

**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 10, 2025 at 5:30 pm  
MVRHS Library or Zoom**

**AGENDA - REVISION 2**

Present: Chair Alex Salop, Amy Houghton, Rizwan Malik, Jen Cutrer, Kristen Brown, Roxanne Ackerman, Roy Cutrer, John Schneider  
Zoom; Robert Lionette  
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 was called to order before the recording started.

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

Amy Houghton started by stating that it would be important to bring other community members involved to find a way to move forward and find ways for this to be successful for the entire community. Alex Salop indicated that part of the reason this process began was that there was a grant awarded that would help cover the costs to research this process for us. Mark Friedman said a Request For Proposal/Request for Quote (RFP/RFQ) has been drafted to begin this process and could be ready to be released if the committee is ready. Approximately \$35,000 is available to spend on this process, in that grant, per Mark Friedman. The District and committee could have this information in the newspapers and state systems as early as next week. If that proposed timeline is followed the bid could be closed by May 5, 2025, at which point an evaluation committee would be needed, and this type of bid is qualifications based not bid based. This is a highly specialized set of skills for firms, so it is not likely many bids will be submitted. Mark Friedman referenced page 5 of Request for Qualifications Objective. He read what was written and asked if that was the committee's objective? Alex Salop said the expertise that can be provided is twofold providing foundational information needed to make a decision and the financial information they can help the committee and community understand. Looking to the hired party, we do not want them to help this be sold, and instead really educate how this would be effective and cost saving. Amy Houghton said that we would be remiss to just look at financial costs but instead achieve savings of x amount of dollars, but at what cost to the educational resources. In other districts that have regionalized, have they also achieved or measured how this has helped in student achievement on our island? Alex Salop was in agreement with this statement, seeking evidence of what happened in other districts to guide us. Mark Friedman indicated that looking for concrete evidence and comparables are in the RFP/RFQ request. The general direction at this time for this grant is to use by June 30, 2025 but Mark Friedman reached out to DESE for flexibility on funds, which was indicated that our district is doing exactly what they want these grant funds to be used for, which means that if a contract is signed by June 30, 2025 then they will extend the funds to be spent the next fiscal year. The last sentence could be updated to "While also improving outcomes for student achievement" on the RFP/RFQ. Amy

Houghton said that a deliverable request would be showing positive or negative impact on academic offerings, and any evidence of academic improvement as a result of a regionalization, with other districts that have regionalized. Amy Houghton reiterated how important it is to have representation from the other towns, and to open the door for discussions to see if the towns are even interested in regionalizing. Roxanne Ackerman made a motion to move forward with the RFP/RFQ, seconded by Amy Houghton. After a brief discussion regarding potential interest from the towns and how best to engage the motion was tabled. In the next week or two the committee members will approach each town to explain why it is important to attend the next meeting and to help make an informed decision about moving forward. Robert Lionette suggested a formal letter from the committee and Richie Smith sent to the towns expressing the importance of their attendance for information in the next meeting to which the committee agreed would be a good idea. The committee agreed to meet April 17, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

*Votes Required*

**3. Adjournment**

*Rizwan Malik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Amy Houghton. Role call: Brown - Aye, Malik - Aye, Salop - Aye, Ackerman - Aye, Houghton - Aye, Schneider - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Lionette - Aye.*

*Motion passes: 9-0-0*

**Appendix A: Documents on File**

**1. Request for Proposal/Request for Quote**

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

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*Minutes submitted by Rebecca Claussen*

*Date of Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2025*