

**MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)/Special Meeting  
School Committee Meeting  
Friday, December 22, 2023 at 11:00 AM  
Library or Zoom**

Present: Chair – Kathryn Shertzer, Vice Chair (VC) – Skipper Manter\*, Jennifer Cutrer,  
Kris O’Brien, Louis Paciello, Michael Watts   Zoom: Robert Lionette  
Others: Town Counsel/Attorney of Mead, Talerma & Costa, LLC. – Brian Winner  
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi  
Supt.’s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D.,  
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman  
Towns/County: Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, 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*  
*\*Skipper Manter arrived at 11:09 AM.*

**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 11:02 AM 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 thanked everyone for attending.

**Appeal Update/Next Steps**

(Agenda Item #II)

Attorney Brian Winner said he received the Notice of Appeal yesterday; he said that was all he knew at this time. This was public information. He recommended going into executive session for steps on how to proceed.

- A. ( If necessary)Executive session, subject to the chairs declaration, to discuss litigation strategy, pursuant to G.L. C30A 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**

*LOUIS PACIELLO AT 11:05 AM, MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SUBJECT TO THE CHAIRS DECLARATION, TO DISCUSS LITIGATION STRATEGY, PURSUANT TO G.L. C30A 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; VOTE TO RECONVENE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; AND TO INVITE SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD M. SMITH, ATTORNEY BRIAN WINNER AND RECORDER TERESA KRUSZEWSKI TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. O’BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. LIONETTE—NAY.*

Due to technical difficulties, the session did not begin until 11:10 AM.

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*DISCUSSION ENSUED THEREON A MOTION AT 11:57 AM, TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION WAS MOVED BY KRIS O'BRIEN AND SECONDED BY LOUIS PACIELLO; THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Chair Shertzer presented the public statement as follows:

*Regardless of the Oak Bluffs Planning Board Notice to Appeal, they were enthusiastically moving forward, supported by the Land Court's decision, protected by the Dover Amendment.*

Suzanne Cioffi said \$225.00 remained for payment, this included all donations that had been received. Members determined there wasn't enough to pay the existing bills for Attorney Brian Winner.

**Overnight Travel Request Discussion - Vote**

(Agenda Item #III)

V/JV Wrestling

January 5 & 6, 2024: Salem, MA

*SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ALLOW THE OVERNIGHT TRIP; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

*MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**Adjournment**

(Agenda Item #IV)

*KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 12:08 PM;*

*LOUIS PACIELLO SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS,*

*0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE,*

*MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**Appendix A - Meetings/Events**

**Appendix B - Documents on File:**

- MVRHS SC 12.22.23
- Wrestling Travel Request.pdf

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

**March 4, 2024**

**Date**

**Kathryn Shertzer – MVRHS SC Chair**

**Date**

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

**Date**

**APPROVED MARCH 4, 2024**