

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)**  
**School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, April 7, 2025 at 5:30 pm**  
**Library or Zoom**

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

**Staff:** Principal – Sara Dingley, Information Technology (IT) Director – Rick Mello,  
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,  
Curriculum & Instruction Director – Justine DeOliveira,  
Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi,  
Food Service Director, Culinary Arts Instructor – Kevin Crowell,  
Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy

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

**Others:** School Building Committee (SBC) Chair – Dion Alley

**Towns/County:** Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, Tisbury – Nancy Gilfoy,  
West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

**Press:** Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader

**Recorder:** Teresa Kruszewski \**Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHS SC members*

\*Sarah Murphy arrived around 5:42 PM and left around 7:30 PM.

**Please note: All business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action.**  
(Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

**I. Welcome - Chair:**

The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 5:37 PM by Chair Skipper Manter; he indicated that the Committee would be using the Zoom artificial intelligence (AI) feature to understand the capabilities of minute taking using this tool and to compare to the traditional format.

**II. Routine Reports:**

**A. School Building Committee Update**

Dion Alley stated they were making a point to attend each of these meetings. He said a project meeting with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) was conducted. MSBA was understanding of the uniqueness of the Island, but that we still needed to follow the MSBA guidelines. Mr. Alley discussed reimbursements for the project as well as deadline extensions that were possible. He reviewed the latest estimates, and how they lined up with the plans. (*Please see SBC minutes for details and reimbursements from the MSBA.*) Members asked questions and made recommendations on how to move forward, to renovate versus a new build.

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**B. Student Report**

**1. Student Report of Activities**

The President and Vice President of the Junior Class (The Class Officers) recapped activities including the musical performances by the Minnesingers, the upcoming seed sale and other events, activities, and sports.

Principal Sara Dingley indicated that the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests were taken after the change to the State referendum.

- a) **Model UN Update**
- b) **SWEAR** *Please see below pickleball, student activities account.*
- c) **Pickleball**

*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT FOR THE NEW PICKLEBALL CLUB AND SWEAR; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**C. Superintendent Report**

**1. Grievance**

Superintendent Richard M. Smith reviewed the Vocational teacher pay scale issue and said funding would have to be found to support the increase, once the teacher wins their case/grievance.

**2. Edgartown Principal Search Update**

Superintendent Smith said it was still underway, but getting very close to a decision.

**D. Principal**

**1. SAO Update (Student Affairs Office)**

Jared Andrews, Director of the SAO, shared some of his background as well as information about the Team that was in place. He presented a slideshow to detail what the office was working on, including the basic daily schedule, new features and updates. *(Please see the document on file for details.)*

**2. AI Update (Artificial Intelligence)**

Principal Sara Dingley recapped the red-lining of the hand book for the AI policy.

She said the Zoom AI companion will help the minute taker in the future.

**III. Consents:**

**VOTES REQUIRED**

**A. Minutes: Including but Not Limited to**

- 1. **January 6, 2025**
- 2. **February 3, 2025**
- 3. **February 13, 2025**

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**4. March 3, 2025**

**5. March 10, 2025**

*JENNIFER CUTRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 6, 2025, FEBRUARY 3, 2025, FEBRUARY 13, 2025, MARCH 3, 2025 AND MARCH 10, 2025 MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.*

**B. Personnel**

**1. Barbara Bianco**

- ◆ Barbara Bianco, in a letter dated (unavailable) wrote: I am resigning from my position as Administrator of Special Education at the MVRHS, including the 8th grade, effective June 30, 2025.

*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIGNATION; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

- ◆ Jane McGroarty Sampaio, in a letter dated March 12th, 2025 wrote: I am writing to formally request a sabbatical year (leave) from my teaching role at MVRHS for the academic year 2025-2026.

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE YEAR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**C. Grants and Donations: Including but Not Limited to**

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TWO GRANTS AS PRESENTED BY MARK FRIEDMAN; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**1. All Island Junior High Strings Donation**

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ROTARY CLUB \$1000.00 DONATION; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

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**2. Jobs Fair Donation**

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SAFE HARBOR \$750.00 DONATION; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. SCOTT ABSTAINED.*

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MV SHIPYARD \$750.00 DONATION; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**3. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance List**

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TITLE 2 GRANT FROM DESE IN THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$1156.00, AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE GRANT; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**D. Out of State & Overnight Travel**

**1. Baseball**

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED; KELLY SCOTT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**2. 2025 Healthy Youth Summit**

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**E. Wellness and School Lunch**

**1. Wellness Policy, Second Reading**

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO TO ACCEPT THE POLICY AS PRESENTED AS THE SECOND POLICY READING; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED*

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*UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**2. School Lunch Prices**

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO USE THE STATE PUBLISHED ANNUAL CALCULATOR FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS; KELLY SCOTT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**3. Collection of Lunch Debt**

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CAFETERIA STAFF AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TO UTILIZE PROCEDURES THAT ENCOURAGE THE COLLECTION OF STUDENT AND ADULT DEBT AS NECESSARY AND PUBLICIZE THE PROCEDURES ON THE WEBSITE; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**F. FY25 Budget - Recertify**

After a lengthy discussion, the motion was tabled until more details were available.

**G. FY25 Certified Excess & Deficiency from Department of Labor Statistics**

Mark Friedman updated the Committee with the figures including dollar amounts and cap percentages. *(Please see the document on file for details.)*

**H. FY26 Budget - Recertify**

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND TO RECERTIFY WITH NUMBERS AS READ BY SUZANNE CIOFFI; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.*

**IV. Finance:**

**A. Revenue and Expenditures**

Suzanne Cioffi recapped the reports (those that were passed out in the room during the meeting); Members reviewed both reports and asked questions where appropriate.

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**V. Subcommittee Updates:**

**A. Transportation**

Nothing new to report.

**B. Facilities**

Michael Watts, Chair of the Facilities Sub-Committee (FacSubCom), said the oil pump was replaced - noticeably quiet; underground conduit has been completed; a joint meeting with Athletics Sub-Committee to come soon.

**C. Athletics**

Robert Lionette, Chair of the Athletics Sub-Committee (AthSubCom), said

- They would like to give a presentation to the All Island School Committee for MIA team rule and asked to be included on a future agenda.
- They would like to request from the administration, a review of policy for meals - when are they paid for, when are they not? To understand how it applied to all programs, not just athletics and that it should be applied equally across all.
  - Principal Dingley said there would be budgetary impacts if meals were extended;
  - Mr. Lionette asked that whatever was done for meals, should be consistent throughout.
- To draft a campaign letter explaining to the community the process laid out for parent/student reviews. The AthSubCom wanted to make sure it was crystal clear and asked to have our name on it.

**D. Budget**

Chair Manter mentioned a draft for an Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) policy to review and adopt.

**VI. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements: None.**

**VII. Old Business:**

**A. Sub Committee Minute Taker** *(Please see above, I. Welcome - Chair:)*

**VIII. Public Comment:**

❖ None.

**IX. Adjournment:**

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 7:51 PM;  
JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 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.*

**Appendix A - Documents on File:**

1. REVISED Agenda MVRHS SC 4.7.25.docx
2. 4.7.25 MVRHS School Committee Meeting Recording.docx
3. 2025-03-31\_Total\_Project\_Budget\_Options\_rev (1).xlsx

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4. 2025-03-31\_Total\_Project\_Budget\_Options\_rev.xlsx (1).pdf
5. III. A. 1. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes January 6, 2025.pdf
6. III. A. 2. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes February 3, 2025.pdf
7. III. A. 3. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes February 13, 2025 Special Meeting.pdf
8. III. A. 4. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes March 3, 2025.pdf
9. III. A. 4. Martha\_s Vineyard Regional High School School Committee Meeting Minutes CHATGPT.pdf
10. III. A. 5. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes March 10, 2024 Special Meeting.pdf
11. III. A. 5. Zoom AI Draft MVRHSSC Meeting Minutes 3.10.25.pdf
12. III. B. 1. Bianco Letter .pdf
13. III. C. 1. Rotary Club Donation LetterCheck.pdf
14. III. C. 2. Jobs Fair Donation\_Job Fair.pdf
15. III. C. 3. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance List 04072025.pdf.pdf
16. III. D. 1. Baseball .pdf
17. III. D. 1. Out of State & Overnight Travel Form.docx.pdf
18. III. E. 1. MVRHS Wellness Policy 2nd Reading.pdf
19. III. E. 2. School Lunch Prices.pdf
20. III. E. 3. Collection of Lunch Debt Draft.pdf
21. III. E. 3. Collection of Lunch Debt.pdf
22. III. F. FY25 Budget Recertify FY25 Reductions E&D 4.4.2025.pdf
23. III. F. FY25 Reductions 3.6.2025.pdf
24. IV. A. Expenditures--MVRHS.pdf
25. IV. A. Revenue- Revenue.pdf
26. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance list 04072025 x.pdf
27. MVRSD OPEB Funding Plan - Draft#2 1-25-2023 (1).pdf
28. Request for 1 yr Leave Jane McGroarty Sampaio.docx

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

June 16, 2025

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**Date**

  
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**Skipper Manter – MVRHS SC Chair**

8-26-25  
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**Date**

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

8/6/25  
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**Date**

**APPROVED Monday, June 16, 2025**