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**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, Monday, September 11, 2023**

**Hybrid Meeting**

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter (UI)  
Up-Island Roxanne Ackerman (5:45), Robert Lionette, Alex Salop (5:36), Jim Newman  
Tisbury Jennifer Cutrer , Mike Watts, Amy Houghton (5:36)  
Oak Bluffs Rizwan Malik, Kathryn Shertzer, Kris O’Brien  
Edgartown Kelly Scott, Louis Paciello  
Shared Services Office Richie Smith- Superintendent, Mark Friedman- School Business Administrator, Kim Garrison- All Island Behavioral Health Coordinator, Hope MacLeod- Director of Student Support Services, Jen Royal,-Early Childhood Director, Susan Conlan-Shared Service Coordinator, Leah Palmer-ELL Director  
Other Ellie Parece – Recorder, Suzanne Cioffi- MVRHS, Sara Dingley- MVRHS Principal, Susan Stevens-Head of Chilmark School, Donna Lowell-Bettencourt-Principal West Tisbury School, Shelley Einbinder-Principal Edgartown School, Gina Patti, Sean DeBettencourt, Anna Cotton-MVEA reps, John Custer- Tisbury School Principal, Jenna Bernstein-MVTimes, Joe Mikos, Maura McGroarty

**I. Call to Order**

The All-Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 5:30pm. The chair requested a moment of silence in memory of 9-11.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The draft minutes under consideration for approval are: 6/22/2023 and 7/20/2023.

MR LIONETTE MADE A MOTION AND MS CUTRER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 22 AND JULY 20.

*CUTRER – AYE, NEWMAN - AYE, SHERTZER- AYE, SCOTT – AYE, O’BRIEN – AYE, PACIELLO - ABSTAIN, WATTS – AYE, MALIK – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, MANTER – AYE Motion passes 9-0-1.*

**III. Superintendent Report**

**A. General Update**

- a. Superintendent Smith reported that on August 12 Jim Hardy came to the island for a school committee training as a refresher for some and first time for others. MASC law says that members should be trained within their first year of being elected. Jim Hardy has agreed to return on October 21<sup>st</sup> to meet with members again so members are asked to contact Richie/Ellie if they are able to attend. Ms. O’Brien commented that is was really informative, she had taken the class before but learned new things this time. Mr. Manter agreed and commented that it is a nice back and forth conversation, very informal and

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helpful. Ms. Houghton also commented that it is nice to be together outside of meetings and share thoughts. Ms. Scott asked if it would be new information or the same and Superintendent Smith responded that they could work with Mr. Hardy for a combination and he runs it based on what information people need.

- b. Superintendent Smith also reported on convocation and thanked the committee members who attended while acknowledging that people work at that time. He mentioned that there are lots of things going on in all the schools over the summer however, every school opened on time and he is proud of the staff and everyone involved to push this forward. He also thanked the MVEA for all their hard work and support especially chairs Gina Patti, Sean DeBettencourt and Anna Cotton. Superintendent Smith then thanked the school committee, volunteers and town leaders. Committee members acknowledged with great pleasure the jazz band who started convocation and recognized MVRHS students Eli Friedman, Connor Graves, Owen Parian and Elliot Stead.
- B. Superintendent Smith presented a slide show that was shown at convocation that emphasized the way that we all work together has a greater influence on the quality of our schools. He then distributed the mvyps entry plan and asked that aisc work together to come up with student achievement goals. He also explained that rather than a strategic plan the school system is doing a strategic strategy. During the four-day cabinet retreat the administration looked at data and principals will be sharing this with their staff to discuss areas of improvement. Ms. Houghton asked if all of the data would be shared with staff and Superintendent responded yes. Ms. Houghton commented that is would be helpful to get the data so the committee could respond if approached. Superintendent Smith said that the entry plan isn’t school specific but members could reach out to their principals for specific data.
- C. Superintendent Smith revisited the buckets he had discussed previously and reiterated that these buckets are commitments. During the Oct 6 PD day and the four PD super half days principals would be emphasizing topics from this such as Think Kids, Paige Tobin discussing discipline, MAEC cultural responses, co-teaching and Synergy. Superintendent Smith ended by reinforcing the training on October 21 and emphasizing key points for a school committee such as trust and respect, no individual decision but working as a group and creating a code of ethics.

**IV. Old/New Business**

- A. **Sub-Committee Re-Organization-** The AISC sub committees reconfigure every year. A discussion followed and sub committees were formed for personnel, sick bank, negotiations and calendar.

Personnel- Cutrer, Salop, O’Brien, Scott, Houghton

Calendar- Scott, Ackerman, Malik

Sick Bank- Manter, Shertzer

Negotiations- Watts, Ackerman, Salop, Lionette, Sequin, Malik

MS. O’BRIEN MADE A MOTION AND MS. SHERTZER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SUB COMMITTEES AS STATED.

*SALOP- AYE, HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, NEWMAN - AYE, SHERTZER- AYE, SCOTT – AYE, O’BRIEN – AYE, PACIELLO - AYE, WATTS – AYE, MALIK – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, ACKERMAN- AYE, MANTER – AYE Motion passes 13-0-0.*

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**B. Elect New Chair and Vice Chair-** Mr. Watts nominated Ms. Houghton to be the new chair of AISC. Ms. Houghton commented that she would be willing to be chair if everyone is willing to start fresh and agrees to wanting to turn the ship and have a collaborative effort to address some things and also celebrate what's going on and support each other. Mr. Salop agreed to be the as vice-chair.

MR SALOP MADE A MOTION AND MR. LIONETTE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE AMY HOUGHTON AS THE NEW ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR

*SALOP- AYE, HOUGHTON – ABSTAIN, CUTRER – AYE, NEWMAN - AYE, SHERTZER- AYE, SCOTT – AYE, O'BRIEN – AYE, PACIELLO - AYE, WATTS – AYE, MALIK – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, ACKERMAN- AYE, MANTER – AYE Motion passes 12-0-1.*

MR. LIONETTE MADE A MOTION AND MR. WATTS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ALEX SALOP AS THE NEW ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIR

*SALOP- ABSTAIN, HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, NEWMAN - AYE, SHERTZER- AYE, SCOTT – AYE, O'BRIEN – AYE, PACIELLO - AYE, WATTS – AYE, MALIK – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, ACKERMAN- AYE, MANTER – AYE Motion passes 12-0-1.*

**V. Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair**

**VI. Adjournment-**

MS. O'BRIEN MADE A MOTION AND MS. SHERTZER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:27

*SALOP- AYE, HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, NEWMAN - AYE, SHERTZER- AYE, SCOTT – AYE, O'BRIEN – AYE, PACIELLO - AYE, WATTS – AYE, MALIK – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, ACKERMAN- AYE, MANTER – AYE Motion passes 13-0-0.*

Minutes submitted by Ellie Parece