’s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D.
Press: MVTV, Vineyard Gazette
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski

Please note: All business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action.

Call to Order

The meeting of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 6:03 PM by Chair Kathryn Shertzer; 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 Shertzer asked Attorney Brian Winner whether it was necessary to go into Executive Session. Attorney Winner advised a session would be necessary to discuss strategy.

MVRSD Land Court Appeal Update

(Agenda Item #II)

Executive session, subject to the chair’s declaration, to discuss litigation strategy, pursuant to G.L.c. 30A s21(a)(3), in the matter of Martha’s Vineyard regional high school versus the Oak Bluffs Planning Board, and the Town of Oak Bluffs Land Court NO. 22 MISC 000294. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Skipper Manter advised the Committee to have the meeting remain open; Kris O’Brien said we should listen to the guidance of Attorney Winner, who has advised the Committee to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy.

KRIS O’BRIEN AT X:XX PM, MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SUBJECT TO THE CHAIRS DECLARATION, TO DISCUSS LITIGATION STRATEGY, PURSUANT TO G.L.C. 30A S21(A)(3), IN THE MATTER OF MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL VERSUS THE OAK BLUFFS PLANNING BOARD, AND THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS LAND COURT NO. 22 MISC

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000294. TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR LITIGATION IF AN OPEN MEETING MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE BARGAINING OR LITIGATING POSITION OF THE PUBLIC BODY AND THE CHAIR SO DECLARES; VOTE TO RECONVENE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; AND TO INVITE SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD M. SMITH AND ATTORNEY BRIAN WINNER TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, , MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. ACKERMAN—NAY & MR. MANTER—NAY.

DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON A MOTION AT X:XX PM, TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION WAS MOVED BY MICHAEL WATTS AND SECONDED BY JENNIFER CUTRER; THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Return to Open Session

(Agenda Item #III)

Discussion:

- ❖ Mr. Manter asked how much money was left? Superintendent Richard M. Smith said there was approximately \$2200.00 from the recent \$5000.00 in donations slated for the appeal.
- ❖ Mr. Manter asked Attorney Winner if this was enough money to cover anticipated legal fees with \$2200.00 remaining? Attorney Winner said there was no prep necessary, just attendance at two events – one hour each; Mr. Manter replied: so likely yes...

Chair Shertzer read the Statement:

It is our understanding that both parties will file a joint status report tomorrow, October 5, 2023.

Both parties agree that no triable issues remain. Both parties agree that no additional discovery is warranted. However, we disagree on the final disposition of the case.

We anticipate a status conference and await the court's instructions. This will go in front of the judge.

We await the court's instruction.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #IV)

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 6:57 PM; LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

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Appendix A - Meetings/Events

Appendix B - Documents on File:

- Agenda MVRHS SC 10.4.23.docx

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

January 8, 2024

Date

Kathryn Shertzer – MVRHS SC Chair

Date

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

Date

APPROVED JANUARY 8, 2024