

**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, Tuesday, July 9, 2024**  
**Zoom only**

Present: Chair – Amy Houghton (Tis)  
Up-Island Roxanne Ackerman, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Robert Lionette  
Tisbury Jennifer Cutrer, Mike Watts  
Oak Bluffs Rizwan Malik, Kathryn Shertzer  
Edgartown Kelly Scott, Kristen Brown, Sarah Murphy  
Superintendents Office Richie Smith- Superintendent, Mark Friedman- School Business Administrator, Hope MacLeod- Director of Special Education , Kim Garrison – Behavioral Health Coordinator, Lea Palmer – ELL Director  
Other Ellie Parece – Recorder, , MVTV, Susan Stevens – Head of Chilmark School, Becky Tinus – Chilmark Technology, Anna Cotton – MVEA co-president, Justine DeOliveira, Marcia Borges, Dan Greenman – MV Times, Jen Russell, Kerry Branca, Kate Squire

- I. Call to Order  
The All-Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 5:53pm following a tour of the school.
- II. Chair General Remarks  
Chair Houghton thanked Susan Stevens for the tour of the building as well as for her 49 years as an educator. She also mentioned to the committee the possibility of Tisbury hiring a Brazilian Portuguese teacher to fill their Spanish teacher who is leaving. Mr. Lionette asked for a more formal presentation at the next school committee meeting to discuss this and if it would mirror the high school which has two tracks based on language knowledge level.  
Chair Houghton then welcomed new members Kristen Brown and Sarah Murphy from Edgartown as well as Laurel Schneider from Oak Bluffs.
- III. Superintendent Report
  - A. Non-Union Salary Discussion  
Superintendent Smith notified the committee that he would be bringing the non-union salary recommendations to the next meeting as well as to the locals. He mentioned that 3% was put into the budget. Mr Manter reminded the committee that there is a difference between a COLA and salary adjustment
  - B. Update on School Administration  
Superintendent Smith informed the committee that Kate Squire would be the Chilmark Principal, John Stevens the Interim Edgartown Principal, Deb DeBettencourt the Edgartown Assistant Principal and he has created a 22 person search committee for Oak Bluffs Principal to replace Megan Farrell. Mr. Manter asked about replacing the Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent Smith replied that he has some ideas.
  - C. MASC Policy Audit  
Jim Hardy from MASC will be coming in person to work with the committee to put a policy handbook together.

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- D. Charting the Course  
This is a course for new members or members who have not yet taken it. We are planning to try a few dates with Jim Hardy to come to the island or members can opt to go to one of the off-island courses.
- E. MSBA Update  
They have been through the design selection process for the High School project to select the architect. After several rounds Tappe was selected and approved by the MSBA so now they are working on a contract with them. This is the same firm that worked on the Tisbury School.
- F. EDSCLS  
This is one of the Superintendent's goals and he gave a climate survey presentation. He wants to get a high turnout for the survey so they have sent out this video and will work to continue to get the word out on the importance of the survey. Ms. Scott reached out to her local PTA for help getting the word out. Ms. Brown asked who would have access to the responses and the Superintendent explained that the results would go to the Superintendent's office and each school will develop their own plan.

## IV. Side Letters of Agreement

- A. Non-Union ASP Positions  
Anna Cotton, MVEA co-president and Superintendent Smith presented a side letter of agreement which would make a change in the ASP contract in the second of a three-year contract. The union had concerns about the expanse of non-union positions. Chair Houghton asked why the school committee wasn't included in the conversations and the Superintendent responded that JLMC is a platform where he meets weekly with the union to discuss issues that may arise. The committee asked that the issue goes to the school committee negotiations sub-committee. Ms. Cotton clarified that any issue should go to the negotiations sub-committee first and Chair Houghton confirmed the process stating the Superintendent can't negotiate contracts.
- B. One Year Only Job Postings  
Tabled to be discussed in negotiations sub-committee

## V. Personnel

Superintendent Smith presented three letters of resignation. Tonya Banks, shared service ESP effective April 24, Hannah Marini SLP and Emily Burke, inclusion specialist.

MS. HOUGHTON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS. MS SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION

ROLL CALL: *HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, MALIK -AYE, WATTS – AYE, MANTER – AYE, MURPHY – AYE, SCOTT -AYE, SHERTZER – AYE, NEWMAN -AYE, ACKERMAN - AYE*  
*Motion passes 12-0-0*

Superintendent Smith presented a letter of retirement from Assistant to the Superintendent Ellie Parece effective October 4, 2024.

MR. MAILK MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT MS SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION  
ROLL CALL: *HOUGHTON – AYE, CUTRER – AYE, BROWN – AYE, LIONETTE -AYE, MALIK -AYE, WATTS – AYE, MANTER – AYE, MURPHY – AYE, SCOTT -AYE, SHERTZER – AYE, NEWMAN -AYE, ACKERMAN - AYE*  
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Ms. MacLeod notified the committee that following Susan Conlan's retirement Shane Schofield was hired as BCBA and has started training with Ms. Conlan. She also gave the committee a heads up that for the June meeting they wanted to discuss moving 2 of the Project Headway ESP positions to create a floating teacher position.

## VI. Sub-Committee Reports

- A. Personnel Sub-Committee- no update
- B. Negotiations Sub-Committee- no update
- C. Calendar, Appendix A Sub-Committee- no update
- D. Universal Pre-School Task Force- will meet Wednesday night

## VII. Roundtable- Report from Chairs on each district

OB- Mr Malik mentioned the principal search. Edg- Ms. Scott mentioned the new administration and new school committee members, WT- no update, CH- Mr Lionette commented that the Chilmark search was so successful because of the voices of so many as well as Ms. Stevens helping with the transition.

## VIII. 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.

No executive Session

## IX. Adjournment 7:21pm