



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
School Committee Meeting
FY27 BUDGET
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Library or Zoom**

Present: Chair - Skipper Manter, Amy Houghton, Kathryn Shertzer, Robert Lionette, Jenn Cutrer, Rizwan Malik
Zoom: Marsha Shufrin, Kelly Scott, Sarah Murphy
Staff: Principal - Sean Mulvey, Finance Director - Suzanne Cioffi, Director of Operations - Sam Hart
Supt's Office: School Business Administrator - Mark Friedman, Director of Student Services - Hope MacLeod
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)

The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) will hold a public hearing under the requirements of Massachusetts G.L. Ch.71 Section 38N to review the MVRHS proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 and to receive comments from the public regarding this proposed budget. The public hearing will take place in the MVRHS Library on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30PM in the library and also via zoom. Copies of the proposed budget will be available please contact Suzanne Cioffi at suzanne.cioffi@mvyps.org.

Participation available in person or remotely by Zoom. To preserve bandwidth, we suggest that participants join via the Zoom audio instructions set forth below, and reserve video links for School Committee members and administration. Please download the Zoom App if you don't have it on your smartphone or laptop.

Chair Skipper Manter read the above, then began the Public Hearing by turning the presentation over to the Principal, Sean Mulvey, who began a screen share of *MVRHS FY27 Budget Presentation*.

**THE PROPOSED TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES BUDGET INCREASE IS 7.5%
TOTAL OVERALL ASSESSED INCREASE WAS 11%**

Sean spoke to Operating Budget increases first, highlighting:

- Instructional Contracted Salary Increases - \$1,598,475 Represents 5.2% of the 7.5% overall operating budget increase.

Increase of Appendix A and A1 by 12.5%

- Appendix A - Extracurricular (Line 196) - \$153,371 Increase of \$17,041
- Appendix A1 - Coaches (Line 317) - \$270,000* Increase of \$29,375

*Contractual increase placeholder in FY26 and possible additional coaching positions

Reductions by line, highlights:

Line	Description	Reduction
40	Payroll Processing	\$ (5,000.00)
116	Office Computer Supplies	\$ (1,500.00)
119	Office Computer Principal	\$ (4,000.00)
185	Sal. Regular Assistant	\$ (10,058.00)
195	Substitutes Professional Development	\$ (4,000.00)
197	Undistributed Professional Development	\$ (20,000.00)
198	Inservice Training	\$ (1,500.00)
203	Undistributed Supplies	\$ (30,000.00)
209	CTE Machinery	\$ (7,500.00)
320	Athletic Supplies	\$ (7,500.00)
Total Reductions		\$ (91,058.00)

Position Adjustments, with no increase in cost due to salary savings:

Reduced Positions

- Admin. Intervention and Student Affairs Coordinator (Line 122)
- ELL Teacher (Line 159)

Additional Positions

- Cafeteria Worker (Line 240)
- Part Time 1400 ASP - .5 (Line 100A)
- Guidance Counselor - No addition cost for benefits or OPEB (Line 219A)
- Part Time Nurse - 2 day/wk sub (Line 232A)

Budget Adjustment

- Budget for School Committee Secretary +\$21,077 (Line 37)

Revenues/Reimbursements

FY26 - \$5,170,113

FY27 - \$4,823,398 (-7%) decrease from FY26

FY27 Operating: \$30,946,270 (7.5%)

FY27 Assessed: \$26,122,872 (11%)

See Presentation MVRHS FY27 Budget Presentation for full details and charts**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Clark Rattet, Town of West Tisbury asked several clarifying questions, the first was the contingency number in the budget presently, to which Suzanne Cioffi responded \$375,000. Clark followed up by asking how much was used last year, to which Suzanne responded zero. Clark asked next is there were any Capital items in FY27, to which Suzanne responded yes there is, the \$40,000 for the athletic fields Tennis Courts, \$40,000 for scoreboard and risers and \$75,000 for maintenance and a placeholder for two replacement vehicles, a Special Education van and a vehicle to replace a 2010 Toyota Prius totaling \$132,000, meaning about \$300,000 for Capital items. Chair Skipper Manter indicated that he anticipates the budget will be on the agenda for the January 2026 meeting for certification, should all of the numbers be ready. Clark asked about the health insurance figures, to which Suzanne said that the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group will meet on February 12, 2026, but the budgeted amount for FY27 is currently at a 16% increase as a placeholder. It is possible the increase would go as high as 25% but with the trust fund accessible, that should help lessen the amount due. Clark then asked about the other insurances, liability, etc. to which Suzanne responded that she is confident with what is budgeted at this time, given the communication from the insurance company. Maura McGroarty of Oak Bluffs asked for clarification with regards to retiree health insurance numbers being complete and the insurance of the currently employed numbers not yet, to which Suzanne said retirees are set in October and active members are done in February. It is done differently as each unit has different open enrollment periods. Marura asked about the increase to the retirees amount, to which Suzanne said it was 20%, or \$119,000. Maura then requested a copy of the budget to be sent to her. Mark Friedman mentioned that he thought the retiree percentage increase was closer to 15%, so he will review with Suzanne. Additionally, there will be possible cost shifts with regards to Capital items and what will be paid for in FY26 through the Rural Aid grant. Mark also spoke briefly about the short-term borrowing for the feasibility study, for the larger building project. Currently the borrowing that has been done is

approximately \$1.2 million of the \$2 million overall feasibility study, year two or three will be finished up of that borrowing and a decision will need to be made as to whether to put any additional money towards the pay down of that short-term borrowing. The thinking up till now is that if in June, when the district-wide vote happens, and if the project is approved, that amount of principal that will be outstanding for the feasibility study, could be rolled over into the larger borrowing for the project, the construction as it goes forward. If, hypothetically, the project didn't get approved, there would be about two years to pay down the principal because it is short-term borrowing that will become a non-construction project at that point. Mark asked the committee to think about what they may want to do. Suzanne also indicated that this budget will slightly decrease after the All Island School Committee that concluded earlier in the day the Shared Services budget decreased.

PUBLIC HEARING CONCLUDED AT 7:08 PM

Adjournment:

Amy Houghton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rizwan Malik. Roll Call: Murphy - Aye, Scott - Aye, Shufrin - Aye, Lionette - Aye, Houghton - Aye, Malik - Aye, Shertzer - Aye, Cutrer - Aye, Manter - Aye.
Motion Passes: 9-0-0

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Claussen

Date of Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2026

Appendix A: Documents on File

- 1. 12.17.25 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
- 2. MVRHS Draft Budget #3 Public Hearing**
- 3. MVRHS FY27 Budget Presentation**

Appendix B: Zoom AI Next Steps

- 1. Suzanne: Send a copy of the budget to Maura McGarty.**
- 2. Suzanne and Mark: Check and confirm the exact percentage increase for retiree insurance and communicate the correct figure to Maura McGarty.**
- 3. School Committee: Consider at the January budget meeting whether to include a principal payment or request of the towns for paydown of short-term borrowing related to the feasibility study, and reach out to towns for their input if desired.**
- 4. Suzanne: Incorporate the reduction in the shared services budget number (reflecting the recent All Island School Committee approval) into the final budget before certification.**
- 5. School Committee: Certify the budget at the first meeting in January, pending finalization of all numbers and considerations discussed.**