

**ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SUPERINTENDENCY UNION #19**

Edgartown School Committee  
Oak Bluffs School Committee  
Tisbury School Committee  
Martha's Vineyard Regional School District  
Up Island Regional School District

**Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 5:30 pm  
MVRHS Library or Zoom**

Present: Edgartown: Zoom - Kelly Scott\*\*  
Oak Bluffs: Rizwan Malik, Zoom - Kathryn Shertzer\*  
Tisbury: Amy Houghton (Chair), Jennifer Cutrer, Zoom - Alicia Lesnikowska  
Up-Island: Alex Salop (Vice Chair), Jessica Mason, Skipper Manter, Marsha Shufrin,  
Robert Lionette  
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D., Director of Student  
Support Services – Hope MacLeod, School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman,  
Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent - Kristen Lepine  
Press: MV Times - Sarah Dawson  
Recorder: Rebecca Claussen  
\*indicates late arrival  
\*\*indicated late arrival/early departure

**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. Call to order**

The All Island School Committee (AISC) was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Chair, Amy Houghton.

**II. Chair General Remarks**

**A. Setting School Committee Workshop Retreat**

Amy Houghton suggested dates for the above meeting. September 14, 2025 reserved at this time. Further details will be provided for the next meeting. Amy Houghton indicated that this meeting should be an open meeting and will be posted.

**B. Policy Update**

Amy Houghton indicated that updates have been made and will be reviewed during the September 14, 2025 meeting. Alex Salop asked if these will be adopted by each school committee. Amy Houghton indicated that is the plan and each committee will have to vote. Kathryn Shertzer expressed hopes that each member could try and read through the document before the presentation to allow for questions. Amy Houghton will have that document sent which is a combination of the old and the new with old, proposed removals redlined.

***Vote Required***

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Including But Not Limited to May 1, 2025**

Alex Salop made a motion to approve Minutes from AISC Meeting on May 1, 2025, Seconded by Skipper Manter. Roll Call: Houghton - Aye, Salop - Aye, Scott - Aye, Malik - Aye, Shertzer - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Lesnikowska - Aye, Mason - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye, Lionette - Aye

Motion Passes: 11-0-0

**IV. Superintendent General Update**

*Superintendent Smith asked to make AISC the fourth Tuesday at 5:30pm for the 2025-2026 school year starting in August. The next AISC meeting will be August 26 at 5:30pm.*

**A. Year in Review**

Superintendent Richie Smith wanted to touch on accomplishments for the district this year. The last 2-3 years we have started initiatives and seen them through, and continued that work. Focused a lot on c-teaching, and ThinkKids with Hope MacLeod. Meghan Farrell has garnered almost \$250,000 in grant money, and collected more resources to move programs forward. MAEC work has moved to Safe & Supportive Schools. We have developed multi-tiered supports for our students to accommodate their needs. These all fit under curriculum instruction, MTSS instruction standard 1A1. TeachPoint will move into the elementary school levels, has been used at the High School level for evaluations and has also been great for human resources endeavors, allowing support for licensure for teachers. In the standard 2A2 operations Hope Macleod has worked to restructure Compass and moving a Compass program into Tisbury School in the fall. Transportation has been restructured and situated an 1400 ASP in that office where better support was needed. Richie Smith personally completed MSIP, which is a three year program and will continue to work with his mentor. A mentoring program has been developed for new principals. Starting the rural teacher apprenticeship program, which will allow ESP staff members to grow into teaching roles if they desire. The Policy Manual has been developed, to create standards across the district. Five bargaining units were successfully negotiated. Transportation is still in negotiations, which we hope will move our run base operations to hourly. Standard 3 Family and Community Engagement MVRHS building project has gone from Module 2 to Module 3. Restructured administrative team in Edgartown with a new hire for Principal. Restructured administrative team at MVRHS and the Central office as well. Stand 4 Managing Conflict Response to Disagreement and Conflict Resolution, conflict in transportation was met with weekly meetings to allow for room to speak. Alex Salop asked about the grant coverage for the ESP program, will we be able to ramp up that program with the grant money provided and increase the participant number from five to more. Richie Smith said that this is a new program and we will be working with Fitchburg State for licensure and is completely funded by the State. We decided on Five as this is a new program for both our district and the state and there are potential concerns for grant loss after years 2 and 3 so finding a balance to sustain the program should that happen. The hope is to develop a great relationship with Fitchburg State so that potential grant loss does not mean program loss. Currently we have 50 ESP's that would qualify as they do not have a Bachelor's degree. Kathryn Shertzer asked how many ESP's are interested in this program, to which Richie Smith said we are still in development as the Journey worker (mentor) needs to work within the same building and is a 3 year commitment. Kathryn Shertzer asked about the 3 year commitment, and yes, it has to be a 3 year commitment.

**B. Update MVRHS Principal Year 1**

Richie Smith discussed Sean Mulvey being appointed as Principal for one year, which has received lots of positive feedback.

**C. Federal Grant Update**

Amy Houghton requested this item as NPR had recently discussed all Superintendent's concerns about Federal budget cuts across the Country. Richie Smith indicated there has been recent good news regarding this concern. Title I will be funded as was planned, and Title's II (Teaching funding), III (ELL funding) & IV (Safe & Supportive Schools for Students and Technology, and Behavioral Health have moved forward so we are funded for FY '26. Marsha Shufrin asked the amount in each title to which Richie and Mark Friedman indicated were between \$53,000 and \$55,000 last fiscal year, so we expect approximately that amount for the upcoming year. Alex Salop indicated that we may need to plan a budget for those for upcoming years in the event it does not come through as expected.

*Vote Required*

**V. Finance Update**

**A. Postage Meter Lease Renewal - Vote**

Mark Friedman spoke about the postage machine lease renewal and the associated cost. The

budget needs to be increased to sign a five (5) year lease (\$2,651.16) which is more cost effective than the three (3) year lease, as cost per year increases the price, making us more out of budget. We are under budget by approximately \$550 and would need to move some shared services funds. Kathryn Shertzer made a motion to approve increasing the budget for the postage machine, seconded by Robert Lionette. Roll Call: Houghton - Aye, Salop - Aye, Scott - Aye, Malik - Aye, Shertzer - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Mason - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye, Lionette - Aye. Lesnikowska did not vote.

Motion Passes: 10-0-0

## **VI. Building Project Update MVRHS**

Richie Smith indicated that there was a FAS (Facility Assessment Sub-Committee) meeting where they reviewed the preferred schematic report. The committee was shown the 3D model in the Library indicating the new portion and existing portions, and what the building will look like. There will be a meeting on August 27, 2025 to the MSBA Board of Governors who will decide if this is a worthy project, if approved we move to phase 4, schematic design, presenting AR-1 as an option. This will allow us to make plans to be costed out and put us in alignment with town meeting voting. MSBA liked that this preserved the Performing Arts Center and the Gym. 130,000 sqft addition, and 77,000 sqft would be renovated to be completed in phases to allow students continued education within the building. The addition would be completed so that students attend the current building, then they will be moved to the new building, once complete so that the renovation of the old building can be done. Mark Friedman informed the committee that the financing of this project will be discussed at the upcoming MVRHS SC meeting on August 8, 2025, where he (Ricahrd Manley from Bond Counsel) will present first.

*Vote Required*

## **VII. Personnel**

### **A. LOA**

Richie Smith spoke about Dwi Granderson asking for LOA as Shared Services ESP. Alex Salop made a motion to approve the above LOA, seconded by Rizwan Malik. Roll Call: Houghton - Aye, Salop - Aye, Scott - Aye, Malik - Aye, Shertzer - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Mason - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye, Lionette - Aye. Lesnikowska did not vote.

Motion Passes: 10-0-0

### **B. Resignation**

Richie Smith spoke about Olivia Knight resigning as Bridge Program ESP to move into MVRHS Special Education Teacher for Navigator program. Kathryn Shertzer made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Rizwan Malik. Roll Call: Houghton - Aye, Salop - Aye, Scott - Aye, Malik - Aye, Shertzer - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Mason - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye, Lionette - Aye. Lesnikowska did not vote.

Motion Passes: 10-0-0

### **C. Retirement**

No updates at this time.

## **VIII. Sub Committee Updates**

### **A. Policy**

Committee Discussion: Restructured - *see final page*

### **B. Personnel**

Committee Discussion: Restructured - *see final page*

### **C. Negotiations**

Committee Discussion: Restructured - *see final page*

### **D. Regionalization**

Committee Discussion: Restructured - *see final page*

*Votes Required*

### **E. Reorganize Leadership & Sub-Committees**

- Kathryn Shertzer spoke to her appreciation of Amy Houghton as Chair for the last year. Kathryn Shertzer made a motion to keep Amy Houghton as Chair for another year, seconded by Kelly Scott. Roll Call: Houghton - Abstain, Salop - Aye, Scott - Aye, Malik - Aye, Shertzer - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Mason - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye, Lionette - Aye. Lesnikowska did not vote.  
Motion Passes: 9-0-1
- Amy Houghton made a motion to keep Alex Salop as the Vice Chair, seconded by Kathryn Shertzer. Roll Call: Houghton - Aye, Salop - Abstain, Scott - Aye, Malik - Aye, Shertzer - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Mason - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye, Lionette - Aye. Lesnikowska did not vote.  
Motion Passes: 9-0-1

*Votes Required*

**IX. Adjournment**

Alex Salop made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Skipper Manter. Roll Call: Houghton - Aye, Salop - Aye, Malik - Aye, Shertzer - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Mason - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye, Lionette - Aye. Lesnikowska did not vote.  
Motion Passes: 9-0-0

***Committee Reorganization***

**Calendar Sub-Committee**

Kelly Scott  
Rizwan Malik  
Skipper Manter

**Personnel**

Kelly Scott  
Alex Salop  
Rizwan Malik  
Jen Cutrer  
Amy Houghton

**Sick Bank**

Kathryn Shertzer  
Skipper Manter

**CC Collaborative**

Alicia Lesnikowska

**Cpac**

Robert Lionette

**Appendix A**

Alex Salop

**Negotiations**

Jen Cutrer  
Alternate - Amy Houghton  
Sarah Murphy  
Laurel Schneider  
Robert Lionette

**Policy**

Kathryn Shertzer  
Amy Houghton  
Need Edgartown Rep  
Marsha Shufirin

***Minutes submitted by Rebecca Claussen***

***Date of Approval of Minutes: 9/25/2025***