

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (MVRHS)
School Committee Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Library or Zoom

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Vice Chair (VC) – Rizwan Malik, Robert Lionette, Kathryn Shertzer, Michael Watts
Zoom: Roxanne Ackerman*, Jennifer Cutrer, Sarah Murphy

Staff: Principal – Sara Dingley, Information Technology (IT) Director – Rick Mello, Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Curriculum & Instruction Director – Justine DeOliveira, Equity and Access Coordinator – Sheryl Taylor, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Facilities Director – Jason O'Donnell, Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy, Science Teacher – Anna Cotton, Wellness Coordinator, School Adjustment Counselor – Amy Lilavois, School Adjustment Counselor – Matthew Malowski

Supt.'s Office: Superintendent – Richard M. Smith, Ed.D., School Business Administrator – Mark Friedman

Others: Middlesex CC/Dean of Education & K-16 Partnerships – Russell Olwell

Towns/County: Oak Bluffs – Maura McGroarty, Tisbury – Nancy Gilfooy, West Tisbury – Clark Rattet

Press: MV Times – Daniel Greenman, Vineyard Gazette – Louisa Hufstader

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski **Late arrivals or early departures of MVRHS SC members*

**Roxanne Ackerman arrived around 6:30 PM.*

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).

- I. Welcome - Chair:**
The meeting of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHS SC) was called to order at 5:41 PM by Chair Skipper Manter.
- II. Routine Reports:**
- A. School Building Committee Update**
Tabled.
 - B. Student Report**
 - 1. Student Report of Activities**
The President and Vice President of the Junior Class (The Class Officers) recapped school activities including the taking of midterms, the third annual JazzFest/Big Band, the ending of the second quarter, the scholarship info night and the various Club updates. The sports were reviewed including the swimmer achievements and record performances so far, wins and losses of various teams and the featured 'player of the week'. Members engaged with the Class Officers and asked them to explain certain aspects of what they reported.

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2. Swear Retreat Overnight Trip & Possible Vote

Student participants spoke about their experience with Stand With Everyone Against Rape (SWEAR) and what they learned through the process; Amy Lilavois explained the details of the trip. Members commented and asked questions; all were in support of the efforts of SWEAR and what this retreat meant for participants. The details:

SWEAR Retreat — 03/11 - 03/12/2025—Camp Burgess, Sandwich MA.

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT FOR THE SWEAR RETREAT ON MARCH 11 & 12, 2025; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

3. Science Fair

Anna Cotton presented the details and explained this was a department effort. Ms. Cotton said this was a great opportunity for students at the school, regional and state levels. The Fair created an opportunity to engage the community, including the judging of student projects.

4. Musical “Anything Goes”

Students reviewed the steps taken over months to bring this performance to the stage. They explained there were so many students that wanted to participate, they had a double cast. Shows started next week; Members looked forward to the performances.

C. Superintendent Report

1. Establish Transportation Position & Possible Vote

Superintendent Richard M. Smith recapped the Transportation Sub-Committee (TransSubCom) meeting discussions. After the recent resignation, the TransSubCom discussed how to reorganize the department to fulfill the necessary responsibilities and create a new position; he said the TransSubCom vetted this proposal. A discussion ensued on how to include it for the next year’s budget.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ESTABLISH THE TRANSPORTATION POSITION OF 1400 HOURS AS DESCRIBED BY SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD M. SMITH; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

D. Principal

1. Early College Update

Principal Sara Dingley said Middlesex Community College (MCC) was now partnering with MVRHS. She explained part A and B, and how that related to the student experience. Principal Dingley, Samuel Hart and Russell Olwell explained the program/s in more detail as Members asked questions including how students earned credits, how this would be funded and how the State supported community college.

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2. CD/MCAS Update & Discussion

Principal Dingley said they were working on how to measure proficiency; they were looking to create a method to measure Competency Determination (CD), to find alternate pathways to demonstrate competency.

III. Consents:

VOTES REQUIRED

A. Minutes: ` , 2025 *None.*

B. Personnel

1. Theresa Kruszewski

The use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) was discussed as an option to replace the current minute taker. The March meeting would include the Zoom AI feature to allow the Committee to compare that transcript with the standard minutes, to see what the best option would be to move forward.

- ◆ Teresa Kruszewski in a letter dated January 15, 2025 wrote: Please accept this as my letter of resignation from the minute taking position for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, School Committee. I will work through the end of the school year and complete all full Committee meeting minutes through June, 2025. If you/the Committee are able to find a solution/replacement sooner, I am more than happy to transition out before June.

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FOR THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

C. Grants and Donations

RIZWAN MALIK MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FRYOLATOR DONATED IN KIND FOR THE CULINARY ARTS DEPARTMENT; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

D. Surplus (2) 2018 Bluebird Buses

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO SURPLUS THE TWO 2018 BUSES, #132 & #133; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

E. Prior Year Invoices

MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO PAY THE \$4108.34 FOR VALID TRIPS OF THE LAST FISCAL YEAR WITH PAYMENT COMING FROM THE OFF ISLAND BUS RENTAL LINE; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES,

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*0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE,
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE,
MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

F. Contract Amendment for Tappe Architects MSBA Feasibility Study Project
Mark Friedman explained the \$4865.00 change order for archaeological steps on the MVRHS campus; the School Building Committee voted to approve.

*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT AS
PRESENTED BY MARK FRIEDMAN WITH TAPPE ARCHITECTS FOR THE FEASIBILITY
STUDY PROJECT; MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:
8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE,
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE,
MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE*

G. Rural School Aid Grant - Allocation for Regionalization Discussions
*MICHAEL WATTS MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECOMMENDATION OF
SPENDING \$35,000.00 FOR REGIONALIZATION; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE,
MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

H. Vote to Reconsider Recertification of FY26 Budget
Suzanne Cioffi explained that residential placements were driving this request.
*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE RECERTIFICATION OF FY 2026
BUDGET ON JANUARY 6, 2025; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE,
MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE,
MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

I. Recertification of FY26 Budget Discussion & Vote (if necessary)
*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO RECERTIFY THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND TO AMEND LINE
ITEMS #396 AND #402, AT:*

- \$23780427.17 ASSESSED BUDGET (6.62 % INCREASE), AND*
- \$28950540.17 TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (8.63 % INCREASE);*

*MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE,
MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. MANTER—NAY.*

J. Lease for Two New Buses - Approval
*KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED AND
DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT RICHARD M. SMITH TO EXECUTE THE LEASE;
ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS,*

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0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

K. Lift Equipped SPED Van - Budget Transfer

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATION TO ADD A WHEELCHAIR LIFT TO ONE VAN, FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$20,973.00 WITH OFFSETS IN THE BUDGET/BUDGET TRANSFERS AS OUTLINED BY MARK FRIEDMAN; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

L. Out of State and Overnight Travel

1. Pratt & Whitney Trip

Black Student Alliance

March 5th, 2025:

Pratt & Whitney Plant and Corporate Office, East Hartford, CT

Boys Swimming

February 8 - 9, 2025: Boston, MA

Model UN Conference

April 4 - 6, 2025: Boston, MA

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS PRESENTED; RIZWAN MALIK SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MALIK—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. MURPHY—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

2. Model UN *(Please see above.)*

3. Swim Team Regionals *(Please see above.)*

IV. Finance:

A. Revenue and Expenditures

Ms. Cioffi recapped the reports (those that were passed out in the room during the meeting); Members reviewed both reports and asked questions where appropriate.

V. Subcommittee Updates:

A. Transportation

Roxanne Ackerman, Chair of the Transportation Sub-Committee (TranSubCom), said Mr. Friedman did a good job presenting what was needed with the above agenda items.

B. Facilities

Michael Watts, Chair of the Facilities Sub-Committee (FacSubCom), asked Jason O'Donnell to update

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the Committee. Mr. O'Donnell said the new pumps for the oil boilers had been received and would be hooked up in the next few days.

C. Athletics

Robert Lionette, Chair of the Athletics Sub-Committee (AthSubCom), said discussions at the last two meetings centered around a policy for logo use and unified colors.

D. Budget

Mr. Friedman recapped the statutory assessments and foundation enrollments and how a rolling 3 years was used to calculate the town assessments. He indicated an issue had been found with the data of the 3 year rolling average - there was a recommendation to use the most recent data. Members asked if scenarios would alter town percentages where they would make a difference. Members suggested discussing this in more detail at a future/special meeting. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

VI. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements: None.

VII. Old Business:

A. Sub Committee Minute Taker N/A

VIII. Public Comment:

- ❖ Maura McGroarty, at 7:54 PM, asked if the budget presented at the Financial Committee (FinCom) meeting would be updated with tonight's numbers; Principal Dingley said it would be updated.
- ❖ Clark Rattet, at 7:55 PM, asked for updates from the School Building Committee; Chair Manter recapped.

IX. Adjournment:

*RIZWAN MALIK MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 7:57 PM;
KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:
8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. ACKERMAN—AYE, MS. CUTRER—AYE,
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Appendix A - Documents on File:

1. Agenda MVRHS SC 2.3.25.docx
2. II. B. 2. SWEAR 2025 - Overnight Travel Form.docx.pdf
3. III. B. 1. Resignation Letter (1).pdf
4. III. E. Prior Year Invoices First Student January & June 2024.pdf
5. III. F. Amendment No. 1 CONTRACT FOR DESIGNER SERVICES rev 12 17 24.docx.pdf
6. III. H. MVRHS FY26 Statutory Assessments Certified Budget - 1-06-2025.pdf
7. III. I. Recertification of Budget.pdf
8. III. J. LEASE 2 Buses MVRSD - 01-31-2025.pdf
9. III. J. RESOLUTION LEASE NO. 20000026046 DATED 1-31-2025.pdf
10. III. L. 1. Pratt & Whitney_BSA Out of State & Overnight Travel Form.docx.pdf
11. III. L. 2. EagleMUNC Overnight Travel Form.docx.pdf
12. III. L. 3. SWIMMING REGIONALS.pdf
13. IV, A MVRHS General Fund 2.3.2025.pdf
14. IV. A. MVRHS Revenue 2.3.2025.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

April 7, 2025

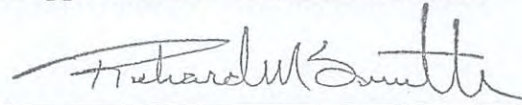
Date



Skipper Manter – MVRHS SC Chair

5-28-25

Date



Richard M. Smith, Ed.D. – MVRHSD Superintendent

4/15/25

Date

APPROVED April 7, 2025