

MARTHA’S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
School Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Library or Zoom

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Vice Chair (VC) Jennifer Cutrer,
Marsha Shufrin, Robert Lionette, Rizwan Malik
Zoom: Amy Houghton, Sarah Murphy, Kathryn Shertzer, Kelly Scott
Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi,
Guidance Counselor/Principal Appointee - Sean Mulvey
Zoom: Director of Student Affairs -
Jared Andrews, Assistant Principal - Justine De Oliveira
Supt.’s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D.
Town/County: West Tisbury – Clark Rattet
Press: MVTV - Julie, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader
Recorder: Rebecca Claussen

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 5:30 PM by Chair Skipper Manter

II. Discussion & Vote of Appointment of New MVRHS Principal & Contract Terms

Votes Required

Superintendent Richie Smith speaks to the reasoning behind the appointment of Sean Mulvey as Principal of MVRHS. Multiple applications received, several interviews conducted but an appropriate candidate was not found. A group of potential in-house candidates met, of which Sean Mulvey agreed to accept the role for one year to allow a longer window for a search. If the position suits both Sean, MVRHS and the district Sean will apply during the next school year's search, which will start around Thanksgiving. Richie Smith presents a contract amount of \$185,000.00 to start on July 21, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Robert Lionette expresses concern about a one year only contract, and would like to discuss a possible contract extension in November. Internally there is a lot of support for the appointment of Sean. Skipper also expressed concern about one year being a short amount of time and does not allow for time to implement ideas, suggesting a two year contract instead of one year. Robert Lionette asked about an overlap with Sara Dingley to which Richie Smith replied they will overlap through August 2025.

Motion to support Sean as one year principal made by Cutrer, seconded by Robert Lionette.

Motion passed - 9 Aye(s). Scott - Aye / Murphy - Aye / Shertzer - Aye / Houghton - Aye / Cutrer - Aye / Shufrin - Aye / Malik - Aye / Lionette - Aye / Manter - Aye.

III. Adjournment

Votes Required

Jen Cutrer makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rizwan Malik. Motion passed - 9 Aye(s). Scott - Aye / Murphy - Aye / Shertzer - Aye / Houghton - Aye / Cutrer - Aye / Shufrin - Aye / Malik - Aye / Lionette - Aye / Manter - Aye.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Claussen

Date of Approval of Minutes: 8/4/2025