

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 8:30AM
Oak Bluffs School Conference Room

Present: Chair: Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Nancy Dugan,
Staff/Students – Kelly Pecararo and 5 third grade students,
Recorder - Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:37AM.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2019 - Tabled (Agenda Item #I)

Public Comment – None (Agenda Item #II)

Superintendent's Report: (Agenda Item #III)

A) Spotlight on Learning

The Third Grade Teacher Kelly Pecararo and five students presented a show and tell about the importance of research and writing to understand the truth. They were studying Wampanoag life a long time ago, putting together pieces of information like a jigsaw and organizing it like a burger, with details in the middle while practicing word typing skills with captions for their pictures. Wampanoag boys learned about woods and animal tracks. Girls learned to sew clothes when they were old enough, and harvested crops with the women. Men and women carried babies on their back.

- The OBSC applauded and thanked the students.
- There was a brief conversation on gender proportions in education.

B) New Education Law - Tabled

Financial Report (Agenda Item #IV)

Principal Megan Farrell presented a level service budget without any new positions. She appreciated the Town support over the last years to maintain the building and add much needed staff: an English Language Learners (ELL) and two Education Support Professionals (ESPs).

- All grades required three sections except for a dip now in second grade of only two sections. The additional teacher was working as a Math Specialist in the lower grades. As the dip moved up through the grades teachers would be assigned to special instruction as needed, however this could be a problem when the dip reached middle school level. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2020-21 School Year was currently 34, although the Early Childhood Director reported a number of pre-school students.
- School Choice population and revenues had increased.
- New England School Development Council (NESDEC) projections showed a drop in enrollment (see 1/15/19 Minutes p.1 #4).
- At this point she considered staffing to be adequate and the facility to be in good shape after resolution of many capital needs: roof, heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC), door locks, phones, public address (PA) system, etc.
- Prin. Farrell would submit a flooring request for the Library, Tech Room and seven classrooms that still had the original rugs.
- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET DRAFT #2 AT \$8,640,035.70 OR 2.98% INCREASE; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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- A) Fund Balance Report** - Tabled (See documents on file.)
- B) Expenditure Report** - Tabled (See documents on file.)
- C) Revolving School Lunch Fund** - Tabled (See documents on file.)

Principal's Report (Agenda Item #V)

- A) Facilities Update** – Tabled
- B) Solar Panel Update** - Tabled
- C) Recreational Area Project Update** - Tabled
- D) MCAS** - Tabled

Personnel: Leah Tofte-Dorr's Request for a Career Alternative Leave
(Agenda Item #VI)

Old /New Business (Agenda Item #VII)

**Correspondence: School Use Requests: MVRHS Freshman Basketball:
20 Miler** - Tabled (Agenda Item #VIII)

Executive Session – Not needed (Agenda Item #12)

The next OBSC meeting will be 8:30AM, Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the Oak Bluffs School Conference Room.

Adjourn

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:56AM; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Documents on file:

Agenda 1/7/20

OBS FY'21 Budget Analysis Draft #2 12/17/19

OBS Employee List for 2020/2021 Budgeting Purposes (3 p.) 12/16/19

OBS 2020-2021 General Fund Proposed Budget Draft #2, December 17, 2019 (6 p.)

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 1/3/2020

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2019-2020 (4 p.) 1/3/20

Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY20

Substitute Balance Report OBS FY20 1/3/20

School Choice FY20 Report

Tofte-Dorr letter re: Alternative Career leave request 3/6/19

Application for Use of the Oak Bluffs School – MVRHS (2 p.) 12/4/19

Application for Use of the Oak Bluffs School – 508 Multisports "MV20 Miler (2 p.)
12/18/19

Application for Use of the Oak Bluffs School – Martha's Vineyard United (2 p.) 12/13/19

Minutes approved 1/21/20

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Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Amy Tierney,
Nancy Dugan,
MV Lacrosse – Joe Mikos, Recorder - Marni Lipke
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The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:34AM.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2019, January 7, 2020
(Agenda Item #II)

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 29, 2019 AND JANUARY 7, 2020 MINUTES; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.*

Public Comment - None (Agenda Item #III)

Correspondence (See documents on file.) (Agenda Item #IX)

• School Use Requests: MVRHS Freshman Basketball, MV United; 20 Miler; MV Youth Lacrosse, Battle in the Bluffs

• Lacrosse Coach Joe Mikos would coordinate with MV United Soccer on school use. Both organizations understood OBS use had priority. The OBSC thanked Coach Mikos for the time he dedicated to students.

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE USE OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL AS INDICATED BY:*

- *JOE MIKOS AND MARTHA'S VINEYARD YOUTH LACROSSE MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAY'S FROM 5:00PM TO 6:00PM, MARCH 16-APRIL 15, 2020; AND*

- *OLIVER HOLMES - MATT MALOWSKI AND MARTHA'S VINEYARD UNITED MARCH 23 – JUNE 27, 2020;*

LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

• The 20-Miler had a history of excellent use, care of the school, and donations to Island youth programs.

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE USE OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL AS INDICATED BY SAMANTHA CLELAND AND 508 MULTISPORTS MV20MILER, FEBRUARY 15, 2020 FROM 9:00AM TO 5:00PM; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

• Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) use had worked out well last year.

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE USE OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL AS INDICATED BY MVRHS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL, JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 2020 FROM 3:15PM TO 4:30PM; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

• The request by the League of Women Voters on their 100th Anniversary, involved substantial fees and custodial set up and breakdown on an Easter weekend Saturday evening. The OBSC and Administration suggested other venues be explored first.

• Battle in the Bluffs pulled many youths, however, last year there was a dispute over fee payment. Some years they used the MVRHS as a rain venue although they preferred the OBS as the closer location.

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- *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE USE OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL AS INDICATED BY CONNECTIVE INC./BATTLE IN THE BLUFFS, JULY 2-3, 2020 FROM 7:45AM PENDING:*
 - AN ADVANCE DEPOSIT OF THE ENTIRE (TWO DAYS) CUSTODIAL FEES, AND
 - SUBMISSION OF AN INSURANCE CERTIFICATE;
- LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Spotlight on Learning - None

(Agenda Item #I)

Superintendent's Report

(Agenda Item #IV)

A) New Education Law

- The Law would bring slightly more State Chapter 70 reimbursement to Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) and would look closely at subgroups: Special Education (SpEd), English Language Learners (ELL) and other minorities. Any school showing significant achievement gaps between a subgroup and the total school would have to submit a written action plan. OBS was probably in reasonable shape, however, there might be issues with other MVPS around non-certified teachers.
- Every MVPS except Chilmark had underground oil tanks that required cleaning and inspection every three years—above ground tanks every five years. OBS was the only one up-to-date on inspections. A company would be hired to perform all MVPS cleaning/inspections in September. The OBSC thanked Principal Megan Farrell for her work keeping the OBS facility as a model for other schools.

Financial Report

(Agenda Item #V)

A) Fund Balance Report (See documents on file.)

The Residential account would be spent to \$0. School Choice money would pay to replace aging rugs (see 1/7/20 Minutes p.2).

C) Revolving School Lunch Fund (See documents on file.)

The fund was in good shape after a \$42,000 rollover from Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19).

B) Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

Mid-year transfers were reviewed. Salaries transfers were due to shifts from:

- two maternity leaves, and an extended medical leave;
- continuing After School Clubs success and extension into spring semester;
- Professional Development (PD) substitute expenses for: Fontas & Pinnell, Massachusetts Writing Initiative, Data Coach and Multi-Tiered System Support (MTSS) trainings.
 - The OBSC explored the MTSS process in terms of six-week evaluation periods, team meetings, and interventions—including Sheltered English Immersion Tier interventions. The initiative would improve OBS student needs and achievement documentation. Prin. Farrell noted possible pressure from the Commissioner of Education on the high proportion of OBS Special Education students, and assured the OBSC that no child needing an Individual Education Plan (IEP) would be neglected.
- Other budget transfer negatives were discussed.
- Computer Supplies were very tight but hopefully the Technology Lab would survive one more year until the equipment/lease update.

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- Transportation costs had been shifted from the MVRHS to the local runs, raising the OBS FY21 Budget by \$9,300.
 - ° Regional districts (MVRHS and Up Island Regional School District (UIRSC) received State Ch. 71 reimbursement for transportation costs. The MVRHS was reimbursed only for MVRHS runs. The longer UIRSC runs were charged more.
 - ° As the OBSC representative on the Transportation Subcommittee Kris O'Brien would advocate strongly for the OBS.
 - ° Superintendent Matt D'Andrea noted that the transportation costs had been rising for some time and had been absorbed by the MVRHS. The current configuration of costs more closely mirrored per run expenses.
 - ° Prin. Farrell requested the information be submitted in a more timely manner.
- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFERS FROM TEACHERS INCREMENT LINE INTO NEGATIVE LINE ITEMS AS NEEDED AND TO DIRECT THE ACTIONS BE REPORTED TO THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT THE NEXT MEETING; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- The OBSC acknowledged Edgartown's good fortune in hiring MVPS Business Administrator Amy Tierney, but expressed their own sadness over losing her expertise and amazing work scope—including a previous difficult history of Oak Bluffs accounting. Ms. Tierney thanked everyone, commended the excellent OBS / Town progress, and offered her advice as only a phone call away.

Principal's Report

(Agenda Item #VI)

A) Facilities Update – Punch List

Prin. Farrell thanked Town Administrator Bob Whritenour for working with her to hire a construction CX agent mechanical engineer to look at scope and quality of the work (see 11/19/19 Minutes p.3 #7.1). All 28 heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) roof units (now 27 years old) had been serviced/cleaned, and the classroom controls replaced. She met with the, Owners Project Manager (OPM), CX Agent, contractor and sub-contractor on the remaining problems. No further funds would be paid out until all problems were resolved and the punch list completed.

- The solar grant coordinator and contractor made a presentation to the Selectmen; however, in correlation with the Firestone roof warranty, there would be no solar construction until all roof/HVAC issues were resolved.
- Mass/Save would provide energy saving lighting products for the gym at 30¢ on the dollar. The new lights would be installed during February break.

Personnel: Leah Tofte-Dorr's Request for a Career Alternative Leave

(Agenda Item #VII)

Maker space teacher, Ms. Tofte-Dorr left to teach in New Zealand. Administration asked that she notify OBS by July 2020 whether she would return, extend her leave, or resign.

- Certified science teacher Robert Colbert would oversee the maker-space/engineering.
- Prin. Farrell outlined staff shifts occasioned by various leaves of absence (see above: p.3 #V B).

• *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 TO JANUARY 1, 2021 TO LEAH TOFTE-DORR WITH ALL BEST WISHES; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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Old /New Business

(Agenda Item #VIII)

- The Field Fund sent an outline of its procedures (but not the requested schedule for coordination) and was dedicated to continuing OBS fields care. Field Fund's Clark Myers met with Prin. Farrell on Field Fund upkeep measures. Prin. Farrell wrote a letter of thanks. The OBSC thanked the Field Fund for its generosity and discussed a letter.
- Tickets for the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) fundraiser were distributed to OBSC members, who remembered how much fun last year's fundraiser was.

Executive Session – Not needed

(Agenda Item #X)

The next OBSC meeting will be 8:30AM, Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the Oak Bluffs School Conference Room.

Adjourn

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:47AM; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Documents on file:

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Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY20

School Choice FY20 Report

Substitute Balance Report OBS FY20 1/17/20

Tierney cover email re: FY20 Budget Transfers 1/21/20

OBS Budget Journal Entry Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (5 p.) 1/21/20

OBS FY'21 Budget Analysis Draft #2 12/11/19

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Application for Use of the Oak Bluffs School – MV Youth Lacrosse (2 p.) 1/10/20

Application for Use of the Oak Bluffs School – Connective, Inc./Battle in the Bluffs (2 p.)
1/6/20

Application for Use of the Oak Bluffs School – League of Women Voters of Martha's
Vineyard (2 p.) 1/17/20

Please Join Us for Oak Bluffs Elementary School's Fundraiser 1/25/20 (3 p.)

The Field Fund, Inc. is Committee to Forging Long-Term Partnerships...(5 p.) 1/7/20

Minutes approved 2/18/20.

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Present: Acting Chair: Kathryn Shertzer, Kris O'Brien*,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Nancy Dugan,
Mark Friedman,
Staff – Julie Gaffey, Julie Rodenbaugh,
Recorder - Marni Lipke

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The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting started at 8:33AM with the Student Spotlight and was called to order at 8:38AM.

Spotlight on Learning (Agenda Item #I)

Ms. Rodenbaugh's and Ms. Gaffey's kindergarteners presented their ideas on what they wished they had 100 of.

Minutes Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2020 (Agenda Item #II)

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 21, 2020 MINUTES; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Public Comment - None (Agenda Item #III)

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item #IV)

Superintendent Matt D'Andrea introduced Interim Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Business Manager Mark Friedman.

A. Enrollment Projections

New England School Development Council (NESDEC) projections showed an enrollment decline over the next five years to about 370 students, while Tisbury School showed a slight increase. Currently enrollment was at 413 Kindergarten through eighth grade (K through 8) plus 16 in Project Headway.

The OBS and Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) would be interviewed by the OB FinCom this Thursday, February 20th at 5:00PM. The OBS budget was at 2.89% increase and the MVRHS budget was at 2.06%.

- Towns continued to discuss the MVRHS assessment formula for changes in capital improvements. Tappé Architects was hired to provide some visioning guidance for reconstruction/renovation options.

Financial Report (Agenda Item #V)

The OBS was in good financial shape on the 100th day of the year.

A. Fund Balance Report (See documents on file.)

- A \$133,000 School Choice Fund balance (with more deposits projected) was expected to pay for summer flooring replacements—a rug for the Library and laminates for the Tech Room and seven Middle School classrooms.
- During the winter break new balusters would be installed in the gym—equipment was grant funded, installation cost \$8,000.
- The Residential account was expected to be totally expended.

B. Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

- A Kindergarten long term absence was expected to end in March. Absences and maternity leaves could be covered by the Teacher's Increment residual.

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- Advisory spending for After School Clubs would restart after the February break including: Girls on the Run which helped girls understand sexual and social issues along with a 5-kilometer Boston run—Principal Megan Farrell was junior coach. Other clubs included: robotics, coding, and chess. The OBSC was happy to support such spending.
- Deficits in Professional Development (PD) and Mileage (new Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rates) would increase slightly for conference attendance. Prin. Farrell brought a team to the Island to train staff in the difference between the previous Response to Intervention (RTI) and the Massachusetts Tiered System of Support (MTSS)—with the goal of promoting co-teaching as a school-wide initiative.
- A light winter left a substantial fuel residual.
- The Custodian OT Line reflected a vacancy, necessitating a contract with A1 Cleaning.

C. Revolving School Lunch Fund (See documents on file.)

The Fund showed a positive balance. New cafeteria tables and kitchen equipment were planned for the summer.

Principal's Report

(Agenda Item #VI)

Prin. Farrell expressed pride in and announced a number of OBS events:

- the 100 day celebration,
- Girls Basketball championship,
- the March 20-21 Talent Show,
- March Parent Conferences in March, and
- MCAS testing starting in April.
- OBS technology (Chromebooks and WiFi) could accommodate MCAS testing. Staff was setting up Special Education preparations. For the first time 3rd thru 8th grades would be tested at the same time to reduce the number of testing days.

• Facilities Update

- The final heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) punch list should be completed during winter vacation week.
- Solar project engineering design had to be amended to include a roof safety walk thru.
- Community Preservation Committee/Act (CPC/CPA) moneys were spent down on tennis court improvements. Final steps were waiting favorable weather: three consecutive days of 50°F or higher without rain. Basketball courts were done.
- A new fire alarm system would hopefully be installed this summer.

Old /New Business – None

(Agenda Item #VII)

Correspondence (See 1/21/20 Minutes p.1-2 #IX.) (Agenda Item #VIII)

There was no response from Battle of the Bluffs and the League of Women Voters was referred to the Library (to eliminate paying custodial costs).

Executive Session – Not needed

(Agenda Item #12)

Next Meeting

The next OBSC meeting will be 8:30AM, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Oak Bluffs School Conference Room.

Adjourn

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:15AM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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Documents on file:

Agenda 2/18/20

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 2/14/2020

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2019-2020 (3 p.) 2/14/20

Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY20

School Choice FY20 Report

Substitute Balance Report OBS FY20 2/14/20

Enrollment Projections Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Oak Bluffs School
(8 p. not counting blanks) 12/9/19

Minutes approved 3/31/20.

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 8:30 AM
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Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office –Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Nancy Dugan,
Recorder - Marni Lipke *Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:39AM.
Assistant Superintendent Richie Smith read an excerpt from a Chronicle of Higher Education article on perspectives of world-wide crises as applied to the current Covid-19 pandemic (see documents on file).
The OBSC thanked their leadership for their tireless work dealing with the situation and noted Reid & Moira Silva's excellent letter recognizing the Schools' outstanding job (see documents on file).

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2020

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 18, 2020 MINUTES; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION—LISA REAGAN due to absence.

Public Comment - None

Superintendent's Report

• **Covid-19 Update**

Superintendent Matt D'Andrea praised the incredible creativity and work of the Martha's Vineyard Public School (MVPS) teachers, who were doing their best to adapt to distance learning and instruction. In addition Administration was utilizing Education Support Professionals (ESPs) in a number of practical ways, support during on-line classes, helping with lunch deliveries, as a familiar face to students, etc.

Massachusetts Governor Baker had extended school closures until May 4th and Cabinet subcommittees were finalizing strategies. Supt. D'Andrea pointed out unexpected benefits such as learning to conduct MVPS Cabinet meetings on line—eliminating previous Principal objections to absence from their schools. A Union/MVPS Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was being negotiated, reviewed by counsel and would be presented at the upcoming All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting.

The MVPS were giving out over 100 meals (breakfast and lunch) at each of the five sites. Thanks went to Island Grown Initiative (IGI) that had offered financial support to offset unforeseen expenses. The Board of Health (BOH) had certified the lunch preparation procedures, which had been efficiently and timely instituted by OBS Cafeteria Head Leah Miranda. An email blast from the Principals notified families of opportunities for home delivery—out of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) or pick up at site.

Counseling support was available on line and coordinated with staff including the Nurse and lunch programs.

Financial Report

• **Fund Balance Report** (See documents on file.)

Recent practice no longer allowed Circuit Breaker funds to be rolled over from year to year and consequently the OBS returned \$3-4,000.

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A number of bills would reduce the \$131,000 School Choice balance; for example some BTU work, and the \$17,000 electrician's invoice for the completed gym lights project (see 2/18/20 Minutes p.1 #V A) (with a number of small rewiring items).

The Revolving Lunch Fund was still in the positive, although the February State reimbursement had not yet been received. OBS had suspended payment reminders to parents.

• **Expenditure Report** (See documents on file.)

Principal Megan Farrell reviewed the overages—most of which would be covered from the Teachers Increment line.

- The Substitute call-in deficit was a negotiated contract item. Long-term Substitute expenses were expected to remain stable. Regular Day Substitutes showed per-diem pay for a leave of absence substitute. Other substitute expenses included an ESP long-term absence and the Nurses salary line.
- Since the spring After School activities had been canceled due to the Covid-19 closure the Advisors overage was not likely to increase.
- Computer Supplies included the copy machine and there was a small overage in Custodial Supplies.
- Prin. Farrell was trying to continue Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) professional development (PD) with on-line small groups. She had reached out to Massachusetts Computer Using Educators (MassCUE) about additional PD on remote learning and was also considering Google trainings. However the idea was to offer resources slowly without putting people under too much stress.

Principal's Report

• **Covid-19 Update**

The primary message to the faculty was to reassure them that the OBS loved, cared about and missed them, appreciating their compassion/concern which would bring the community through the difficulty. Teachers, sorely missed their students but were happy to connect to them face-to-face over the internet. Faculty was working constantly, creating amazing materials, and collaborating among themselves on a daily basis. Concerns were relayed to the Administration over students needing devices, support, counseling, etc. Guidance/staff sent out a survey to gauge student needs in terms of: instruction levels and schedules and emotional states. A weekly schedule of activities had taken shape, including regular "office" hours for Administrators, Guidance and the Nurse.

Middle school ESPs were assigned content specialties in collaboration with teachers. Reading and Math specialists were meeting over the internet with small groups of students, as were English Language Learners (ELL) and Special Education teachers. Gym, Music and Art teachers were supporting other staff teams.

It was noted that some Middle School students were supervising younger siblings learning platforms while parents were at work. The OBSC commended the OBS instituted activities grid that allowed parents across the MVPS to choose classes and activities.

Acknowledging the difficulties for everyone due to the unsettling situation that changed from day to day, here and at the end of the meeting, there was continual praise for teachers, administrators and all support staff, as well as the parents and community for their generous, unflagging support and strength.

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The changes to the solar roof project (see 2/18/20 Minutes p.2 #VI) had been designed and were being reviewed by the architect. Heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) contractors were working on mitigating final glitches. As was often the case, there was no movement on the final punch list which constituted about 8% of the total work and consequently Prin. Farrell had withheld substantial funds and was withdrawing from the current General Contractor (GC) to enter into a different contract.

- As carpet was damaged by previous roof leaks, some of the replacement could be rolled into the project costs.

Repairs to the fire alarm (see Minutes: 9/17/19 p.3 #iv & 2/18/20 p.2 #VI) would be submitted to the new Interim Fire Chief.

Old /New Business: Personnel

• **Retirement – Zach Tileston**

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH REGRET AND BEST WISHES THE RETIREMENT OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHER ZACH TILSON AS OF JUNE 30, 2020; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

• **Leave of Absence – Charlotte Hall**

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE 2020-21 AND 2021-22 SCHOOL YEARS TO SECOND GRADE EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL CHARLOTTE HALL; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Correspondence - None

Executive Session – Not needed

The next OBSC meeting will be 8:30AM, **Wednesday**, April 22, 2020 by remote participation.

• Annual/Special Town Meeting was currently scheduled for May 24, with elections on May 26, 2020.

Adjourn

LISA REAGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:36AM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Documents on file:

Agenda 3/31/20 (Agenda 3/17/20 Canceled)

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 3/24/2020

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2019-2020 (3 p.) 3/24/20

Tileston retirement letter 2/6/20

Hall email re: Leave Request 3/10/30

D'Andrea letters to Parents re: school closure 3/12/20 & 3/13/20

Why You Should Ignore All That Coronavirus Inspired Productivity Pressure (5 p.)
3/27/20

Schools are Doing Their Part 3/27/20

Minutes approved 4/22/20

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, April 22, 2020, 8:30 AM
By Zoom Cloud Conference due to the Covid-19 Crisis

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Recorder - Marni Lipke *Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:31AM. Zoom technology protocol was explained—roll call votes were required.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of March 31st, 2020

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 31, 2020 MINUTES; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: LISA REAGAN—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE.

Public Comment - None

Superintendent's Report

The State extended school closure to the end of the academic year. The Remote Learning Program would be continued (see 4/2/20 AISC Minutes p.2-4 #III B-C) and additional guidelines from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) could be accommodated as necessary. The school year end date was not yet decided. Teachers continued to reach out, challenging and moving students forward.

School Choice Vote (See documents on file.)

Superintendent Matt D'Andrea recommended renewing School Choice as a beneficial option for Martha's Vineyard Public School (MVPS) children allowing them to choose a school that best fit their needs. Principal Megan Farrell emphasized the ability to control school choice slots and that the practice generated substantial revenues for the OBS.

- The OBSC requested they receive written copies of any policy being voted.
- Other MVPS districts voted the policy. The Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) debated it annually. Principals decided school choice slot availability by the size and dynamic of each class. (Edgartown School also set a school choice maximum).
- KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING AS A SCHOOL OF CHOICE FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.

Financial Report

• **Fund Balance Report** (See documents on file.)

The Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) budget was in good shape.

- Circuit Breaker would be depleted by Special Education/Residential Placement needs. These funds could be rolled over from year-to-year with two exceptions:
 - any unspent Extraordinary Relief funds had to be returned to the Town,
 - only the amount received in the year could be rolled over.
- The Revolving Lunch fund was also healthy at ~\$31,000 and awaiting State March and April reimbursement—(see also below: p.2-3, Principal's Report).
- School Choice funds essentially covered OBS maintenance costs. The current balance was about \$124,000 after paying several bills. Two more months' revenue was expected.

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- The following accounts could be rolled over: School Choice, Circuit Breaker, Revolving Lunch, and Student Activities.

• **Student Activities Account Audit**

Town Accountant Deborah Potter requested, and had funds to pay for, a Student Activity account audit (rough cost estimate \$3,000). The OBS was working on returning funds collected for the eighth grade trip and the Museum of Science trip which had been canceled due to the Covid-19 closure.

• *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD ON AN AUDIT OF THE STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

• **Expenditure Report** (See documents on file & 3/31/20 Minutes p.2.)

- Most deficits could be covered by the Teacher's Increment Line residual.
- Substitute deficits: call-in was contractual; regular teachers, nurse and kindergarten, were the result of long-term absences.
- The Town's \$55,000 share of the carpet replacement (see 11/19/19 Minutes p.2 #6.3) was no longer available. Prin. Farrell was working on other options.
- Special Education Salary deficit was due to a teacher change.
- A custodian retired and another was not rehired resulting in a Salary line residual.
- Inaccurate budgeting produced a Copier Maintenance line deficit. Computer Supplies deficit would be stable because of the school closure.
- There would be a Fuel a residual, but Lights/Power would show it's usual small deficit.
- The Town requested Departments return as much FY20 funds as possible to relieve pressure from the financial downturn.
- The OBSC requested transfers be proposed for a vote at the next meeting.

Principal's Report

(Agenda Item #6)

The best part of Prin. Farrell's week was the virtual school community meeting, which was shown in excerpts:

- students: acknowledging birthdays, pledging allegiance, talking about their experiences and love of the School "together even when apart";
- gratitude exercise focusing on Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" which he painted in gratitude;
- Coach's trick shot challenge;
- new, independent and decodable on-line books.

OBS was proud to report they had eyes on 99.8% of their students, and had found the final (and fairly new) student recently. The OBSC expressed their overwhelming pride and gratitude for the OBS administrators, staff and entire community.

• **Food Service Update**

The OBSC explored the food service model, parameters and future at some length.

- Deliveries were on Mondays and Thursdays including easily prepared and ready to heat meals and also including fruit, snacks, etc.
- Families were asked to submit a pickup form to help with preparation numbers. Experience proved food service workers should prepare about 20% more units than forms received. Average distribution was about 90 families with no questions asked and no one turned away.
- MVPS were discussing meal definitions with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to determine State reimbursement for the changed protocol—from daily meals to twice weekly bags.

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- As the financial crisis deepened, IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY ON INCLUDING SUNDAY MEALS IN THE DISTRIBUTIONS.
- The OBS was anticipating the State/Federal March and April reimbursement but at this point did not see financial problems with lunch revenues. OBS was very close to the “Free and Reduced” level allowing Electronics Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards for all its students. State and Federal reimbursement rates and other options were reviewed.
- To allow distribution when schools were not in session (due to Covid-19) the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) amended regulations extending the Summer Seamless Option (SSO). The OBSC hoped this would expand food service throughout the summer.
- Anyone wishing to make a financial or food donation could contact a school’s Principal.
- The OBSC discussed future implications of food and funding availability, and OBS student/family priorities. The MVPS would continue to publicize and coordinate with other Island food sources: Churches, Island Food Pantry, Caring Hands Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS), Meals on Wheels, etc.
- Food Service Worker safety was also a concern. Practices and safety precautions were developed in consultation with the Board of Health agent—which could be reaffirmed if requested.
- The OBSC considered a more uniform system centralized at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) however this would present complex adjustments:
 - financial reimbursement was currently based on individual districts/schools;
 - distribution would be more problematic, as many lived farther away from the MVRHS than their local schools;
 - concentration of staff would increase risk and friction;
 - pickup afforded families a treasured chance to see their home school and staff.
- The OBSC offered their assistance and asked to be informed of any substantial increase in need.

Old /New Business – None

Correspondence – None

Executive Session – Not needed

The next OBSC meeting will be 8:30AM, Tuesday, May 19, 2020 by Zoom Conference

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:11AM.

Documents on file:

Agenda 4/22/20

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 4/20/2020

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2019-2020 (3 p.) 4/20/20

Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY20

School Choice FY20 Report

Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, School Choice Policy 2/18/14

Alton email re: School Committee Packets 4/20/30

Minutes approved 5/19/20

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 8:30 AM
By Zoom Cloud Conference due to the Covid-19 Crisis

- Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Nancy Dugan,
Mark Friedman,
OBS/MVPS Jennifer Bausman, Larissa Bernat, Maureen Best, Kerry Branca,
Emily Brown, Maureen Farrissey, Julie Gaffey, Eve Heyman,
Jean Holenko, Donna Hopson, Janet Howard, Danielle Light,
Amy Lukowitz, Melissa Mahoney, Kayla Mantambault, Doreen Marino,
Liz McMahan, Rob Oslon, Kathy Parker, Gina Patti, Sam Pio,
Julie Rodenbaugh, Ken Romero, Teresa Temple, Hannah VanDerlaske,
David Weinberg,
MVTEA Anne Davey, Nedine Cunningham, Spencer D'Agostino.
Recorder - Marni Lipke *Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:32AM.
- (Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of April 22nd, 2020

- KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE APRIL 22, 2020 MINUTES; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.

Public Comment - None

Chair Lisa Reagan welcomed everyone to the virtual community meeting, and expressed the OBSC overwhelming pride and gratitude in the OBS engagement with 100% of their students.

Superintendent's Report

- An All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was scheduled for 5:00PM, Thursday, May 28, 2020 to discuss the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Shared Services budget—which would effect all other Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) budgets.
- School Choice applications letters were due June 1, 2020.

Financial Report

• **Fund Balance Report** (See documents on file.)

- The \$19,000 Circuit Breaker balance would be rolled over for FY21 Special Education needs. A residential placement student had returned to the Compass Program.
- The OBS was blessed by State funding which had bolstered the Revolving Lunch fund to a \$48,000 balance (see also below p.2).
- \$133,000 in School Choice would be mostly used for maintenance and repair.
- Action was needed on the Student Activity account (see documents on file).

• **Expenditure Report** (See documents on file.)

- Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) was in fairly good shape. Deficits were reviewed for transfers:
- the contractual overage in substitutes,
 - kindergarten (K) Education Support Professional (ESP) maternity leave,
 - dental and longevity,
 - Special Education from a staff shift,
 - Advisors for the After School program,

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- Undistributed Textbooks, Computer Supplies, Copier Maintenance,
- Mileage, Custodial Supplies,
- a new Power & Light deficit (see also below: #6).
- Residuals included a number salary lines including: Substitutes, Custodial and Teacher Increment.
- An additional \$10,000 was added for unknown end-of-year transfers.
- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 TRANSFERS AS PROPOSED FOR A TOTAL OF \$89,650; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*
- The OBSC explained to the public that lines in deficit were a good way to track true expenditures for budget planning. Thanks went the Principal Megan Farrell for her close monitoring and reporting of budget lines.

- Family lunch debt reflected pre-Covid-19 closure levels, which given current circumstances the OBSC was content to cover, noting the widespread unemployment and financial troubles. In general this was slightly lower than the usual winter debt, due in part to increased State funding. Staff debt was always self-resolved. A shout-out went to Administration Support Professionals (ASPs) Helen Hall and Denitsa Alton for all the accounting and paperwork required for State reimbursement.
- *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$1,722.52 FROM SCHOOL CHOICE FUND TO COVER FAMILY LUNCH DEBT; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Principal's Report

(Agenda Item #6)

• Food Service Update

Prin. Farrell and the OBSC expressed their pride in all the food service workers and everyone that supported the OBS lunch program: highlighting the hard work and commitment to community. Lunch menus were being changed.

• Leave of Absence – Kathryn Townes

• *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR FOR KATHRYN TOWNES WITH GRATITUDE AND ALL BEST WISHES; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.* The OBSC recognized the loss to the school and gain to her family.

• The OBS sent out a mass mailing on English Language Learners (ELL) Access testing results showing the great news for the ELL population. Prin. Farrell saluted the amazing staff: reading specialist, general education teachers, ELL staff, all working together to grow OBS students.

Facilities

• A Cape Light Compact energy audit was scheduled for May 28th. Prin. Farrell was looking for green building grant funding to replace such things as ballasts, lights, boiler room materials, etc.

• As the construction ban was lifted, New England Sports Courts scheduled painting (see 2/18/20 Minutes p.2 #VI). When finished there would one tennis and two pickle courts and a back board. (See also below: p.3 #9.)

- On the roof/heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC)/fire alarm project. Covid-19 closure delayed the State inspector. The fire alarm project was still in process but was

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slowed by the illness of a contractor. The HVAC punch list was in final analysis. Prin. Farrell noted the fresh cool air in the building. 29 HVAC roof motors might account for some of the Power & Light deficit. The Request for the Proposal (RFP) for carpet replacement was going forward but work was dependent on the residual from the bond.

- The custodians were painting the school interior. Prin. Farrell looked forward to a refurbished building for a possible September 2020 opening.

- Prin. Farrell reviewed the remarkable ways the staff was working on remote learning:
 - Special Education/Individual Education Plan (IEP) outreach, office hours, individual work plans and ESP support;
 - increased staff skill in using software such as FlipGrids and decodable books,
 - a plethora of instructional strategies like reading specialist small groups;
 - ELL hard work and participation,
 - weekly team meetings,
 - social/emotional priority and Guidance availability;
 - health service and Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS) resources;
 - delivery of materials and food.

Examples of this work was shown in a video of a fourth grade science project with student and teacher feedback on student reports on platypuses and a giraffes.

- Presentations like this were the OBSC's favorite part of every meeting. They spoke emotionally about how proud they were to represent OB and serve on its School Committee. They commended the teachers for their quick response and flawless progress. Jeanie Holenko, also spoke emotionally about the their gratitude and admiration for the OBSC and Prin. Farrell whose advocacy of technological learning had been a big advantage to the success of remote learning. School itself was better and they missed it, but this was the best of a hard situation.

- The Principal's Report ended with a video courtesy of Eve Heyman and her spouse of OBS students expressing their gratitude for things in their lives:

- remote snacking with cousins in Denver;
- playing with siblings and watching younger siblings learning to crawl and walk;
- increasing fun and skills on the trampoline
- learning and riding bikes to the beach with grandparents;
- spending time with pets, watching birds, or getting four red hen chickens;
- fishing off the pier or collecting sea glass with the family;
- drive-by or parade birthday parties;
- art projects, baking challenges and reading books.

Old /New Business

(Agenda Item #9)

- IT WAS CONSENSUS OF THE OBSC TO CONTINUE THE STATUS QUO OF ITS OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

- KRIS O'BRIEN AND KATHRYN SHERTZER AS MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MVRHSC) REPRESENTATIVES;
- LISA REAGAN AS CHAIR. The OBSC thanked Lisa Reagan for all her extra work.

- Community businesses asked about using the OBS sports courts. The basketball court would be unlocked on May 25th according the Governor's Covid opening order. However the other courts were scheduled for painting and could only be used for the designated games—weight training damaged the surfaces. Other issues included: OBSC voted uses, school summer maintenance, summer school—if opened, liability and profit/non-profit issues. Consequently Prin. Farrell requested use be restricted at this time.

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- After all the commendations and appreciation, Kris O'Brien as Chair of the MVRHSC Budget Subcommittee and OBSC representative, tearfully and reluctantly reported that Towns were requesting reductions in FY21 Budgets. The unpredictable financial future and almost certain drops in real estate tax payments indicated the advisability of level funding the OBS budget to FY20 levels—about a \$200,000 reduction. Two June meeting dates were scheduled (see below).
- Eve Heyman understood the request but she felt asking Prin. Farrell to present a level funded budget was a difficult task, particularly as information was scant, and the next school year was an unknown. She spoke of the almost certain cut in salaries, unemployed spouses, harder work in the last 10 weeks than ever before in her long career as a teacher.
- The OBSC thanked her for sharing and also stressed the uncharted future, from MVRHS graduation plans to the next year's school configuration to State guidance. The OBSC appreciated Prin. Farrell's position and did not ask this lightly. However, they emphasized it was their job to plan in a timely fashion for various financial eventualities.

Correspondence - None

Executive Session – Not needed

The next OBSC meetings will be: 10:30AM, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 by Zoom, and
8:30AM, Tuesday, June 16, 2020 by Zoom
Special & Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, June 16, 2020 the Tabernacle

Adjourn

The OBSC again thanked everyone for their presence (including to their joy the two babies) and for everything they did every day and apologized for adding to the difficulties of the situation. They thanked Marni Lipke for her intrepid delivery of minutes.

• *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:40AM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: LISA REAGAN—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER —AYE.*

• Due to an oversight, *THE OBSC UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY EMAIL ON MAY 21, 2020 TO ENDORSE THE USE OF THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES FUND AS OUTLINED BY PRINCIPAL FARRELL TO SUPPORT THE EIGHTH GRADE ALTERNATIVE GRADUATION PLANS; THE DETAILS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT OBSC MEETING.*

Documents on file:

Agenda 5/19/20

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 5/17/2020

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2019-2020 (3 p.) 5/17/20

Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY20

School Choice FY20 Report

Oak Bluffs School, School Committee Meeting May 19, 2020

Townes leave of absence letter 2/4/20

Shertz/O'Brien/Reagan emails re: Student Activity Fund 5/21/20

Minutes approved as amended 6/2/20

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Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 10:30 AM

By Zoom Cloud Conference due to the Covid-19 Crisis

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Staff OBS/MVPS– Jennifer Bausman, Larissa Bernat, Ellen Berube,
Maureen Best, Abigail Chandler, Anne Marie Doherty, Karen Downing,
Ray Fallon, Maureen Farrissey, Jennifer Fournier, Brian Ditchfield,
Julie Gaffey, Heidi Ganser, Jen Gautier, Eve Heyman, Janet Howard,
Natalie Krauthamer, Rebecca Laird, Emily Levett, Terrance Lynch,
Melissa Mahoney, Doreen Marino, Judy Maynard, Meg McDonald,
Elizabeth McMahon, Kelley Metell, Nicole Miranda, Erin Pacheoc,
Cathleen Parker, Julie Rodenbaugh, Nancy Rogers, Ken Romero,
Denise Searle, Alison Smith, Kathryn Townes, Vanessa Vento,
Laura Walton, Brian Weiland, David Weinberg,
MVPS/MVEA - Nedine Cunningham, Anne Davey,
Others – 3c55Mv, Emily,
Recorder - Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals

or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 10:32AM. Chair Lisa Reagan welcomed all attendees and invited them to comment. There was a moment of quiet thoughtfulness for coming together. Principal Megan Farrell played a video of Oak Bluffs School (OBS) students singing "It's a Grand Old Flag".

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

Public Comment - None

Minutes: Approval of the Minutes of May 19th, 2020

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MAY 19, 2020 MINUTES AS AMENDED; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.

Superintendent's Report

The All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting produced a good conversation on the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) status, direction and possible financial impacts of the Covid-19/Corona Virus pandemic/closure. Based on Town information Schools were considering 1 to 1.5% reductions in FY21 Budgets to help anticipate revenue shortfalls. The Superintendent's Shared Services Office budget was reduced by slightly more than 1%. Great thanks went to the Martha's Vineyard Educator's Association (MVEA) who offered two furlough days, (reducing contract days from 186 to 184)—about \$400,000 savings Islandwide. The Negotiations Subcommittee would meet Wednesday, followed on Thursday by an AISC meeting/local school committee postings (see below p.3).

Principal's Report

• **Expenditure Report** – Nothing new to report. (See documents on file.)

• **Budget Update** (See documents on file.)

The OBSC charged Prin. Farrell with presenting a level funded Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Budget, \$250,312 less than the original \$8,645,036 (2.98%) originally approved budget—which had been below 3% as per Town request.

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- Taking into account the Superintendent's actions, Prin. Farrell presented two options including merging positions to decrease Town health insurance costs.
- Option A – level funding reduced the following positions:
 - Absorb an elementary Teacher retirement by reducing the current three-section kindergarten (K) class to two first grade sections.
 - Delay replacing the retiring band teacher—especially as Covid-19 regulations might make instrumental practice difficult.
 - Eliminate a 0.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Middle School teacher and a 1.0 FTE Education Support Professional (ESP).
 - Reduce the Science/Technology/Engineering/Art/Math (STEAM) position to 0.5 FTE.
- Option B - 1.5% decrease would reduce the following positions:
 - the above noted elementary teacher, and
 - the 0.5 FTE reduction in the STEAM position—a leave of absence could be covered by a science coach.

- Additional considerations included:
 - reduce the ESP 0.5 FTE interpreter (\$20,000) re: reduced hours from a medical letter;
 - Superintendent's Shared Services assessment reduction of \$18,679;
 - OBS furlough savings at \$32,566 per day (~ \$65,000);
 - CARES Act funding ~ \$103,000;
 - \$19,000 in Circuit Breaker funds dedicated to Special Education expenses;
 - \$106,000 School Choice balance earmarked for facility maintenance / pending bills.
 - Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP), Title One and other reimbursements were likely to be cut 15-25%.
- Lisa Reagan reached out to Town Administrator Bob Whritenour, who requested the OBS and Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) each reduce their FY21 Budgets by \$50,000—thus introducing a third scenario. The Town and school actions were planned to prevent deficits and layoffs. The OBSC strongly appreciated the Town and Town Administrative support for the Schools.
 - Town revenues were 80% property taxes and 20% local fees (harbor, meals, lodging).
- Prin. Farrell supported the arts and practiced instrumental music. She emphasized the band position could be hired during the 2020-21 school year if funding/regulation allowed. MVPS Music Teachers Ray Fallon and Laura Walton closely monitored State guidelines and found no restrictions on instrumental music instruction—which already adhered to regulations as small group lessons (one to three students). They stressed the value of music education, and hoped OBS and Edgartown School students (it was a shared position) would continued to participate in the All Island Band.
- Originally the elementary teacher position was retained to provide primary grade math and literacy interventions. However, it was eliminated here, with the idea that Grade level section sizes were adequate with support.
- Savings could be returned to the Town, but there was a general feeling that funds should be reserved as contingency planning for unknown expenses (e.g. increased bus runs for social distancing, extra cleanings, personal protective equipment (PPE), etc.). Furloughs savings which were not yet set and should also be held in reserve. There was reluctance to impose severe cuts impacting the priority of student learning when there were so many unknown financial and logistic factors.
 - The OBSC thanked Prin. Farrell for this difficult exercise that provided the OBSC with various options that could be implemented as need arose.
- LISA REAGAN MOVED TO TO DIRECT PRINCIPAL MEGAN FARRELL TO REDUCE THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET BY \$31,321

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WITHOUT IMPACTING STAFF, AT THE NEXT OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION WITHDRAWN.

• LISA REAGAN MOVED TO DIRECT PRINCIPAL MEGAN FARRELL TO PRESENT \$31,321 IN REDUCTIONS TO THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET TRUSTING IN HER DISCRETION, AT THE JUNE 4, 2020 OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE.

Correspondence

A real shout out went to Eve Heyman who successfully applied for highly competitive Math grant.

Old /New Business

The athletic courts will be finished this week.

Executive Session – Not needed

The next meetings will be:

AISC/OBSC - 4:00PM, Thursday, June 4, 2020 by Zoom, and

OBSC - 8:30AM, Tuesday, June 16, 2020 by Zoom

Special & Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, June 16, 2020 the Tabernacle

Adjourn

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 11:42AM; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: LISA REAGAN—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE.

Documents on file:

- Agenda 6/2/20
- OBSC Participants 6.2.20 (2 p.)
- Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 5/17/2020
- OBS General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2019-2020 (3 p.) 6/1/20
- Reagan/Whritenour emails re: Town of OB requests to School Committee (2 p.) 6/2/20
- FY21 Proposed Budget Total...

Minutes approved 6/16/20

**OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Thursday, June 4, 2020,
Following the All Island School Committee Meeting
Zoom Meeting**

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: 300 to 350 others including OBS/MVPS staff (see Participant List) and:
Principal's Office – Megan Farrell,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Ruda Stone, Nancy Dugan, Hope MacLeod,
MVPS Administrators: Edg. - Shelley Einbinder,
MVRHS – Sarah Dingley, Jeremy Light, Dhakir Warren,
Barbarajean Chauvin, Jacob Rosengarten,
Tisbury – John Custer, Melissa Ogden,
UIRSD - Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd, Susan Stevens,
MVPS/MVEA: Anne Davey, Nedine Cunningham, Spencer D'Agostino,
Towns – Edg. - James Hagerty, OB – Ewell Hopkins, Maura McGroarty,
Tis. – Mary Ellen Larsen, Heidi Rydzewski,
ACE MV – Holly Bellebuono,
Press – Will Sennott – Vineyard Gazette,
Recorder - Marni Lipke *Late arrivals or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 4:38PM.

Finance (See 5/28/20 Minutes.) (Agenda Item # III)

A. Furlough Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Vote – No action needed

B. Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) Budget Vote (See 6/2/20 Minutes.)

Principal Megan Farrell was charged with reducing the OBS budget by \$50,000 including the Superintendent's Shared Services Office assessment reduction. She proposed reducing one elementary teaching position through attrition, as well as some staff merging to reduce Town healthcare costs. The OBSC thanked her for her quick response and for the difficult exercise of planning other reduction options (1.5% and level funding) as well as contingency planning.

- The elementary teaching position resulted in three sections of the current kindergarten moving into a two section first grade.

- Delayed hiring of a Band teacher position was still being discussed.

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO:

- TRANSFER \$52,929 FROM AN OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET TEACHER'S SALARY LINE TO THE TEACHERS SALARY, AND
- TO AMEND AND APPROVE THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET AT \$8,590,035.70 OR 2.38% INCREASE;

KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: LISA REAGAN—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair - None Agenda Item # IV)

Adjournment

• LISA REAGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:49PM; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 6/4/20
- AISC & Local Sch Cmte Participants 6.4.20 (9 p.) **Minutes approved 6/16/20**

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 8:30 AM
Oak Bluffs School Conference Room

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan*, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Richie Smith, Mark Friedman, Nancy Dugan,
Staff OBS/MVPS– Larissa Bernat, Ellen Berube, Maureen Best,
Corinna Black, Emily Brown, Abigail Chandler, Anne Marie Doherty,
Maureen Farrissey, Wendy Federowicz, Lianne deBettencourt,
Helen Hall, Jeanni Holenko, Donna Hopson, Janet Howard,
Rebecca Laird, Ryan Leandro, Amie Lukowitz, Terrance Lynch,
Melissa Mahoney, Kayla Montambault, Jean Neble, Gina Patti,
Julie Rodenbaugh, Suzanne Rollins, Ken Romero, Sarah Vail,
Laura Walton, Brian Weiland, David Weinberg,
MVPS/MVEA - Nedine Cunningham, Anne Davey,
Others – iPhone,
Recorder - Marni Lipke *Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:35AM. The OBSC sent Superintendent Matt D'Andrea support and best wishes during a family emergency.

Principal's Report

• **Fund Balance Report** (See documents on file.)

- At \$926, no further draws were anticipated on Residential Placement account.
- The Circuit Breaker balance would be expended on extended year summer school which was sanctioned to be mixed online and very occasional face-to-face learning as mandated by Individual Learning Plans (IEP).
- Everyone was very proud of the vital and successful OBS lunch program.
- About \$146,000 in School Choice funds were likely to be used on several summer facility maintenance projects.

• **Expenditure Report** (See documents on file.)

The Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Budget was in good shape thanks to previous transfer votes (see 5/19/20 Minutes p.2). There were small deficits in various lines that would be covered by the Teachers Increment line residual: Undistributed Textbooks, Copier and Custodial Supplies, Power and Light.

• **Budget Update**

- A projected \$42,000 overall residual would be returned to the Town to bolster Free Cash to allow flexibility for an uncertain FY21. Kris O'Brien requested the Town be asked to earmark the funds in case the OBS needed them for Covid expenses such as extra transportation costs, facility changes, etc. Free Cash would not be available until after FY20 State audit and certification. The OBSC emphasized that that this end-of-year residual was exceptionally rare as the OBS ran on a very tight budget.
- Any further remaining funds would cover the above deficits, as well as stocking up on Covid related inventory, wipes, masks, Personal Protective Equipment (PPP), etc.
- As proposed, Principal Megan Farrell had delayed filling the custodial position (see 4/22/20 Minutes p.2)

• **Revolving School Lunch Fund** (See documents on file.)

Family lunch debt was covered with a transfer vote. Staff would be reminded to bring their accounts up to date.

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Superintendent's Report

Thanks to Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Grants Coordinator and administrators, the MVPS was informed it would receive \$276,348 in CARES Act funding. Some would be used for centralized spending and ~\$103,000 would come to the OBS. MVPS central Administration was in close contact with Commissioner of Education Jeff Riley and some guidelines for the next school year were expected shortly. About 85% would be prescribed leaving some leeway for individual districts. The Superintendent was also talking to the unions about school configuration, collaborating with other districts in the region on platforms for "blended" (i.e. part remote part face-to-face) learning, and was grateful for everyone's willingness to listen. Districts were advised to stock 3 months of supplies.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of June 2nd, 2020

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 2, 2020 AND JUNE 4, 2020 MINUTES; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REGAN—AYE.* * Lisa Reagan left the meeting due to a conflicting appointment.

Principal's Report

- Tennis Court line painting would be finished this week.
- Engineering for the solar roof project was completed with commendations for their collaboration with the Architects and heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) contractors. Warranty and structure will be documented for installation next year.
- The fire alarm marshal was coming today and would consider the scope of costs. Completion of all these projects would determine the extent of the carpet/flooring replacement (see Minutes: 3/31/20 p.3 & 5/19/20 p.3).
- Prin. Farrell was working with Cape Light Compact on a grant to complete green building measures.
- Prin. Farrell and the OBSC highly praised both staff and community for the wonderful eighth grade graduation event with the parade of cars, gift bags, lined streets, and all. 12:00N, Friday, June 19th was kindergarten graduation.

Spotlight on Learning

Today's Spotlight was a virtual art show of student creative works, drawings, paintings, statues, food, etc. The OBSC thanked Prin. Farrell, staff and students for taking the time to share with the OBSC. The OBSC particularly thanked the staff who had one more week before the summer break.

Public Comment

Sixth Grade Math Teacher Jeannie Holenko talked about the coming school year. Aside from the difficulties and mild chaos of children at play, sneezing, eating, laughing, etc. it was important to note the paramount role of learning social relations, that would be hampered by masks and PPE that hid facial expressions. Staff understood the difficulties of balancing safety with learning.

Correspondence

This request was a long standing OBS user.

• *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE MARTHA'S VINEYARD UNITED SOCCER USE OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL FIELDS AS PROPOSED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES AND PARAMETERS*

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(CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION, OAK BLUFFS BOARD OF HEALTH) WOULD BE CLOSELY PRACTICED WITHIN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE.

Executive Session – Not needed

The next meetings will be:

Special & Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, June 16, 2020 the Tabernacle
AISC/MVRHSC - 5:00PM, Thursday, June 18, 2020 by Zoom, and
OBSC - 8:30AM, Tuesdays, TBD

Adjourn

The OBSC sent their hearts and wishes for everyone's safety and best.

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:25AM; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE.*

Documents on file:

Agenda 6/16/20

OBSC Participants 6.16.20 (2 p.)

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 6/15/2020

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2019-2020 (3 p.) 6/15/20

Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY20

School Choice FY20 Report

Application for Use of the Oak Bluffs School – Martha's Vineyard United Youth Soccer
(2 p.) 6/15/20

Minutes approved 8/5/20

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 9:00 AM
Oak Bluffs School Conference Room

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien*, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Recorder - Marni Lipke *Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 9:03AM.

Spotlight on Learning - None

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2020 (Agenda Item #2)

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE JUNE 16, 2020 MINUTES; LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Public Comment - None

Superintendent's Report

• **Fall School Opening Plan** (See 7/30/20 AISC Minutes.)

This had been a busy summer filled with planning on how to keep everyone safe and healthy. It was generally agreed that in-person instruction was the best option and the following draft plan was proposed:

- 10 days (deducted Statewide from 180 time-in-learning days) would be for staff to get familiar with new protocols, facility routines, and personal protective equipment (PPE).
- This would be followed by an all remote learning period during which teachers would contact families on new regulations and expectations.
- Hybrid learning (starting Tuesday, September 29th for primary grades and Thursday, October 1st for all grades) would work in two cohorts:
 - Cohort A in person Mondays and Tuesdays with remote learning Wednesday through Friday,
 - Cohort B in-person Thursdays and Fridays with remote learning Monday through Wednesdays;
 - Wednesdays as all remote learning to be reserved for facility deep cleaning.
- Instruction whether in-person or remote would be more rigorous than the spring 2020 remote learning, with set schedules, grades, attendance, etc.
- Surveys would be taken to determine transportation needs and which families would choose all remote learning. The plan was presented at both staff and parent forums. Parent feedback was passionate but helpful and grateful. Staff expressed concern and fear, which was entirely understandable. Questions included specifics on remote and in-person expectations, which cohort children were in, transportation safety, etc.

The OBSC and Administrators discussed the plan at some length.

- The Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) had not yet decided on a protocol for those choosing all remote learning, and were looking at software, staffing, etc.
- The Island Board of Health (BOH) agents and the Health/Wellness group had authority over the interpretation of State guidelines and metrics. For example the MVPS had adopted a set of Harvard metrics but might modify them with BOH and Martha's Vineyard Hospital (MVH) recommendations.
- Later in the meeting Kris O'Brien suggested using other public spaces (e.g. the Catholic Parish Hall, Public Library, Brazilian Church). However a similar exploration of Camp Jabberwocky had been explored during the 2019 Tisbury School split and proved

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to have tremendous regulatory challenges (nurse presence, fire codes, etc.). The Administration was in conversation with the YMCA.

- Assistant Superintendent Richie Smith emphasized that the plan changed daily and that there was no right answer, in fact to some extent everything felt like a wrong answer. The Task Force would continue to address gaps in the Plan. He acknowledged: some eagerness among younger teachers, young children daycare issues and the impact on the health and safety of the community. Forums would continue to flush out ideas, concepts and concerns, which were welcomed.

- A Committee was being formed to coordinate school/community needs and support (such as day-care).

- Despite substantial advances in remote learning it could not duplicate the in person classroom and it was hoped the hybrid would present a blended view of in-person/remote learning.

- As a parent of a medically challenged son, he appreciated all Prin. Farrell had done and he was ready to send his student to school.

- The OBSC asked for Principal Megan Farrell's perspective. Prin. Farrell was privileged to work on the Task Force and saluted the hard work that went into this.

- She was very proud that this plan was driven by the BOH and Health/Wellness Committee and that the Plan was flexible in keeping with the malleable situation. The gradual opening mirrored the Governor's State opening phase-in.

- An OBS faculty meeting demonstrated a lot of fear over the re-opening which she was acknowledging and addressing with calls to individuals which emphasized her fore-front commitment to staff and student health. A socio-emotional coach and a health teacher had been hired.

- The OBS worked hard to prepare the school with care, installing signage, marking student pathways, opening windows, changing from round tables to individual desks, and ensuring clear six foot distancing. Tents had been ordered along with sail covers for the tennis and pickle ball courts. She also pointed out the brand new OBS heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) system.

- Clear face masks were found to present some breathing difficulties but students would be encouraged to own their masks by decorating them.

- Remote learning was also being improved with professional development (PD) in Modern Teacher, Lucy Calkins, Google Classroom, See/Saw, Program Panorama, Learning School, etc. It would be more rigorous than the previous spring, including grading, assessments and a meticulous matrix with the help of a new data coach.

- The school would see every student at least twice a week—with the possibility of more if the situation allowed—maybe Wednesday half-days or primary grades expanded time. The first 6 weeks had always been socio-emotional and this year's message would be: how are you, we love you, we're so glad to see you.

- Prin. Farrell was beyond proud of the OBS response to the serious difficulties of a global pandemic.

- The OBSC thanked her for improving their views on the situation, and thanked everyone on the Task Force that worked so hard. It was agreed that the OBSC could make appointments to view the new facility arrangements.

Principal's Report

The building was in some confusion due to a number of summer projects in addition to the Covid-19 measures.

- The fire alarm was designed and the contract had been awarded and was being coordinated with the Fire Chief.

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- The rug project was in process and would hopefully be completed by school opening.
- The tennis and pickle ball court project was completed.

- **Expenditure Report**

The Budget was in a good situation and there was not much to report in the first month of the fiscal year. Prin. Farrell would bring concerns about unexpected expenses, hiring, etc. to the September OBSC meeting. CARES Act and end-of-year residuals paid for much of the Covid-19 equipment/furniture.

- **Fund Balance Report**

School Choice balance was \$152,000 and Circuit Breaker was at \$30,000— although some changes were not yet settled.

- **Revolving Lunch**

The OBS could continue its grab and go lunch program. Students would eat in their classrooms or at home. Island Grown Schools (IGI/IGS) and Permanent Endowment intended to continue their support.

- **Budget Update**

Financial staff was trying to understand the cost implications of the evolving Covid-19/Corona Plans, addressing areas such as: transportation, additional heating due to open windows, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), furniture, etc. Further State and federal funding was expected; grants were being researched including Special Education 240, and Federal/Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (FEMA/EMMA). The MVPS received very little Federal funding.

Correspondence

Martha's Vineyard United Soccer (see 6/16/20 Minutes p.2-3) extended their request to include a 3 day/week camp for island students. After consulting with Megan Lancaster, Prin. Farrell approved the extension. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE OBSC TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE APPROVAL.

Executive Session – Not needed

The next meetings will be:

AISC/OBSC - 5:00PM, Thursday, August 6, 2020 by Zoom

AISC/OBSC - 5:00PM, Monday, August 10, 2020 by Zoom

OBSC - 8:30AM, Tuesday, September 15, 2020 TBD

The OBSC expressed interest in meeting in person on the tennis courts, and would leave the decision to Prin. Farrell.

Adjourn

• *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 10:00AM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN —AYE.*

Documents on file:

Agenda/Revised Agenda (2 p.) 8/5/20

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2020-2022 8/4/2020

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2020-2021 (5 p.) 8/4/20

Minutes approved 9/3/20

Oak Bluffs School Committee
5:00PM, Thursday, August 13, 2020,
By Zoom Cloud Conference

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: 400-450 attendees (see Participant list) including: Dr. Sonya Stevens,
Supt.'s Of: Superintendent - Matt D'Andrea,
Asst. Supt. – Richie Smith, Interim Finance Manager – Mark Friedman,
Student Support Co-Directors – Nancy Dugan, Hope MacLeod,
Ruda Stone, Leah Palmer, Dr. Jeffrey Zack,
MVPS Committees: Edgartown - Megan Anderson, Kimberly Kirk, Kelly McCracken,
Tisbury - Jen Cutrer, Amy Houghton, Michael Watts,
Up-Island - Robert Lionette, Roxanne Ackerman, Kate DeVane,
Alex Salop,
MVPS Admin/Health: MVRHS – Sara Dingley, Jeremy Light, Dhakir Warren,
Barbara-jean Chauvin, Mike Taus
Chilmark – Susan Stevens, Edgartown – Shelley Einbinder, Nicole Barlett,
Oak Bluffs – Megan Farrell,
Tisbury – John Custer, Melissa Ogden, Catherine Coogan,
West Tisbury - Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Mary Boyd,
MVPS/MVEA: Nedine Cunningham, Anne Davey,
Towns/County: Chilmark – Warren Doty, Marina Lent,
Dukes County – Keith Chatinover, Edgartown – Jane Varkonda,
Oak Bluffs – Kim Leaird, Ryan Ruley,
Tisbury – Maura Valley, Ben Robinson,
Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, Vineyard Gazette – Noah Asimov,
MVTV – Kelly Marolf,
Secretary: Marni Lipke **Late arrivals or early departures of AISC members (see * in text)*

Call to Order

(Agenda Item #I)

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 7:44PM.

Vote: Fall Reopening Final Plan

(Agenda Item # V)

- The OBSC expressed some reluctance to vote concerning:
 - lack of socio-emotional components,
 - medical concerns that had now been addressed by the Tisbury School Committee friendly amendment which allowed further fluidity.
- Public comments were:
 - It was suggested the OBS middle school could follow the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) hybrid model (see 8/13/20 AISC minutes p. 3-4), however there was some hesitation about whether it was appropriate for 11 year old students.
 - Another suggestion was to require 14 day quarantine for all staff and students before starting any in-person learning.
 - There was strong support for the robust remote learning plan and acknowledgement of the inverse relations between education and health.
- Principal Megan Farrell reviewed the hard work on the Plan, thanking everyone involved and praise the OBS staff for their creative dedication and technology skills that allowed OBS to excel during the since the March 2020 closure. She thanked Superintendent Matt D'Andrea for making Health/Wellness the driving force of the Plan.
- The OBSC encouraged attendance at the parent forums (see below: Meetings/Events).

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- KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN WITH THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO ONLY BRING CHILDREN BACK IN THE HYBRID IF THERE WAS INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE SAFETY OF THE PLAN AT THE TIME; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: LISA REAGAN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE.

The OBSC extended great gratitude to everyone, especially to the public for their input.

Adjournment

(Agenda Item # IX)

- LISA REAGAN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:56PM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: LISA REAGAN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE.

Meetings/Events: (TBD - by Zoom)

- Parent Forum – 5:00PM, Tuesday, August 18, 2020
- AISC – 5:00PM, Thursdays, August 20, 27, 2020
- AISC – 5:00PM, Tuesdays, August 25, 2020
- OBSC – 8:30PM, Tuesday, September 15, 2020
- MVRHSC – 5:00PM, Monday, September 14, 2020

Documents on File:

- Agenda 8/13/20
- AISC Participants 8.13.20 (16 p.)
- Reopening Plan chart
- Proposal
- Remote Instruction Overview (4 p.)
- MVRHS 20-21 Plan, 1.0 Virtual Instruction, In-Person Support (23 p.)
- It's 7AM at the Da Silva's... (2 p.)

Minutes approved 9/3/20

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Thursday, September 3, 2020, 4:00 PM
By Zoom Cloud Conference

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: About 75-100 attendees (see participants list) including:
Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Nancy Dugan,
MVEA – Anne Davey,
Town – Ryan Ruley,
Press – Maia Coleman – Vineyard Gazette,
Recorder - Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 4:07PM. The OBSC members thanked Principal Megan Farrell for a tour of the School.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2020

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUGUST 5, 2020 AND AUGUST 13, 2020 MINUTES; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.

Superintendent's Report

• School Reopening Plan

Superintendent Matt D'Andrea reviewed the proposed plan as revised (see 8/27/20 AISC Minutes p.2-5 #III) in response to feedback from families and staff. This Plan concentrated on in-person learning 4 days/week for the younger grades and added more synchronous learning for everyone. There were constant community forums and communications (see documents on file) and the goal was to have all Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) students in the school as safely as possible. The phase-in was in keeping with the Health/Safety Group concerns about bringing large groups together in confined spaces. The two week intervals permitted monitoring of infection rates so dates could be adjusted accordingly.

- Staff began work yesterday and would spend 10 working day familiarizing themselves with the new protocols and contacting families regarding orientations.

- In-person learning would start four days a week: September 29th for kindergarten (K) and first grade, October 13th for second and third grades, and October 30th for grades five through eight would start 1 day/week.

- Arrival departure times would be staggered to allow some breaks from personal protective equipment and masks, as well as transportation and student traffic.

• Prin. Farrell felt the revised Plan delivered better education. The OBS was prepared with 6 ft. distancing and she supported the slow phase-in with the goal of having all students in the building in as safe a manner as possible.

• The OBSC expressed their sympathy for everyone in this unsettled situation, especially for staff who were having to prepare on such short notice.

- The status of the MVPS and the Covid-19 infection rate would be re-evaluated in November after students and staff were established in this configuration and taking into account any Commissioner of Education metrics and guidance and moving slowly with two-week intervals.

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- Administration and staff were still discussing whether remote learning could be taught from classrooms.
- The OBSC expressed concern for middle school students having 4 days/wk in remote learning, possibly being home on their own, although they appreciated the 5 days/wk of synchronous learning with the teacher.
- This was not a perfect plan and the OBSC was not happy with it. They appreciated the thoughtfulness that went into the draft, were heartened by the School tour and had faith in the OBS staff and the school community to implement it.
- Administration acknowledged the frustrations of daily changes as the Plan was refined and pledged their support to all MVPS students.

After the Public Comment period:

- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN AS SUBMITTED BY SUPERINTENDENT MATT D'ANDREA ON AUGUST 27, 2020; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*
- Supt. D'Andrea thanked everyone for their support.
- Families were requested to find alternate means of transportation to schools however buses were available to everyone needing them. Those requesting bus transportation were asked to register at <http://www.mvyps.org>.
- There was also a letter on the same website explaining Special Education and Cohort C definitions and procedures. Anyone wishing further notification was asked to register their email address.
- Prin. Farrell thanked everyone for their support of the OBS which rocked the "Proud to be from OB".

Public Comment

- Grades five through eight remote learning would not be the same as it was last spring after the March 13, 2020 closing. This iteration would mirror a normal day with attendance, academics, instruction, assignments, breakout sections, etc. The Plan was designed for re-opening and did not layout the entire school year.
- Administration noted that people on the Island were scared and the MVPS was doing as much as it could, with as many as possible, while heeding health provider advice and moving towards the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) goal of all in-person learning.
- There was support and appreciation for this as a sensible plan that balanced care for safety with educational, social and emotional needs of the students. It would be a long day for students having to wear masks and adapt to new protocols.
- Selectman Ryan Ruley thanked everyone for the outstanding work and offered Select Board support as needed. The OBSC thanked him and agreed it "takes a village".

Financial Report - There were no changes since the previous meeting.

- **Fund Balance Report** (See documents on file.)
- **Expenditure Report** (See documents on file.)
- **Revolving School Lunch Fund**

Old /New Business

- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THIRD GRADE TEACHER MAUREEN FARRISSEY TO THE END OF THE 2020-21*

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ACADEMIC YEAR WITH GREAT CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.

Correspondence

• Donation

*• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE THE FOLLOWING GRACIOUS DONATIONS;
- \$2,000 FROM ERNIE BOCH FOR REVOLVING LUNCH BALANCES, AND
- \$3,200 FROM ISLAND GROWN INITIATIVE FOR MEALS;
KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Executive Session – Not needed

The next meetings will be:

AISC/OBSC - 5:00PM, Thursday, September 17, 2020 by Zoom

OBSC - 8:30AM, Tuesday, October 13, 2020 TBD

Adjourn

The OBSC again thanked everyone and wished them a happy, healthy start to the school year.

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 4:48PM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: LISA REAGAN—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE.

Documents on file:

Agenda 9/3/20

OBSC Zoom 9.3.20 (3 p.)

D'Andrea letter re: adjustments to the Plan (2 p.) 8/30/20

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 9/2/2020

OBS General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2020-2021 (3 p.) 9/2/20

Minutes approved 10/13/20

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 8:30 AM
By Zoom Cloud Conference

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office –Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Nancy Dugan,
Town – Megan Lancaster/Anderson
Recorder - Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:39AM.

Spotlight on Learning

It was wonderful to the Kindergarteners (K) and 1st graders back in the building. The OBSC enjoyed the student choice video about gratitude showing random acts of kindness.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of September 3rd, 2020

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 MINUTES; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Public Comment

Oak Bluffs Board of Health (BOH) agent Meegan Lancaster Anderson was working with Principal Megan Farrell on playground protocols. Other towns were consulted as State guidance referred only to frequent cleanings. The proposal was for grade level cohorts of about 48-50 students with masks to use the grounds, washing their hands on return to the building. Equipment was then disinfected with a sprayer that dried instantly, before the next cohort. The OBSC expressed their gratitude and Lisa Reagan volunteered an unused electrostatic cleaner.

Superintendent's Report

• **Money for Covid-19 Testing**

The All Island School Committee (AISC) voted to support Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) testing (see 10/1/20 AISC Minutes p.2-6 #III B) including \$150,000 in funds of which the OBS share (by October 1st enrollment) was \$28,743. Since that time there had been some changes regarding the Testing Advisory Committee and further consultation with infectious disease experts (see 10/8/20 AISC Minutes p.1-2 #IV A). The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) postponed the funding vote, the Edgartown School Committee (ESC) voted to set aside funds that would sit in their Budget. Prin. Farrell proposed to use CARES Act funds rather than the general budget.

• In response to recent press articles (see documents on file) the OBSC individually and collectively emphasized their full support of testing and the use of funds to pay for it. Recent reports and questions had delayed the process in the search for safe, efficient, responsible testing. Superintendent Matt D'Andrea explained that as educators implementing a public healthcare program, the process was turning out to be much

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more challenging than originally thought and thanked the OBSC for their support. He recognized the anxious, exhausted, difficult time, compounded by unfavorable press that increased pressure on school committee members, placing them between a rock and a hard place. The OBSC thanked him and praised the well-intended physicians and generous donors and life-long learning inherent in the situation.

• IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT TESTING AND THE USE OF CARES ACT FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT IT IN KEEPING WITH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OR EPIDEMIOLOGIST, OR BOARD OF HEALTH AGENTS ADVICE POSSIBLY CONSULTING OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS APPROPRIATE.

• **Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Face Coverings/Mask Policy -**
1st Reading

It was clarified that masks could be removed during physical education classes, but there was still some confusion over indoor versus outdoor protocol.

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL FACE COVERING/MASKS POLICY; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN —AYE.*

Principal's Report

An off-Island fire chief inspected and passed the new fire alarm system. Rug and flooring installation was completed. The OBSC and Administration thanked the Town Capital Improvement Program for supporting the renovation project. The OBSC praised the building's fresh new look.

• **Expenditure Report**

The Budget was in good shape, and the following items were noted,

- Salaries deficit would continue to grow in consequence of the lack of substitutes.
- A Technology Supplies anticipated overage was computer leases and smarboards.
- There was a shift from Math to guidance (emotional/social learning (ESL)) personnel (see below: Old/New Business).
- In accordance with School Nurse requests, an Education Support Professional (ESP) floater would assist the Nurse with paperwork. If testing was initiated an additional nurse would be hired 1 day per week.
- Once all deficits were cleared the Teachers Increment line was projected at ~ \$65,000.

• **Revolving Lunch**

The Federal government extended the Free Lunch program to June 2021. Some accounting updates were needed but currently the Account held ~ \$44,000 with only \$115 in staff debt.

• **Fund Balance Report**

The Town had not yet rolled over School Choice Fund from the previous fiscal year.

Old/New Business

The OBSC asked about school opening issues.

- To bolster the socio-emotional needs of the students Jeanie Halenko was shifted into ESL to increase staff and students coaching resources—intertwining with the data coach; and an additional social worker had been subcontracted.

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- After initial staff stress of how opening would work, having children back in the building was wonderful both for students and teachers. Children were adaptable and compliant on mask wearing. The proactive, thoughtful Reopening Plan was reassuring and there was diminishing anxiety and greater connectivity. Currently K through 3rd grade was in the building, with fourth graders coming in two weeks.
- Emphasizing that the Reopening Plan was not a frozen model and Administration was starting to plan for returning all K through 8th grade students as promised and if infection rates continued low, with next steps hopefully presented by the end of October.
 - Lisa Reagan citing examples of friends' children in other districts, strongly urged increased in-person learning by such means as use of other public buildings, tents, etc. Kathryn Shertzer pleaded for the OBS to be able utilize all its resources and not be tied to other MVPS.
 - Administration sympathized with the OBSC drive, stressed the goal of health/safety first, and noted the original rollout was informed by the OBS Nurse, especially in consideration of Project Headway. Assistant Supt. Richie Smith expressed his profound gratitude for OBSC support and trust. Administration was taking the difference in school districts under consideration. In general Administration advocated for quicker return rates and more students in buildings which was then presented to and modified by the Health/Safety Committee. The OBSC requested Health/Safety Committee votes be reported.
- The OBSC was reminded that what teachers were now practicing was very far outside of normal instruction so that competent teaching was a tremendous amount of work. A professional development (PD) day was planned with Dr. Stuart Ablon from Harvard on collaborative problem solving which highlighted how the pandemic damaged the three major components of a satisfying life:
 - competence in dealing effectively with environments;
 - autonomy meaning the freedom to control the course of lives; and
 - relatedness or close affectionate relations with others.

Correspondence - None

Adjourn

- An interim meeting was scheduled at 8:45AM, Tuesday, October 27, 2020 by Zoom.
- The regular OBSC meeting would be 8:30AM, Tuesday, November 17, 2020 by Zoom.
- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:51AM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Documents on file:

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Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Face Coverings/Masks Policy (2 p.)

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 9/2/2020 10/09/20

Oak Bluffs School, General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2020-2021 (3 p.) 10/9/20

Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY21

Vineyard Gazette article: All-Island School Committee Scraps Testing Plan (3 p.)

10/9/20

Minutes approved 10/27/20

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Tuesday, October 27, 2020, 8:30 AM
By Zoom Cloud Conference

Present: Chair - Lisa Reagan, Kris O'Brien, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Nancy Dugan, Leah Palmer,
Staff – Ellen Berube, Lana Schaefer,
Recorder - Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of October 13th, 2020

• *ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED THE OCTOBER 13, 2020 MINUTES WERE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS; KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Public Comment

First Grade Teacher Ellen Berube and the OBSC discussed the day-to-day ground level experience of reopening. Students were great about wearing masks but socializing was hard. Ms. Berube's first graders were coming in with limited endurance and lots of needs from the unfinished kindergarten year. As the most difficult interval of her career, it was a strangely isolating time to be teacher and she missed the previous carefree sense of community. For example, the office was not open to all teachers nor the library to all students, and technology was not intuitive. Staff were eagerly awaiting regular Covid-19 testing protocol.

• The OSBC acknowledged that Covid-19 pandemic brought out negative comments from people and in the press and social media, although there was also gratitude and appreciation from parents. Ms. Berube and the OBSC commended the school leadership and exchanged praise and offers of support.

Superintendent's Report

• **Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Face Coverings/Mask Policy - 2nd Reading** (See documents on file.)

School Nurse Lana Schaefer explained that if physical education (phys ed) was inside masks were required, as detailed in State protocols.

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL FACE COVERING/MASKS POLICY; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Principal's Report (See documents on file.)

Principal Megan Farrell was charged with implementing a full school reopening plan and consequently proposed the following phase in for middle school students.

• Students would maintain 6 ft. distancing while teachers would rotate between classes. Lunch would be eaten at desks—or outdoors if weather permitted (tents were rented

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until December) and recess would be one grade level at a time—community volunteers were needed to cover lunch/recess. Windows would remain open, and teachers were encouraged to teach classes outside if possible. There would be 2 mask breaks a day. Staggering arrival and departure logistics was very complicated and took much longer than previously. Each class had its own assigned entrance.

- Grades 5 through 8 would be in-person Tuesday through Friday with remote learning on Mondays, while grades K through 4 would continue Monday through Thursday with remote learning on Fridays.
- Kindergarten (K) through 3rd grade would attend 9:10AM to 1:40PM. Grades 4 through 8 would attend 8:10AM to 2:40PM.
- In keeping with Health/Safety phase-in recommendations and to smooth transitions:
 - Starting November 2nd grades 5 and 6 would return for two weeks with in-person Monday through Thursdays with remote learning on Fridays while grades 7 and 8 would continue their previous schedule of remote learning Monday through Thursday, and in-person on Fridays.
 - On November 17th all middle school grades would switch to in-person learning Tuesday through Friday with remote learning on Mondays.
- Prin. Farrell advocated strongly for the entire school continuing with one remote-learning day per week (either Monday or Friday) for a number of reasons:
 - facilities mitigation and cleaning;
 - reduction of in-person attendance two days a week to reduce critical massing;
 - ability to turn smoothly to remote learning if in-person schooling had to be suspended;
 - staffing/substitute issues—including encouraging staff to stay home if not feeling well;
 - staff socio-emotional health in consideration of the incredible difficulty and exhaustion engendered but current in-school protocols.
- OBS had always maintained very tight staffing, which was now strained to the utmost, some took leaves of absence, others had to shift positions so they were no longer available as fallbacks, and there was a serious shortage of substitutes. Other MVPS had Education Support Professionals (ESPs) in every class however OBS split their ESPs between sections and/or content areas. In addition the School was having to work around American Disability Act (ADA) issues.
 - Consequently, OBS in-person schooling would not only depend on Covid metrics but also on staffing availability.
 - Prin. Farrell expected to ask for an additional Middle School ESP in the FY22 budget.
- The OBSC and Central Office Administration highly commended Prin. Farrell for the thoughtful plan and asked about several aspect of the complex situation.
 - During remote learning days, teachers were asked to give synchronous instruction or if asynchronous that they connect/"see" their students at least three times.
 - Prin. Farrell advertised three times and sent word-of-mouth inquiries for substitutes and ESPs, including for high school or college students, but received no responses.
 - Guidance had been historically based on solutions for problems as they were recognized, however Prin. Farrell had moved the Department to more preemptive work by shifting some staff and contracting with a social worker for both staff and student socio-emotional health, to address delicate classroom issues and anxiety levels. Weekly meetings on high needs students had already been part of OBS protocol. She also contacted Island Wide Youth Collaborative (IWYC) to get families some outside support.

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- The OBSC asked about reducing expectations on full year curriculums to alleviate staff stress, understanding that teacher identity was often tied to student achievement. Prin. Farrell suggested focus on literacy and math for k through third grade, and was scheduling parent meetings to help families understand individualized student programs at home. The OBSC also emphasized how vital it was for teachers to take care of themselves in this high stress environment; just being in the room was a success in itself. A new grant application would cover morning and afternoon yoga, other suggestions included use of school choice funds and weekly self-care events.
- Staff had been consulted on the middle school phase of re-opening and a letter would go out to families this week.
- Once again the OBSC and Central Office Administrators praised Dr. Farrell for excelling in the highly difficult job of being a school Principal.
- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE PRINCIPAL MEGAN FARRELL'S OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN FOR FIFTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADES AS OUTLINED IN THIS MEETING; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Old /New Business

- Kathryn Shertzer, as a good faith gesture to staff and students, again requested in-person school committee meetings. Administration was working on the technology and outdoor spaces for the next All Island School Committee (AISC) to be in-person. However logistics and technology were proving to be extremely difficult.
- Recorder Marni Lipke pointed out that the AISC had run over its entire annual budget in August 2020. Both she and other OBSC members reported burn-out issues over the number and length of AISC meetings.

Correspondence – None

Executive Session – Not needed

Adjourn

- The regular OBSC meeting would be 8:30AM, Tuesday, November 17, 2020 by Zoom.
- *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 10:02AM; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Documents on file:

Agenda 10/13/20

Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Face Coverings/Masks Policy (2 p.) 10/13/20

Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Enrollment Census Worksheet (2 p.)

Oak Bluffs Middle School Re-Entry Plan

Schaefer email re: Mask in PE Segment of Health and Safety Document 10/27/20

Minutes approved 12/15/20

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Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Nancy Dugan,
Staff – Jennifer Bausman, Ellen Berube, Beth Glynn,
Recorder - Marni Lipke *Late arrivals
or early departures of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:33AM.
- (*Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.*)

Spotlight on Learning - Tabled

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of October 27, 2020 - Tabled

Public Comment

The Vaccine Task Force urged everyone to get vaccinated, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Superintendent's Report

- **Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Face Coverings/Mask Policy - 3rd Reading** (See documents on file.)

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL FACE COVERING/MASKS POLICY; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.

- **MVPS Enrollment Census October 2020** (See documents on file.)

MVPS enrollment was 2,151 down 20 students from last year, with the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School up about 30 students to 701, while most elementary/middle schools were down. OBS was down to 404 from 416.

A spike on the Island and in the MVPS triggered precautionary actions recommended by the Health/Safety Committee. The goal continued to be getting students into facilities in a way not to cause a retreat or add to the spread of Covid-19. The problem was not only the number of staff and/or students testing positive but also the domino effect of resultant quarantining. Superintendent Matt D'Andrea was trying to avoid daily reports and would put out a letter once or twice a week—in addition to weekly staff meetings and weekly parent forums. The OBSC expressed comfort in more constant updates and information, which helped them to quell rumors and false reports. The central office was working on a simultaneous email platform for all MVPS families. Administrators urged everyone to cooperate with contact tracers to help control the spread, emphasizing that infection carried no shame.

Financial Report

- **Fund Balance Report** (See documents on file.)

- Principal Megan Farrell expected to direct Circuit Breaker to a specific Special Education (SpEd) situation.

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- \$161,000 in School Choice would be reduced by ~ \$30,000 for boiler repair (actuator maintenance and system balance). The OBSC thanked Prin. Farrell for her facility stewardship.

• **Expenditure Report** (See documents on file.)

The Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) budget was healthy due to a number of leaves of absence, with more than sufficient funds to cover various negatives as follows.

- An Education Support Professional was shifted and Prin. Farrell proposed hiring another to support the 7th and 8th grades.

- The Undistributed Textbooks deficit would increase \$5,000 as needed.

- Computer supplies covered leases—with some technology needs covered by the School Reopening grant.

- Special Education Teachers and Guidance Salary variances were accounting errors.

- Teachers Salary Increment could cover all negatives with a ~ \$170,000 residual.

• Interim MVPS Business Manager Mark Friedman reported that fund balances had been rolled over and the above lines resolved.

• **Revolving School Lunch Fund** (See documents on file.)

The balance did not reflect a pending \$10,000 State reimbursement. Staff were respectfully paying down debt.

Prin. Farrell would present the first FY22 budget draft at the December meeting.

- The OBS returned \$88,000 to the Town at the close of FY20 (see 6/16/20 Minutes p.1) in addition to the Superintendent's Shared Services Office return for a total of \$119,000.

Principal's Report

Due to one symptomatic positive student who was in close contact with 28 students and 4 staff, Prin. Farrell took responsible action and closed the 5th and 6th grade in-school instruction, moving seamlessly to remote learning. She highly praised staff for their kind, committed teaching and care of students despite their own fear and anxiety. The ensuing conversation covered a number of points.

- The OBSC thanked and acknowledged Administrators, and Administrators thanked and acknowledged committee members for taking responsibility and making the hard decisions during this incredibly difficult time. All decisions generated passionate responses some of them angry, many of them fearful. It was understood that everyone was under intense stress and perceptions were not about facts, but the MVPS would get through the pandemic together.

- Education Commissioner Jeff Riley mandated the original Opening Plan be submitted for School Committee approval in view of changes to days-in-learning. The authority then passed to Superintendents, although they must now obtain Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) permission to close schools. At this point the Re-Opening Plan had simply been paused.

- Second Grade Teacher Beth Glynn raised two issues.

◦ She asked the OBSC to change meeting times to allow staff attendance, however the OBSC emphasized their jurisdiction was only policy, budget and the Superintendent and did not include personnel in anyway. The meeting time was set at the convenience of the School Committee members and administrators and was extremely difficult to change due to other multiple and multiplying evening meetings.

◦ She also protested not receiving the above OBS infection information. Prin. Farrell explained that the information was only received last night and would be

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announced at the 3:00PM staff meeting. Both the MVPS staff meeting and community forum were better venues for feedback and information, although the OBSC thanked her for her comments and were always open to input.

This led to a discussion on communications complexity when social media worked on a minute-to-minute basis. At staff and community forums Supt. D'Andrea outlined both the Island and MVPS Covid-19 status, fielding questions and explaining actions.

- Some school committees had staff liaisons at each meeting.
- Staff continued to ask about testing. The previous plan (testing every MVPS student and staff weekly at ~ \$850,000) had been abandoned and the new plan (testing 600 students and staff weekly or biweekly at ~ \$500,000) was delayed by the company in question being flooded with calls. Kris O'Brien testified that random spot testing aimed at discovering and managing clusters, worked in her daughters college dormitory.
- The All Island School Committee (AISC) schedule was discussed, the OBSC asking for better notice on meeting scheduling and documents. The Budget Subcommittee had not met, but Supt. D'Andrea was working to complete his FY22 budget process as swiftly as possible.

Old /New Business: Personnel

- **Retirement – Leah Tofte-Dorr** (See documents on file.)

The OBSC was deeply saddened but not surprised to hear the Ms. Tofte-Dorr was moving more permanently to New Zealand. Ms. Dorr lived, ate and breathed Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Math (STEAM) making significant contributions to not only the OBS but the entire MVPS.

- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH REGRET AND BEST WISHES THE RETIREMENT OF TECHNOLOGIST LEAH TOFTE-DORR AS OF DECEMBER, 2020; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: LISA REAGAN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE.*

Correspondence – None

Executive Session – Not needed

Adjourn

- The regular OBSC meeting would be 8:30AM, Tuesday, December 15, 2020 by Zoom.
- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:43AM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

Documents on file:

Agenda 11/17/20

Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Face Coverings/Masks Policy (2 p.) 10/27/20

Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Enrollment Census Worksheet

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 11/13/20

Oak Bluffs School, General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2020-2021 (3 p.)

11/13/20

Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY21

Tofte-Dorr retirement letter 10/1/20

Minutes approved 12/15/20

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By Zoom Cloud Conference

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Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Nancy Dugan,
MVPS Staff – Anne Davey, Ellen Berube, Julie Rodenbaugh
Two Students -
FinCom – Maura McGroarty,
Recorder - Marni Lipke

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Superintendent's Report

• All Island School Committee (AISC)

The Superintendent's Shared Services Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Budget was approved at the last AISC meeting.

- A ceremony for the Martha's Vineyard Youth Initiative \$240,000 donation was held, which along with Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Charitable Foundation contribution and the Martha's Vineyard Public School (MVPS) commitment of \$150,000 completed funding for the asymptomatic testing program. Contract negotiations continued with the Miramus testing company.
- MVPS was accepted into the free Federal/State symptomatic testing program for in-school illness. Nurses were in training and the first shipment of test kits was expected shortly. Implementation target for both programs was the first week of January.
- Superintendent Matt D'Andrea was receiving a lot of feedback on a possible snow day this week.

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) meeting was called to order at 8:37AM.

Spotlight on Learning

Two students in Ms. Rodenbaugh's reading class told and showed variations on The Gingerbread Man story: running away from snakes, alligators, and surviving. The OBSC applauded the students during their favorite part of each meeting, and thanked Ms. Rodenbaugh and Principal Megan Farrell for the live zoom visit.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of November 17th, 2020

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 27, 2020 AND NOVEMBER 17, 2020 MINUTES; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE. The OBSC thanked recorder Marni Lipke for all that she did.

Public Comment

To increase awareness, vaccine posters would be distributed across the Island.

Financial Report

• Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

Aside from some small overages significant deficits (all of which could be covered from the Salary Increments line) were:

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- Undistributed Textbooks (on-line text for the new 7th/8th Grade Science Teacher;
- Computer Leasing
- additional Middle School Education Support Professional—also to support substitute needs (see 10/27/20 Minutes p.2);
- Special Education Teacher hired at a higher salary than a staff on leave of absence;
- Nurses Salary for additional support every Friday (see 10/13/20 Minutes p.2).
- So far there had not been a lot of cold weather and Prin. Farrell hoped to cover any heat/fuel deficit (due to open windows) with School Choice funds. Students and staff were strongly encouraged to dress warmly. The OBSC thanked Prin. Farrell and the community support for the timely new heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC) system, as well as for new floors and freshly painted rooms making for a great facility.
- MVPS Interim Business Administrator Mark Friedman advised that local schools should plan for increased transportation expenses.
 - **Revolving School Lunch Fund** (See documents on file.)
The balance was ~ \$26,000 with no shortfalls anticipated and very low staff debt.
 - **Fund Balance Report** (See documents on file.)
School Choice funds were being reserved for facility issues: a new hot water heater and boiler-room/hallway piping.
- Prin. Farrell announced a \$140,000 grant to change-out baluster lights with energy saving replacements
- Solar panels were approved but delayed by the pandemic in terms of no workers allowed in or outside the OBS. It was hoped the project would resume this spring or summer.

Principal's Report

• **Budget**

This FY22 proposed draft showed a \$397,150 (4.62%) increase over FY21.

- The transportation increase was low at ~ \$12,120
- Contractual obligations and longevity accounted for \$227,655.
- A Physical Education (Phys-Ed) teacher was increased from 0.4 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to 1.0 FTE at \$13,218—for a total of 2 full time phys-ed teachers.
- The Oak Bluffs portion of the Superintendent's Shared Services Office budget increased \$157,376 or 9.14% due not only to the necessary restructuring but also to enrollment shifts in the assessment formula.
- The OBSC raised the issue of uneven use of Office services, especially in terms of financial management, possibly suggesting paying for an outside consultant for restructuring analysis.
- The Office assessment formula was intensely reviewed recently (see AISC Minutes: 12/15/15, & 1/13/16, & 9/29/16 p.2 #IV, & 10/13/16) and revised to assess both School Choice and Shared Services students to their home districts. The Office served and oversaw a number of functions—shared services, personnel, grants, special education, finances, payroll, etc.
- Shared Services did their best to equally distribute obligations among the local schools, each of which housed classes, except for Tisbury which compensated for lack of space by paying for nursing services. The formula accounted for those schools hosting programs as well as district enrollment in the programs.

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- It was the observation of both the present and the previous Business Manager that the multiplication of formulas (transportation formula, Shared Serviced formula, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) formula, Up Island Regional School District formulas) was a major problem in lost efficiency, lack of transparency and burn-out. However precise a formula became it was still a formula.

- The decision to hire an Office accountant (rather than a UIRSD financial manager) was aimed at what would be the most beneficial to the MVPS. An accountant could have or acquire the specialized skills to better utilize the current powerful software and find global improvements in MVPS financial procedures.

Prin. Farrell presented this draft to Town Administrator Bob Whritenour. Mr. Whritenour projected fairly lean FY22 revenues in accordance with Proposition 2 ½. Adjustments would be considered if and when more information became available.

- Prin. Farrell also submitted facility issues to the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Painting the cupola might be considered standard maintenance. Major OBS capital projects within the next 5 years were boiler (see Minutes: 11/18/14 p.1-2 #3, & 3/15/16 p.1 #3) and elevator replacements

• *KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET AT \$9,032,381.23 (A 4.62% INCREASE) AS PRESENTED AT THIS MEETING; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, LISA REAGAN—AYE.*

• Thanks went to everyone who worked so hard: Prin. Farrell, Mark Friedman, Denitsa Alton, staff and students.

Prin. Farrell advised the OBSC on efficient procedures to keep students and staff safe during the pandemic, including quick pivots to remote learning in case of student or staff positive covid tests. She worked with the Health/Safety Advisory Committee who had been supportive of her efforts. The OBSC asked about final authority to open or close the OBS—Health/Safety, Principal or Board of Health agent Megan Lancaster—Ms. Lancaster did not support adding days this week.

- In view of the high incidence of Town infection rate, the OBSC and Administration strongly urged families to adhere to safety practices over the holidays including travel restrictions, quarantining and testing.

- Every OBS student had been seen by an OBS adult. The School was working hard to provide families and students in trauma or need with wrap-around and in-house socio-emotional services. Prin. Farrell thanked the OBSC for additional guidance staff (see 10/13/20 Minutes p.2).

- Parent/teacher conferences would be by remote technology in late January/early February after the January 22nd report card release.

Old/New Business: Personnel - None

Correspondence - None

Executive Session – Not needed

The next OBSC meeting will be [9:30AM, Wednesday, January 20, 2021](#) by Zoom.

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Adjourn

The OBSC wished everyone happy holidays and a better new year.

KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:40AM; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: LISA REAGAN—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN —AYE.

Documents on file:

Agenda 12/15/20

Fund Balances: Fiscal Year 2020-2021 12/14/20

Oak Bluffs School, General Fund Expenditure Report-OB Site 2020-2021 (3 p.)
12/14/20

Revolving Lunch Report OBS FY21

OBS FY'22 Budget Analysis, Proposed #2, December 15, 2020

Minutes approved 1/20/21