

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)/*Special Meeting*
School Committee Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm
Library or Zoom

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Vice Chair (VC) – Rizwan Malik, Roxanne Ackerman, Jennifer Cutrer, Robert Lionette, Kelly Scott, Kathryn Shertzer *Zoom: Michael Watts*

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Information Technology (IT) Director – Rick Mello, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Facilities Director – Jason O’Donnell, Director of Student Affairs – Jared Andrews, Computer Technology/Drivers Ed Teacher – Chris Connors

Supt.’s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D., School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman

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 5:30 PM by Chair Skipper Manter.

(Recorder’s Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

I. Welcome - Chair

Chair Manter welcomed all.

II. Principal’s Update:

A. Drivers Education Program

Principal Sara Dingley and Chris Connors reviewed the program in detail, including the purchase of a new vehicle through a grant awarded to the MVRHS. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether to charge a fee for the Drivers Education instructional hours or to provide instruction at no charge to students and how to budget going forward; nothing was decided. *(Please see slideshow presentation/document on file for details - contact Principal Sara Dingley.)*

III. Consents:

VOTES REQUIRED

A. Minutes

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 3, 2024 & JUNE 24, 2024 MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.

B. Personnel

- ◆ Marc Brasefield in a letter dated 08/06/24 wrote: I am having surgery on September 17. It's a 10 week recovery. I will be out on medical leave from September 16 to November 25. Thank you so much.
- ◆ Paul Angelico in a letter dated 08/04/24 wrote: I am writing to formally resign from my position as business teacher at Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, effective August 4, 2024.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL/Special Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm

- ◆ Tabitha Clark in a letter dated 07/16/24 wrote: I am writing to inform you that I am resigning from my position as Special Education Teacher at MVRHS.
- ◆ Michael Taus in a letter dated 07/01/24 wrote: Please accept this letter as formal notification that I intend to resign from my position as the Facilities Director @ MVRHS effective August 16th 2024.
- ◆ Maureen O'Malley in a letter wrote: This is my official notice that I have accepted the position at the Superintendent's office and will no longer be the Attendance ASP. My last day of work will be 7/31/2024.

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LIST OF PERSONNEL AS STATED BY PRINCIPAL SARA DINGLEDY; KELLY SCOTT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Grants and Donations

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS AS OUTLINED BY MARK FRIEDMAN; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

D. Vote to add Donna Bishop, Special Education rep, to School Building Committee

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ADD DONNA BISHOP, SPECIAL EDUCATION REP, TO SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE. MR. WATTS—NAY.

E. MVRHS Student Handbook

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE HANDBOOK AS PRESENTED; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 3 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE & MS. SCOTT—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY, MS. SHERTZER—NAY & MR. WATTS—NAY.

F. Dance, Pom and Cheer Teams

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SCHOOL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CREATION OF A DANCE TEAM AND THE POSTING OF A STIPEND POSITION TO SUPPORT IT AND TO APPROVE PRINCIPAL SARA DINGLEDY TO LOOK FOR GRANT, OPERATING SUPPLY MONEY OR FUNDRAISING OPTIONS TO PURCHASE UNIFORMS

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL/Special Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm

AND FUND THE STIPEND; KELLY SCOTT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. CUTRER—ABSTAINED.

IV. Subcommittee Updates:

A. Schedule First Sub Committee Meetings

Members discussed setting up meetings within the next few weeks to lay out plans of what would be discussed throughout the year and to be prepared to report back at the next MVRHS SC meeting.

B. Facilities

1. New Director

Members welcomed the new director. They commended Michael Taus for all the work he had done throughout his years as the (former) Facilities Director.

2. Update

C. Budget

1. Update

Suzanne Cioffi said things were in place and moving along to plan the FY26 budget in a timely manner.

2. Discussion on Other Post-Employment Benefits Funding Plan FY26

Chair Manter underscored that this topic needed an in depth review during this cycle.

V. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements

Principal Dingledey recognized Samuel Hart for all the work he had done preparing/compiling the materials collected over the summer for the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) building project.

VI. Public Comment None.

VII. Adjournment

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 7:04 PM; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL/Special Meeting
Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Appendix A - Documents on File:

1. Agenda MVRHS SC 8.19.24.docx
2. MVRHS School Committee Meeting Zoom.docx
3. II. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes June 3, 2024 Meeting.pdf
4. II. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes June 24, 2024 Meeting.pdf
5. II. B. Marc Brasefield Letter of Intent.docx
6. II. B. Maureen O_Malley Letter of Intent.docx
7. II. B. Michael Taus letter 7.1.24.pdf
8. II. B. Paul Angelico.docx
9. II. B. Tabitha Clark Letter of Intent.docx
10. II. C. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance list.doc
11. II. E. DRAFT MVRHS Student Handbook 24_25 - RED (3).pdf
12. II. F. MVRHS Drivers Ed August 2024.pdf
13. II. G. Dance, Pom and Cheer Team.pdf
14. III. A. DRAFT MVRHS Sub Committee Meeting Calendar 24-25.xlsx

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

December 2, 2024

Date

Skipper Manter – MVRHS SC Chair

Date

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

Date

APPROVED DECEMBER 2, 2024