

ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MARTHA’S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENCY UNION #19
Edgartown School Committee
Oak Bluffs School Committee
Tisbury School Committee
Martha’s Vineyard Regional School District
Up Island Regional School District

5:30PM, Thursday, February 1, 2024
Hybrid Meeting-in Person at Edgartown School or via zoom

Present:	Chair – Amy Houghton (Tis)
Up-Island	Roxanne Ackerman (5:59), Robert Lionette, Alex Salop, Jim Newman (5:40), Skipper Manter
Tisbury	Jennifer Cutrer, Mike Watts(5:59-in person)
Oak Bluffs	Rizwan Malik, Kathryn Shertzer, Kris O’Brien (5:57- in person)
Edgartown	Louis Paciello, Kelly Scott, Kim Kirk
Shared Services Office	Richie Smith- Superintendent (6:04- in person), Mark Friedman- School Business Administrator, Hope MacLeod- Director of Special Education (6:09), John Stevens - Assistant Superintendent
Other	Ellie Parece – Recorder, Luisa Hufstader – Vineyard Gazette, MVTV, Darren Belisle – Edgartown School Tech, Deb Grant, MV Cultural Council, Suzanne Cioffi, Bridget Mello, Julia Tarka

I. Call to Order

The All-Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.

II. Approval of Minutes including but not limited to January 4, 2024

MR. LIONETTE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 4, 2024. MR NEWMAN SECONDED THE MOTION

ROLL CALL: *HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, PACIELLO – AYE, LIONETTE -ABSTAIN, MALIK -AYE, WATTS – AYE, MANTER – AYE, SALOP – AYE, SCOTT -AYE, O’BRIEN -AYE, KIRK – AYE, SHERTZER – AYE, NEWMAN -AYE*

Motion passes 12-0-1

III. Chair General Remarks

Chair Houghton welcomed people to the meeting and thanked Edgartown for hosting the meeting. She asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the three young men lost in the island community. She also mentioned an equity audit and that she would invite Marge Harris to the March meeting to discuss this issue.

IV. Edgartown Outdoor Learning Center

Principal Einbinder reported that there have been discussions for an outdoor learning center that began before Covid. At this point they have received estimates and the plan would have a couple of phases. Phase 1 was approved last April and design is under way and Phase 2 would focus on younger children. The cost for that not covered was submitted as a warrant. Assistant Superintendent Stevens commented that they have had meetings with architects, OPM and staff and plan more internal meetings with staff, students, parents and

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PTA. The timeline is to have meetings done in March with a new design, April project bids and construction June through September. Chair Houghton asked for the educational component and Principal Einbinder responded that the vision was for an outdoor classroom, similar to an amphitheater with some type of shade.

V. **Universal Preschool Task Force Update**

Mr. Salop discussed the need on island for a universal preschool and that there are a lot of stakeholders in this community. He distributed a list of a sub-committee which will work together and then report back to the AISC.

MR. MANTER MADE A MOTION TO CREATE A UNIVERSAL PERSCHOOL TASK FORCE. MR NEWMAN SECONDED THE MOTION

ROLL CALL: *HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, PACIELLO – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, MALIK -AYE, WATTS – AYE, MANTER – AYE, SALOP – AYE, SCOTT -AYE, O'BRIEN -AYE, KIRK – ABSTAIN, SHERTZER – AYE,*
Motion passes 11-0-1

VI. **Roundtable-What's happening in your district? Report from chairs**

Mr. Malik reported OB had finished their budget hearing with the select board. Ms. Shertzer added that there is a boiler project for the summer of 2025. She also commented that they are very proud of their building and the new playground meant for older students which included workout stations.

Mr. Newman reported that Chilmark select board was moving forward with the search for a new Chilmark principal and has begun interviewing. Mr. Lionette added that Chilmark had completed the HVAC upgrades. Mr. Paciello reported that Edgartown had their budget meeting with the town and reiterated the excitement with the outdoor campus.

Mr. Watts reported he visited the Tisbury school on Tuesday and was very excited with the progress. He was able to see the new full size gymnasium. He mentioned that there would be logistics to figure out such as a new lunch scheduled. He said the windows were going in.

Ms. Houghton mentioned that she went to MVRHS and met with the school student council.

Mr. Salop reported that the West Tisbury School has received proposals for new solar panels.

VII. **Superintendent Contract Renewal Update- Possible Vote**

Executive Session – G.L.c.30A Section 21(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel

The committee did not enter executive session. Personnel subcommittee chair Cutrer informed the committee that the sub-committee had met the day prior and made a few minor adjustments and the attorney was redrafting that information. MS. Houghton stated that section 8 was adjusted regarding reimbursing the superintendent for expenses in an effort to find language that the town would allow. Ms. O'Brien asked if the committee could get a sheet outlining the changes and Ms. Houghton informed her that they would send the final contract with the sheet of changes so the committee could discuss and vote in March. Mr. Manter

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questioned how the salary moved to \$212,000 and Ms. Houghton responded that the contract was reconfigured so there are fewer buckets of amounts but the total was \$211,000 and now its \$212,000. She agreed to send the red line and summary sheet.

VIII. Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Smith distributed a copy of his goals and commented that he has been working with personnel sub-committee and he explained his three focus areas based on feedback he has received. Mr. Salop commented that he sees the focus on social and emotional goals but worries it is not enough for academic achievement. Mr. Watts asked how the committee will know if Superintendent Smith is successful and how the committee would evaluate him. Superintendent Smith said the surveys being sent out will give feedback. He is hoping for a high response rate. He also commented that the Mid Atlantic Equity Consortium stated that it was rare to see a superintendent so involved in the process. Ms. Houghton asked what would be success and looked for clarification on outcomes. Superintendent Smith informed the committee that the new superintendent program gave him the goals. Ms. Scott said she needed goals to be tangible and accountable. Ms. Houghton asked the superintendent to refine his goals and work with the personnel sub committee at their next meeting.

IX. Personnel

A. Resignations- Superintendent Smith presented a letter of retirement for Stacy Voorhis effective June 30, 2024.

MR. MANTER MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT. MS O'BRIEN SECONDED THE MOTION

ROLL CALL: HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, PACIELLO – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, MALIK -AYE, WATTS – AYE, MANTER – AYE, SALOP – AYE, SCOTT -AYE, O'BRIEN -AYE, KIRK – AYE, SHERTZER – AYE, NEWMAN - AYE, ACKERMAN - AYE

Motion passes 14-0-0

B. New ESP for Headway for remainder of the year- Ms. MacLeod informed the committee that there was a need for a new ESP in Project Headway for the remainder of the year and asked to advertise for a half year position. Mr. Manter asked if the savings in the health line was enough to cover the expense and Ms. Macleod responded that she confirmed with SBA Friedman that it was.

MS. ACKERMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NEW ESP FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. MS SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION

ROLL CALL: HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, PACIELLO – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, MALIK -AYE, WATTS – AYE, MANTER – AYE, SALOP – AYE, SCOTT -AYE, O'BRIEN -AYE, KIRK – AYE, SHERTZER – AYE, NEWMAN - AYE, ACKERMAN - AYE

Motion passes 14-0-0

X. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Smith presented the Appendix A additions as approved by the Appendix A committee. Mr. Manter asked when this would take effect and Superintendent Smith responded that he needed to clarify with JLMC. It was agreed to table this until March.

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XI. Adjournment

MS. O'BRIEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. MS SHERTZER SECONDED THE MOTION

ROLL CALL: *HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, PACIELLO – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, MALIK -AYE, WATTS – AYE, MANTER – AYE, SALOP – AYE, SCOTT -AYE, O'BRIEN -AYE, KIRK – AYE, SHERTZER – AYE, NEWMAN - AYE, ACKERMAN - AYE*

Motion passes 14-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:13

Minutes submitted by Ellie Parece