

**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

**Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm
MVRHS Library or Zoom**

Present: Chair Alex Salop, Amy Houghton, Rizwan Malik, Jen Cutrer, Kristen Brown, Roxanne Ackerman*
Zoom: Skipper Manter
Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D., School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent - Kristen Lepine
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)

REVISED

1. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order before the recording started.

2. Discuss Regionalization and Appropriate Steps to Move Forward

After an introduction Alex Salop discussed why this subcommittee was created. The All Island School Committee had a unanimous vote to start this subcommittee after reviewing the increasing costs across the district and there are often times where there are discussions about who pays for what. For example, when the Tisbury School students were displaced, how did that breakdown work for budgets and cost covering within those buildings that housed those students. We may be able to identify cost savings if we are able to regionalize and will have access to more opportunities for our students. In addition, some of the autonomy of each elementary school and the struggle to teach those students in the high school when they all come together as they have learned certain things, certain ways, and used certain programming, etc. If the district were to regionalize there would be more commonality in their education and may help to ease the transition into high school. By reviewing this the committee and community can help determine if regionalization is the best option for us. Alex presented the Request for Proposal (RFP), and explained how this can help inform the decision. This is not about each school losing their identity or homogenizing them, this is to facilitate a better experience by combining resources. Alex opened the discussion to the town representatives. It was indicated that there needs to be a joint vote between the school committee and the select board. Amy Houghton spoke to the town representatives after the initial consultation with MARS that there are many steps to be completed for regionalization and the committee felt very strongly that including town representation as soon as possible. After continued discussion the group decided that it would be best to review the information provided by MARS and table any vote. The committee will speak with DESE about the appropriate course of action and each town will become informed and start discussions. By coming together today, though apparently too early in the process, a general idea of town concerns and thoughts has been presented, and that is helpful. The district will consult with their attorney to make sure the appropriate steps are taken. The next meeting will be planned after consulting with the attorney.

3. Review RFP for Regionalization Consultants – Possible Vote

Tabled

4. Adjournment

Due to audio difficulties the recorder is unable to verify the adjournment motioner, seconder and the vote but can verify it did occur.

Appendix A: Documents on File

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Appendix B: Zoom A.I. Next Steps

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Minutes submitted by Rebecca Claussen

Date of Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2025