

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)
School Committee Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2024 at 5:30 PM
Library or Zoom

Present: Chair – Kathryn Shertzer, Vice Chair (VC) – Skipper Manter, Roxanne Ackerman, Jennifer Cutrer, Robert Lionette, Kris O'Brien, Louis Paciello, Michael Watts

Others: Senior Project Manager / CHA Solutions – Michael Owen,
School Building Committee/Chair – Dion Alley

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Assistant Principal – Jeremy Light,
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Project Vine – Danielle Charbonneau,
Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy, Softball Coach – Tiffany McCarty

Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D.,
Director of Student Support Services – Hope MacLeod,
School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman

Towns/County: West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

Press: MVTimes – Eunki Seonwoo, MVTV, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader

Please note: All business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action.

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 5:34 PM by Chair Kathryn Shertzer.
(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

I. Welcome - Chair

Chair Shertzer said this was another packed agenda and would move through it expeditiously.

II. Routine Reports

A. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities

The Junior Class Officers read their prepared report on activities and events; Members thanked them for the presentation.

B. Principal

1. Teacher of the Year Summary

Principal Sara Dingley introduced Danielle Charbonneau, the 2023 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Charbonneau recapped her experiences, accomplishments and activities throughout the year.

C. Superintendent

1. General Update

Superintendent Richard M. Smith acknowledged the tremendous loss that happened recently in the high school community and the greater community, and shared his appreciation on how everyone has supported each other.

2. Budget Update Island Wide

Superintendent Smith said he appreciated the attendance at the meetings that were held to date; he reviewed the upcoming schedule.

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D. Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Update

1. Mike Owen Introduction & Update

Dion Alley recapped the accomplishments of the School Building Committee (SBC) thus far and the timeline going forward. He expressed the value and importance for the two Committees to work together as a team going forward, to use this opportunity to heal the community.

Superintendent Smith said he liked the idea of the SBC looking at the total campus including the athletic fields, to start the visioning from scratch for the total campus; to have the opportunity to bring our towns together in support of a project.

Michael Owen said transparency and community involvement was key for success; he said this was a great opportunity and an exciting time. This was a collaboration between leadership, parents and students. Mr. Owen said to use this opportunity to create something that no one has ever thought of, and to think outside the box. He said to forget what was done in the past, to use visioning to create something that wasn't there and have a little fun in the process.

Members asked questions and discussed at length the process of "thinking outside the box". They expressed concerns of the logistics and the impacts to the students during the process as well as the pro's and con's of starting the process over, including the financial implications.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO MAKE A BLANK CANVAS AND MOVE ALL VISIONING FOR THE ENTIRE CAMPUS TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UNDER THE MVRHS SC PURVIEW; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. PACIELLO—NAY.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO WITHDRAW THE DEMOLITION PERMIT, TO WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION TO THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS AND TO WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT TO THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION / DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED.

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO TABLE THIS MOTION; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION FAILED: 3 AYES, 5 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE. MS. CUTRER—NAY, MR. LIONETTE—NAY, MR. MANTER—NAY, MR. PACIELLO—NAY & MR. WATTS—NAY.

MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. PACIELLO—NAY, MS. O'BRIEN—NAY & MS. SHERTZER—NAY.

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2. Vote to Appoint Chilmark Representative on School Building Committee

SKIPPER MOVED TO APPOINT BILLY DILLON TO THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

3. Discussion & Vote to Approve a School Committee Member to the Design Selection Panel

Tabled until March, 2024.

III. Appeal Update/ Next Steps

- A. (If necessary) Executive session, subject to the chairs declaration, to discuss litigation strategy, pursuant to G.L.c. 30A s21(a)(3), in the matter of Martha's Vineyard regional high school versus the Oak Bluffs Planning Board, and the Town of Oak Bluffs Land Court NO. 22 MISC 000294**

Michael Watts provided updates - he said the case was listed as closed but was not disposed.

IV. Consents

VOTES REQUIRED

A. Minutes: Tabled.

B. Personnel:

- ◆ Annah MacKenzie in a letter dated 01/17/24 wrote: I am requesting medical leave beginning on March 18, 2024. I plan to return to my position on August 28, 2024.
- ◆ Leigh Fairchild-Coppoletti in a letter dated 01/22/24 wrote: I'm requesting a leave for the next academic year, 2024-25, in order to pursue some personal projects and travels. As of now, I am planning on returning in the fall of 2025.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Grants and Donations:

Suzanne Cioffi presented the donations.

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DONATIONS AND THAT THEY GO WHERE INTENDED; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

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D. Out of State & Overnight Travel:

MVRHS Wrestling

February 9 - February 10, 2024: Foxborough, MA.

Indoor Track

March 7 - March 8, 2024: Boston, MA.

MVRHS Snow Club

March 14 - March 16, 2024: Lincoln, NH.

Boys Lacrosse

April 12 - April 16, 2024: Connecticut.

SKIPPER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Project Vine

April 12 - April 19, 2024: London and Rome.

Tabled until chaperones were finalized.

SWEAR

March 10 - March 11, 2024: Sandwich, MA.

Was not discussed - document was part of meeting materials.

E. Student Conduct & Discipline First Reading:

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE STUDENT CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE, PHYSICAL RESTRAINT POLICIES & PROCEDURES AND PROPOSED BULLYING POLICY; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

F. Physical Restraint Policies & Procedures First Reading:

(Please see above, Agenda Item IV Consents, letter E)

G. Proposed Bullying Policy First Reading:

(Please see above, Agenda Item IV Consents, letter E)

H. Possible Recertification of FY25 Budget

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO RE-CERTIFY THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, AT:

- \$22,303,128.51 ASSESSED BUDGET (3.28 % INCREASE), AND

- \$26,568,042.41 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (5.85 % INCREASE);

SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE,

MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE,

MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

I. Excess & Deficiency Certification Update

A vote was not needed. (Please see document on file for details: IV. I. DLS CERTIFIED E and D Marthas Vineyard Regional School2024 - 02-05-2024.pdf)

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J. FY23 Prior Year Invoice

Suzanne Cioffi presented the invoice of \$750.00 from First Student Charter Center.

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING 2023 INVOICE OF \$750.00 TO FIRST STUDENT CHARTER; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

K. Junior High Waiver Request for Softball

SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO ALLOW THE ATHLETIC WAIVER FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS TO PARTICIPATE ON THE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

V. Finance

A. Revenue and Expenditures

Suzanne Cioffi shared the reports and answered Members' questions. She explained in detail the [negative] Legal Services Line (*page 3*), which would require discussion with a request for a budget transfer in the future.

VI. SubCommittee Updates

A. Budget

B. Facilities

Michael Watts, Chair of the Facilities Sub-Committee, reviewed issues including power, electrical wiring, heat and water damage.

C. Transportation

Roxanne Ackerman, Chair of the Transportation Sub-Committee said the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants were still in process. Mark Friedman provided updates for replacement of Island buses. Superintendent Smith reviewed the recent issues with transportation and the steps that were underway to resolve those issues; Louis Paciello said issues needed to be addressed before they escalated to the Superintendent - the current process needed review.

D. Land Use

E. Athletics

Louis Paciello, Chair of the Athletics Sub-Committee, said WIFI to the press box was underway as well as potable water to the fields. Discussion for waivers for Girls Hockey had begun - more review was needed.

VII. Ballot Question

A lengthy discussion ensued as to the value of this question and if it would put limitations on the project.

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MICHAEL WATTS MOVED RESCIND THE VOTE FOR THE NON-BINDING QUESTION (MADE ON JANUARY 8, 2024); KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. ACKERMAN—NAY & MR. MANTER—NAY.

(Please see document on file for details: APPROVED MVRHS SC Minutes January 8, 2024 Meeting.pdf, Ballot Question (Agenda Item #VII), pg 9)

VIII. Old/New Business None.

IX. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

Chair Shertzer said the Performing Arts Center (PAC) had availability on the calendar for event space bookings.

X. Public Comment

- ❖ Tony Peak supported the suggestion made by Mike Owen for a total campus Master Plan.

XI. Adjournment

JENNIFER CUTRER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 8:48 PM; KRIS O'BRIEN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. O'BRIEN—AYE, MR. PACIELLO—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Appendix A - Documents on File:

1. Agenda MVRHS SC 2.5.24.docx
2. MVRHSSC Zoom Recording 2.docx
3. IV. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes January 8, 2024 Meeting.pdf
4. IV. B. Annah MacKenzie Ltr. 1.18.24.pdf
5. IV. B. Fairchild-Coppoletti Ltr_.docx
6. IV. C. Donation Track and Field Project 1.2.2024.pdf
7. IV. C. Donations--Science Fair.pdf
8. IV. C. Donations--Student Activities Jazz.pdf
9. IV. C. Donations--Wifi Sanderson 2.5.2024.pdf
10. IV. D. 2024 - Snow Club Trip - Out of State and Overnight Travel (1).pdf
11. IV. D. Boys Lax - CT.pdf
12. IV. D. Indoor track nationals Out State Overnight Travel.pdf
13. IV. D. Project Vine_Out of State and Overnight Travel.pdf
14. IV. D. SWEAR Overnight Request Form - 2024.docx.pdf

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- 15. IV. D. wrestling sectionals 2_10.pdf
- 16. IV. E. Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Student Conduct and Discipline.docx
- 17. IV. F. Proposed MVPS Restraint Policy and Procedures_.docx
- 18. IV. G. MVPS Proposed Bullying Policy (1) (2).docx
- 19. IV. I. DLS CERTIFIED E and D Marthas Vineyard Regional School2024 - 02-05-2024.pdf
- 20. IV. J. FY23 Prior Year Invoice--First Charter.pdf
- 21. V. A MVRHS General Fund Revenues.pdf
- 22. V. A. MVRHS General Fund Expenditures.pdf


Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

June 24, 2024


Date



Kathryn Shertzer – MVRHS SC Chair

8/29/24

Date



Richard M. Smith, Ed.D. – MVRHSD Superintendent

6/25/24

Date

APPROVED JUNE 24, 2024