

**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

**ALL ISLAND REGIONALIZATION SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 8:00 am  
Zoom**

Present: Amy Houghton, Alex Salop  
Zoom: Kristen Brown  
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D., School Business Administrator –  
Mark Friedman  
Recorder: Rebecca Claussen  
\*Indicates late arrival

**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)*

**1. Call to Order**

This meeting of the All Island School Committee Regionalization Subcommittee was called to order prior to recording starting.

*Votes Required*

**2. Discuss Regionalization and Appropriate Steps to Move Forward**

**Attended by**

Recording started on a shared screen discussing the potential financial savings that included:

- Economies of scale
- Administrative costs
- Consolidated activities
- Maximizing existing resources

An example given was that the Up Island Regional School District received a grant for electric buses, but those charging stations would likely be at the High School meaning there would need to be an intermunicipal agreement with the High School, which seems unnecessary. There are also grants that may be more readily available as well.

Concerns are the island:

- Budget increases
- Losing independence or identity
- Inheriting other people's problems, or not being able to solve your own

Alex Salop mentioned that he has heard concerns that our schools are going to become homogenized but Up Island is regionalized and the two schools are very different but are able to exist within the same district. Another concern is surrounding financial burden, for example, would a building project become an island wide financial burden or can that stay within the town, the expectation and goal would be that it is still a town project and would still go to that town only for vote. Steve from MARS said that the current regionalization agreement would need to be amended. The building would be owned by the town but the region would set up a lease agreement with that town for use. There needs to be an agreement to continue to build the regionalization, step by step. After a brief discussion and review of what is needed to officially begin this process with the MARS team the committee decided to move forward. The committee is aware the island has a history of disagreements but this is important and the committee will push forward. *Amy Houghton made a motion to authorize Mark Freidman to engage in a*

*discussion with MARS to develop a request for proposal or request for services, whichever is deemed appropriate, seconded by Kristen Brown. Role call: Brown - Aye, Houghton - Aye, Salop - Aye.*

*Motion Passes: 3-0-0*

Alex Salop indicated the next step is to include municipal community members, which can be voted on at the All Island School Committee meeting.

***Votes Required***

**3. Adjournment**

*Amy Houghton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kristen Brown. Role call: Brown - Aye, Houghton - Aye, Salop - Aye.*

*Motion Passes: 3-0-0*

**Appendix A: Documents on File**

**1.**

**Appendix B: Zoom A.I. Next Steps**

- 1. MARS to work with Mark Friedman to start the process**
- 2. Engage the towns for committee members**
- 3. Set meeting dates, possibly added to other committee meetings**
- 4. Amend AISC agenda to include discussion and possible vote**

***Minutes submitted by Rebecca Claussen***

***Date of Approval of Minutes: October 22, 2025***