

**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
Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 5:30 pm
MVRHS Library or Zoom**

Present: Edgartown: Chris Greene
Oak Bluffs: Rizwan Malik
Tisbury: Amy Houghton
Up-Island: Alex Salop (Chair)
Supt.’s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D., School Business Administrator –
Mark Friedman
Recorder: Rebecca Claussen

*Indicates late arrival
**Indicates 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)

1. Call to Order

Chair Alex Salop called this meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

2. Update from Consultant MARS - Discussion to Follow

Nadine Ekstrom started a screen share with findings from MARS to date. Mac said they have been working hard on this presentation, though not complete, have a lot to share. MARS started with introductions and provided a status update. All four presenters working with MARS have worked in a wide variety of positions within schools and school districts. The purpose is to understand the districts and where they can help provide growth. The presentation was informative and is available for review. There have been about ten meetings to date, gathering lots of information about how each school currently operates and have been working closely with Mark Friedman. In addition, they have also visited each of the schools to assist with the development of this presentation and inform MARS on the individuality in each school, and in each classroom. There are still tasks to be completed, which are also indicated in the slides shared from MARS. MARS will speak with Administration, Special Education, Multilingual Educators and will host anonymous focus groups for staff, with the goal to be complete at the requested deadline of December 2025. Amy Houghton thanked MARS for their presentation and expressed how impressed she was with what has already been provided. Amy did ask about the current Senate bill 407 that is currently “floating around”, but at this time they do not, though will look into and follow up. The bill creates a commission to study regional school district tax reform and the purpose is to look at the variation in taxes for schools across a region and to have a flat tax across that region. Alex wanted to give Mark Friedman credit and also wanted to make sure the attendees were aware that our intention to look into regionalization has nothing to do with that bill and how schools are being paid. Nadine wanted to remind everyone that the best way to continue to refer to this process is that this is an “exploration” into regionalization.

3. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Vote Required

4. Adjournment

Rizwan Malik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Amy Houghton. Roll call: Houghton - Aye, Salop - Aye, Greene - Aye, Malik - Aye
Motion passes: 4-0-0

Appendix A: Documents on File

1. MARS Presentation - Regionalization Subcommittee

Appendix B: Zoom A.I. Next Steps

1.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Claussen

Date of Approval of Minutes: December 18, 2025