

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)**  
**School Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, June 2, 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, Michael Watts  
*Zoom:* Sarah Murphy\*  
Pending Town of Tisbury Approval – Amy Houghton

**Staff:** Principal – Sara Dingley, Information Technology (IT) Director – Rick Mello,  
Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart,  
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

**Press:** MVTV

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

*\*Sarah Murphy arrived later; Robert Lionette left early.*

**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 5:35 PM by Chair Skipper Manter.

Chair Manter mentioned the passing of longtime Member, Roxanne Ackerman. Members acknowledged her service and dedication to students throughout her involvement over the years; they said she would be missed. A moment of silence was shared.

A new person was selected to serve as an Up Island representative.  
Michael Watts would continue serving until a new replacement was chosen by the Town of Tisbury.  
Kathryn Shertzer thanked him for his service and dedication.

**II. Routine Reports:**

**A. School Building Committee Update**

**1. Project Update - Dion Alley**

Samuel Hart provided updates for Members.

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**2. Approval of Nancy Gilfoy as the Tisbury Representative - VOTE**  
*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO APPROVE NANCY GILFOY AS THE TISBURY REPRESENTATIVE; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. 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. Discussion and Vote to Approve School Committee Representative to the School Building Committee - VOTE**  
*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPOINT AMY HOUGHTON, PENDING HER APPOINTMENT BY THE TOWN OF TISBURY, WHEN APPOINTED; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE & MS. SHERTZER—AYE. MR. WATTS ABSTAINED.*

**4. School Building Committee - Chapter 149A Procurement - VOTE**  
*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR \$30,000.00 FOR THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAPTER 149A PROCUREMENT; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**B. Student Report**  
Graduation will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025

**C. Superintendent**  
**1. General Update**  
**2. High School Principal Search Update**  
Superintendent Richard M. Smith updated the Committee with the progress; he reviewed/listed the members of the Search Committee for the new MVRHS Principal.

**D. Principal**  
**1. General Update**  
Principal Sara Dingley shared the progress report of many decisions and meetings that were underway.

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**III. Consents:**

**VOTES REQUIRED**

**A. Minutes**

None.

**B. Personnel**

**1. Ryan Kent**

- ◆ Ryan Kent, in a letter dated May 6, 2025 wrote: I'm writing to let you know that I've accepted a teaching position at the Crested Butte Community School for the 25-26 school year. Please accept this email as my resignation as of the end of this contract year.

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIGNATION; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

- ◆ Claire Daigle, in a letter dated June 2, 2025 wrote: This is to notify that my last day of employment here will be June 18, 2025.

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIGNATION; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—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**

**1. Acceptance of Student Activities Account: 1) High School View Newspaper and; 2) Technology Lost Debt Fund Account**

*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO CREATE STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL VIEW; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING ACCOUNT FOR THE TECHNOLOGY LOST DEBT FUND (CHROMEBOOK, ETC); KELLY SCOTT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF \$1500.00 FOR THE NEWSPAPER FUND; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

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*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GRANTS AS LISTED BY MARK FRIEDMAN; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—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. Travel Request**

**a) Track Nationals in Eugene, OR on June 17th, 2025**

*RIZWAN MALIK MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED WITH AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$9000.00; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**b) International Travel to Spain in 2026**

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO GIVE PERMISSION TO PLAN THE APRIL 2026 TRIP TO SPAIN; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**E. Wellness and School Lunch**

After a lengthy discussion, focus on getting this done in a timely manner was the priority for compliance; this can be reviewed by the policy subcommittee.

**1. Wellness Policy, Third Reading**

Tabled.

**F. Memorandum of Understanding Injury Prevention**

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ENTER INTO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INJURY PREVENTION; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

**G. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Policy, Second Reading**

*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO APPROVE THE OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) POLICY, SECOND READING; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MALIK AND MS. SHERTZER ABSTAINED.*

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**H. 2025-2026 School Committee Meeting Calendar**

Meetings to continue on the first Monday of the month were reviewed.

**I. School Committee Appointments: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer/ Secretary Tabled.**

**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.

**V. Subcommittee Updates:**

**A. Transportation** - Nothing new to report.

**B. Facilities** - Nothing new to report.

**C. Athletics** - Nothing new to report.

**D. Budget** - Nothing new to report.

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

**VII. Old Business:**

**A. Sub Committee Minute Taker**

A discussion ensued to hire a staff position at the MVRHS and what that involved.

Formation of a small committee was discussed, to research funding, hours, etc. for this position.

**VIII. Public Comment:**

❖ None.

**IX. Adjournment:**

*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 7:33 PM;*

*JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

*MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE,*

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**Appendix A - Documents on File:**

1. 6.2.25 Recording MVRHS School Committee Meeting.docx
2. Agenda MVRHS SC 6.2.25.docx
3. Draft MVRHS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR 2025-2026.docx
4. From\_Kate Lefer\_klefer@mvyps.docx
5. III. B. 1. Bob Thistle Ltrr.pdf
6. III. B. 3. Spencer Dagostino.pdf
7. III. B. 5. Claire Daigle Letter of Intent.pdf
8. III. C. MVHRS School Committee Grants Memo 06022025.docx.pdf
9. III. D. 1. International Travel Request.pdf
10. III. D. 1. Out of State travel form Outdoor.docx.pdf
11. III. E. 1. MVRHS Wellness Policy 3rd Reading.pdf
12. III. F. MVYPS MOU.Injury Prevention.2025.evergreen.docx.pdf
13. III. F.. consent and waiver.docx.pdf
14. III. G. OPEB Funding Plan MVRHS FY25 (6\_01\_2025) 2nd Reading.pdf
15. Kent Ltrr Intent.docx

Respectfully submitted,



**Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder**

June 16, 2025

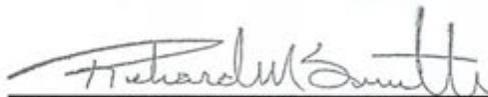
**Date**



**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**