

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)
School Committee Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024 at 5:30 pm
Library or Zoom

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Jennifer Cutrer, Robert Lionette, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts *Zoom:* Roxanne Ackerman, Sarah Murphy

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Information Technology (IT) Director – Rick Mello, Curriculum & Instruction Director – Justine DeOliveira, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Facilities Director – Jason O’Donnell, Equity and Access Coordinator – Sheryl Taylor Thomas, Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy, Food Service Director, Culinary Arts Instructor – Kevin Crowell

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

Towns/County: Tisbury – Nancy Gilfoy

Press: MV Times – Daniel Greenman, MVTV, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader

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

**None.*

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 5:36 PM by Chair Skipper Manter.
(Recorder’s Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity).

I. Welcome - Chair

Chair Manter welcomed all; he noted that Superintendent Richard M. Smith would be joining the meeting later by Zoom.

II. Routine Reports:

A. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities

The Junior Class Officers recapped activities, clubs and sports, including the Island Cup at Fenway Park; College deadlines were approaching as students completed their applications.

B. Principal

1. General Update

Principal Sara Dingley recapped the game at Fenway Park in Boston, MA.; she said there were over 3000 attendees. She gave a huge shoutout to all that coordinated the efforts to make the event successful. Principal Dingley indicated the Winter Concert performances were happening this coming week.

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Justine DeOliveira gave an update on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Conference and said it was a valuable experience for all that were able to attend. She provided updates for all the areas they continued to work on as the next steps; she would confirm that it could be accessed on the MVRHS website.

Principal Dingley said they were accepted into *Part A* for early college. Samuel Hart provided details for the early college program that enabled college credit to be earned on the MVRHS campus. *Part B* was the next step for the program. A new partnership with Middlesex Community College was developed, as it had been a logistical issue with Cape Cod Community College. Mr. Hart said they were working through giving students the college experience, overcoming the logistical hurdles. Members discussed the program to understand how it benefited students.

2. Minute Taker for Committees

Members discussed the challenges for minute taking for the multiple committees and how to move forward finding a solution. More discussion was to follow.

C. Superintendent Report

1. General Update

Nothing new to report.

D. School Building Committee Update

Mr. Hart said they were in the *Preferred Schematic Report* phase of the project; the Preliminary Design Program (PDP) binder was presented at the December meeting; he said they were on track. Mr. Hart outlined/recapped next steps including Town Meeting approvals.

Members discussed the value of including the School Building Committee (SBC) Chair, to be present at these full meetings and provide updates/information to the full Committee, as they expected the process to accelerate over the next months. Chair Manter would reach out tomorrow.

III. Consents:

VOTES REQUIRED

A. Minutes: August 19, 2024

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 19, 2024 MVRHS SC MINUTES AS WRITTEN; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

B. Personnel

◆ None.

C. Grants and Donations

- 1. Lacrosse Ball Wall**
- 2. MV Savings Mini Grant**
- 3. Alexandra MM Gagnon Foundation**
- 4. Credit for Life**
- 5. Tower Foundation Grant**
- 6. Sound Foundation**

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JENNIFER CUTRER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LIST OF GRANTS AND DONATIONS WITH THANKS, AS PRESENTED; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

D. Out of State and Overnight Travel

1. Boys Tennis

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

2. All Cape Music

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

E. Prior Year Invoices

- 1. YMCA**
- 2. Nally**
- 3. Justice Resource**

Suzanne Cioffi recapped the invoices and provided sources for payment from various budget lines.

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO PAY THE \$36,453.72 AS IDENTIFIED BY SUZANNE CIOFFI AND THE TRANSFERS AS OUTLINED/AS NEEDED; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

F. Cafeteria Revolving Lunch Debt - Students & Adults

- Principal Dingley reviewed the two documents that detailed debt.
- Kevin Crowell explained the difference of approach today versus in the past and anticipated greater success in collecting fees.
- There was still debt on the books, after many attempts to collect. At this time the books needed to be cleared.
- Ms. Cioffi identified the lines within the budget that would cover these debts.

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KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFERS AS OUTLINED BY SUZANNE CIOFFI; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

IV. Finance:

A. Revenue and Expenditures

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

B. FY26 Budget Hearing Date

December 19, 2024 at 7:00PM Library and Zoom.

V. Subcommittee Updates:

A. Transportation

1. Transportation FY25 Wage Adjustments - Discussion & Possible Vote

Superintendent Richard M. Smith explained the wage increase, the reasons why and the budgetary implications. Negotiations had begun for this fiscal year; he explained the contract details and the negotiating factors. Superintendent Smith asked for a 5% increase. The Committee recommended and fully supported this increase effective July to be proactive. Mark Friedman explained where the money would come to support this year.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO APPROVE THE 5% INCREASE; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

2. Transportation Surplus Vehicles - Discussion & Possible Vote

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO SURPLUS THREE 2016 BLUEBIRD BUSES, NUMBERS 200, 201 AND 115H; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

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B. Facilities

Jason O'Donnell recapped: they were working on the alarm system; heat was up and running with no issues. Mr. O'Donnell detailed the need to replace a boiler this season and estimated \$33,000.00 for the replacement.

Ms. Cioffi shared the area's within the budget that could cover this expense. They were waiting on the final quote for the project before moving forward.

C. Athletics

Nothing new to report.

D. Budget

Chair Manter said there were many moving parts; they were awaiting final budgets from the Sub-Committees. A draft needed to be completed and ready for the Public Hearing.

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

VII. Old Business: None.

VIII. Public Comment:

- ❖ Tony Peak at 7:04 PM, said it was very difficult to see everyone in the room, and recommended introductions. He urged Members not to do concrete constructions until the plan for the entire property was complete, example: installing the new Lacrosse Ball Wall.

IX. Adjournment:

*JENNIFER CUTRER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 7:05 PM;
KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:
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MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE &
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Appendix A - Documents on File:

1. Zoom Recording MVRHS School Committee Meeting 12.2.24.docx
2. Agenda MVRHS SC 12.2.24.docx
3. III. A. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes August 19, 2024 Special Meeting.pdf
4. III. C. LAX Wall.pdf
5. III. C. mvrhs school committee grants 12022024.pdf
6. III. D. Boys tennis FLA.pdf
7. III. D. All Cape Music - Dec 2 2024 - 8-59 AM.pdf
8. III. F. Adult Inactive Debt List - excel 12-1-24 without names.xlsx
9. III. F. Student Inactive Debt List - excel 12.01.24- without names.xlsx

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

June 16, 2025

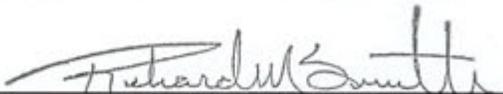
Date



Skipper Manter – MVRHS SC Chair

8-26-25

Date



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

8/6/25

Date

APPROVED Monday, June 16, 2025