

OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Wednesday, May 24, 2022, 8:30AM
By Zoom Cloud Conference

Present: Acting Chair - Kathryn Shertzer, Kris O'Brien, Rizwan Malik,
Others: Principal's Office – Megan Farrell, Denitsa Alton,
Superintendent's Office – Matt D'Andrea, Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Hope MacLeod, Kim Garrison, Leah Palmer,
Town: FinCom – Maura McGroarty,
Recorder – Marni Lipke

* Late arrivals or early departures
of OBSC members

The Oak Bluffs School Committee (OBSC) was called to order at 8:34AM.
(Recorder's Note: Some discussions have been grouped for clarity and brevity.)

Spotlight on Learning

The OBSC very much enjoyed a video of "Annie" the first school musical since the pandemic. It was clear that students, faculty and community came together to work really, really hard. The shows had the best attendance ever and only rave reviews.

Minutes: Approval of Minutes of April 26th, 2022

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 15, 2022 AND APRIL 26, 2022 MINUTES; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, RIZWAN MALIK—ABSTAIN due to not being a member at the time and to absence, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE.

Superintendent's Report

• **Student Opportunity Act (SOA) Presentation & Vote**

(Recorder's Note: — This presentation is briefly summarized as fully explained in the accompanying documents on file and 3/22/22 Minutes p.3.)

Assistant Superintendent Richie Smith gave an extensive explanation of the SOA, which was a 3-year Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) initiative to prioritize additional Chapter 70 funding to target 4 groups: low income families, students of color, English Language Learners (ELL), and students with disabilities. (Future additional Chapter 70 funds might also pay Charter School tuitions.)

• The additional funding amounts varied (partially due to the Covid pandemic impact) and the State determined SOA funding well after OBS budget approval deadlines. The combination of shift in focus and revenue determination timeline would fundamentally change the way the OBS built its yearly budget in conjunction with the Town.

• Due to OBS demographics (60-61% low income, 22.1% ELL) it would receive the highest SOA funding proportion of all the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS).

• The MVPS included numerous programs addressing learning and services in all the targeted groups, (e.g. across-the-board Social Emotional Learning (SEL)), so the difficulty was in narrowing the (short-form) application to 2 prioritized groups for the short form: ELL and Special Needs/Education (SpEd). Principal Megan Farrell was easily able to report on a number of OBS evidence-based initiatives.

• Mr. Smith and staff focused on the following evidenced-based program options through additional hiring, Professional Development (PD) and Response to Intervention (RTI):

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- enhanced core instruction,
- conditions for success,
- talent development.
- As an example, SpEd Director Hope MacLeod reported on:
 - programs in keeping with the Jim Shillinglaw recommendations,
 - a Shared Services position that responded to teacher requests on student behavior or struggles to access the curriculum, meeting with a team as needed; and
 - a Speech/Language pathologist training on how to diagnose speech/language problems for ELL students.

Asst. Supt. Smith would share the presentation documents, and OBSC agreed to look over the material and vote on the application at their June meeting.

Special Education (SpEd) Director's Report (See above: SOA.)

Financial Report (See documents on file.)

• **Fund Balance Report**

Oak Bluffs was awarded \$295,000 in Extraordinary Relief Circuit Breaker funds so the Circuit Breaker and Residential deficits would be eliminated.

- There would be a small draw on the anticipated \$135,000 School Choice balance to cover the residual residential placement total.
- Revolving Lunch was \$22,000 in the black.

• **Expenditure Report**

There were no dramatic changes from previous months (see 4/26/22 Minutes p.2) and all negatives could be covered by the Teachers' Increment and Custodial lines.

- Legal Services covered ongoing collective bargaining negotiations.
- Although OBS used 4 buses last year and only 3 this year it was billed an additional \$1,100 in Transportation costs.
- Prin. Farrell would consider how to manage rising fuel, power and light costs. Hopefully the current software connection problems would be resolved and solar power would start in June. The OBSC requested their Chair be kept informed of progress.

• **Revolving Lunch Report**

Staff always paid down their debt.

Principal's Report

The sixth grade had a fabulous time on the 4-day Nature's Classroom field trip, and the eighth grade was looking forward to their trip. Prin. Farrell encouraged everyone to participate in the "Great To Be from OB" campaign.

- Graduation would be at the Tabernacle at 5:30PM on Tuesday, June 14th.

Old/New Business

- **Personnel** (See documents on file.)

Leaves of Absence - Lianne deBettencourt, Hannah VanDerlaske,

Resignation - Charlotte Hall,

- *KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE WITH THE BEST OF LUCK:*
 - *A MINIMUM EIGHT WEEK PARENTAL LEAVE STARTING ON OR AROUND SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 FOLLOWED BY A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR LIANNE DEBETTENCOURT,*

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- A 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL HANNAH VANDERLASKE, AND
- THE RESIGNATION OF EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL CHARLOTTE HALL (see 3/31/20 Minutes p.3);
RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, RIZWAN MALIK—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE. With some internal shifts and community based Guidance hours, OBS staffing was complete with the exception of 1 or 2 Education Support Professionals (ESPs).

• **Discussion of Other Potential Meeting Times for the OBSC**

New member Rizwan Malik worked fairly standard 9:00am to 5:00pm hours and requested some flexibility in meeting times. As some members had afternoon/evening family obligations the OBSC discussed shifting to 8:00AM. Members would consider other options at the next meeting.

• KRIS O'BRIEN NOMINATED KATHRYN SHERTZER AS CHAIR; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED; KATHRYN SHERTZER ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, RIZWAN MALIK—AYE, KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE.

• RIZWAN MALIK NOMINATED KRIS O'BRIEN AS VICE CHAIR; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED; KRIS O'BRIEN ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE, RIZWAN MALIK—AYE.

• The OBSC would consider Martha's Vineyard Regional High School membership at the June meeting.

Correspondence - None

Executive Session – Not needed

Next OBSC meeting will be on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 8:00AM.

Adjourn

• KRIS O'BRIEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:06AM; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: KATHRYN SHERTZER—AYE, RIZWAN MALIK—AYE, KRIS O'BRIEN—AYE.

Documents on file:

Agenda/Revised Agenda (2 p.) 5/24/22

Student Opportunity Act, Oak Bluffs School, May 24, 2022 (21 p.)

Student Opportunity Act, Implementation Indicators for 2021-2022 (28 p.)

Oak Bluffs School Fund Balances Fiscal Year 2021-2022 5/23/22

Oak Bluffs School General Fund Expenditure Report – OB Site, Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (4 p.) 5/23/22

Revolving School Lunch Report, Oak Bluffs School FY22

School Choice FY22 Report

deBettencourt letter re: maternity leave request 4/26/22

Stone/VanDerlaske emails re: Leave of Absence Request 5/19/22

Hall email re: Resignation 5/16/22

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Documents on file (cont.):

• Chat:

- Leah Palmer (she/her/hers) to Everyone (9:06 AM)

High needs: A student is high needs if he/ she/they is designated as either low income (prior to 2015, and from 2022 to present), economically disadvantaged (from 2015 to 2021), EI/former EI, or a student with disabilities. A former EI student is a student not currently an EI, but had been at some point in the four previous academic years. data as of: October 1, March 1, End of Year

- Leah Palmer (she/her/hers) to Everyone (9:09 AM)

Low Income (2022-present) Assistance Program (SNAP); the Transitional Assistance for Families with Dependent Children (TAFDC); the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) foster care program; expanded MassHealth (Medicaid) up to 185% of the federal poverty level, as well as students identified by districts as homeless and students the district confirmed had met the low-income criteria through the supplemental process and collected the required supporting documentation (SIMS DOE056) source: See Redefining Low-income Under the Student Opportunity Act (SY 2021-22)

- Kim Garrison (she/hers) to Everyone (9:09 AM)

<https://profiles.doe.mass.edu/help/data.aspx?section=students>

- Kris O'Brien to Everyone (9:10 AM) Thank you both

- Leah Palmer (she/her/hers) to Everyone (9:30 AM)

[file: implementation-indicators (1).docx]

Hope MacLeod to Everyone (10:05 AM) I have to run...

Minutes approved 6/21/22.