

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)
School Committee Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2023, 6:30PM
Library or Zoom

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FY25 BUDGET

Present: Chair – Kathryn Shertzer, Vice Chair (VC) – Skipper Manter, Roxanne Ackerman, Jennifer Cutrer, Robert Lionette, Kris O'Brien, Louis Paciello, *Zoom* - Michael Watts
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D., School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman,
Towns/County: Tisbury – Nancy Gilfoy, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet
Press: MV Times – Eunki Seonwoo, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader
Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski **Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHS SC members*

The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) will hold a public hearing under the requirements of Massachusetts G.L. Ch.71 Section 38N to review the MVRHS proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2025 and to receive comments from the public regarding this proposed budget. The public hearing will take place in the MVRHS Library on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM and also via zoom. Copies of the proposed budget will be available please contact Suzanne Cioffi at suzanne.cioffi@myvps.org.

Participation available remotely by Zoom. To preserve bandwidth, we suggest that participants join via the Zoom audio instructions set forth below, and reserve video links for School Committee members and administration.

Call to Order

Chair Kathryn Shertzer welcomed everyone to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) FY25 Budget Public Hearing at 6:33 PM. (*Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity*).

THE PROPOSED TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES BUDGET INCREASE WAS 7.65%
TOTAL OVERALL ASSESSED INCREASE WAS 6.48%.

Principal Sara Dingley said there had been work done to reduce the budget since the initial numbers were sent to the towns 2 ½ weeks ago.

She screen shared her presentation and highlighted some of the following:

- Increased revenue streams through grants from the State:
 - These revenues would be spent on student needs.
 - Principal Dingley reviewed the specific positions that would be created to support the student population.
- The growing population/increases in operating budget:
 - Athletics - investment in the programs
 - Facilities - maintain actuals for operating the plant
 - Capital projects

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Principal Dingley reviewed the page: *Crosswalk Of Goals Within The Budget*, which detailed what was being used to support the goals. *(Please see presentation for details)*

Suzanne Cioffi recapped the steps that were taken to reduce the budget numbers from what had been sent out prior to the meeting. She said Residential Care Placements and the Shared Services budgets had been reviewed and adjusted, as well as some capital improvement shifts, including purchases of new [electric] buses.

Robert Lionette said after reviewing the summation sheet, more clarity would be helpful to understand the final numbers that were presented.

Public Discussion: None.

ADJOURNMENT

*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 7:00 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.*

Documents on File:

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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