

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

Present: Chair – Skipper Manter, Jennifer Cutrer, Robert Lionette, Kelly Scott, Kathryn Shertzer *Zoom:* Michael Watts

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, Food Service Director, Culinary Arts Instructor – Kevin Crowell, Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy

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

Others: President/General Manager M.V. Sharks – Russ Curran

Towns/County: Tisbury – Nancy Gilfoy, 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*

**None.*

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 5:34 PM by Chair Skipper Manter; he indicated that the Committee would be using the Zoom artificial intelligence (AI) feature to understand the capabilities of minute taking using this tool and to compare to the traditional format.

II. Routine Reports:

A. School Building Committee Update

Samuel Hart said the School Building Committee (SBC) continued to meet every other week on the first and third Tuesday of the month; the meetings were public - all were invited to participate. He recapped the steps taken in the Preferred Schematic Report (PSR) phase, the process which included the review of designs that were being refined for selection at the end of April, 2025. He indicated that the goal was to have this project on Town Warrants for spring of 2026.

B. Student Report

1. Student Report of Activities

The President and Vice President of the Junior Class (The Class Officers) shared Science Fair details including the winners for each category. Spirit Week and the pep rally went well; sports were reviewed with final record and playoff status. Club updates were shared including the new Spanish Club; the musical 'Anything Goes' ran at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) before the February break.

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C. Superintendent Report

1. Safe Schools Resolution

Superintendent Richard M. Smith reviewed the resolution, putting into context what was happening locally to what was happening nationally.

Superintendent Smith screen shared the Safe Schools Resolution document and identified the important topics within this resolution. *To support all children.* He read from the document, sections in regard to deportation and immigration law enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

2. Russ Curran MV Sharks Update and Discussion of Field Upgrades

Russ Curran apologized for the lateness of this request. He said the field was built in 2006. Top dressing was done annually to maintain the field - this process impacted the sprinkler system.

Mr. Curran said the improvements would be done in stages, over a few years. \$500,000.00 for the work in total - Edgartown would give \$100,000.00 in Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funding. In order to be considered/awarded this money, Edgartown needed a letter from the MVRHS/MVRHS SC in support of the two phase project, a letter to endorse the renovation project. He said he would be able to raise the balance of the money from private funding.

Discussion also included an upgraded camera system; Chair Manter suggested this discussion continue at a Facilities and/or Athletic Sub-Committee meeting.

KATHRYN SHERTZER MOVED TO HAVE THE MVRHS SC SUPPORT RUSS CURRAN AND THE MV SHARKS IN THEIR RENOVATION FOR THE FIELDS, BOTH INFIELD AND OUTFIELD OVER THE NEXT TWO SEASONS/YEARS; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

Superintendent Smith said a letter in support would be provided to Mr. Curran by March 5, 2025.

D. Principal

1. Student Affairs Office Presentation

Justine DeOliveira presented the information for the Enrichment Day that would happen next week - she reviewed the topic of focus for this session.

2. Competency Determination

Principal Sara Dingley reviewed the items for the program of studies, and what was required for students to graduate. She reviewed the (course) proposals which would allow Competency Determination (CD) to be measured for the class of 2025. *(Please see document on file for details, listed below)* She said it was necessary to come to consensus with the Committee for graduation. Principal Dingley recapped how the new State Law impacted the class of 2025 and how Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) testing impacted most of the students. She went into detail for those students that did not achieve the CD by testing. She indicated that there was urgency to put this in place for the class of 2025.

Passing grade was currently 60 at the MVRHS; participation in MCAS testing would continue as it was a valuable/objective measure; State guidance was continuing for classes beyond 2025.

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3. Update to School Wellness Policy

Kevin Crowell reviewed the steps taken for the review of the existing policy - he said there were minimal updates. The minutes from the meetings highlighted the changes and were on the MVRHS website. *(Please see document on file for details, listed below)*

JENNIFER CUTRER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE POLICY REVISIONS AS PRESENTED AS THE FIRST POLICY READING; KELLY SCOTT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE. MS. SHERTZER—ABSTAINED.

4. Revised Debt Letter

KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE POLICY REVISIONS AS PRESENTED AS THE FIRST POLICY READING; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

JENNIFER CUTRER MOVED TO ALLOW KEVIN CROWELL/THE ADMINISTRATION TO SEND THE LETTER AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR TO THOSE THAT HAD A POSITIVE BALANCE; KELLY SCOTT SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

III. Consents:

VOTES REQUIRED

A. Minutes: Including but Not Limited to

1. January 6, 2025
2. February 3, 2025

TABLED.

B. Personnel

1. Lauren Pineau

- ◆ Lauren Pineau in a letter dated February 12, 2025 wrote: After careful consideration, I've decided to resign from my role as an ESP, with my last day being Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIGNATION; JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.

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C. Grants and Donations: Including but Not Limited to

1. Cyber Security

\$11,110.56, Additional funds for Cyber Security GRANT/ALL SCHOOLS STATE FUNDS

2. FY25: Early College Planning

\$\$50,000.00, FY2025: Early College Planning Grant Fund Code: 461

*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TWO GRANTS AS PRESENTED;
JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE,
MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

D. Discussion & Vote on Adjusting Adult Meal Prices

*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO INCREASE THE ADULT MEAL PRICE FROM \$4.82 TO \$5.00
EFFECTIVE MARCH 10, 2025; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE,
MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE &
MR. WATTS—AYE.*

E. Out of State & Overnight Travel

1. Wrestling

N/A

2. Sailing

Sailing Team

*April 5, 2025, Portland, ME
April 11-12, 2025, Portland, ME
May 3-4, 2025, Boston, MA
May 10-11, 2025, New London, CT
May 23-25, 2025: New London, CT*

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE TRAVEL AS
PRESENTED; KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:
6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE,
MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

F. Sports Waivers

1. JV Softball 7th & 8th Grade

*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO ALLOW THE JV SOFTBALL 7TH & 8TH GRADE WAIVER;
MICHAEL WATTS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 1 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE &
MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. LIONETTE—NAY.*

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2. JV boys Lacrosse 8th Grade

*KELLY SCOTT MOVED TO ALLOW THE JV BOYS LACROSSE 8TH GRADE WAIVER;
KATHRYN SHERTZER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS.
MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE, MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE &
MR. WATTS—AYE. MR. LIONETTE—ABSTAINED.*

G. Spurplus 2, 2016 Bluebird Buses; #s 200 and 201

The vote was taken at the December 2, 2024 MVRHS SC Meeting.

IV. Finance:

A. Revenue and Expenditures

Suzanne 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:

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| A. Transportation | Nothing new to report. |
| B. Facilities | Nothing new to report. |
| C. Athletics | Nothing new to report. |
| D. Budget | Nothing new to report. |

VI. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair/Announcements:

Superintendent Smith said the assessment formula for FY 2025 was not correct for some of the towns; the census information that was used for the calculation had Edgartown and West Tisbury underassessed. Superintendent Smith said this was quite complex and a new process. The Administration didn't want to go back to the towns for funding to rectify the shortfalls - they were looking for alternative ways to accomplish this.

Mark Friedman explained the process that was underway; he said tonight was to inform and not to take action.

Members decided to hold a special meeting on Monday March 10, 2025 at 5:30 PM to review this in detail.

VII. Old Business:

A. Sub Committee Minute Taker

(Please see above, I. Welcome - Chair:)

VIII. Public Comment:

❖ None.

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IX. Adjournment:

*ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MVRHS SC MEETING AT 7:30 PM;
JENNIFER CUTRER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS. MS. CUTRER—AYE, MR. LIONETTE—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE,
MS. SCOTT—AYE, MS. SHERTZER—AYE & MR. WATTS—AYE.*

Appendix A - Documents on File:

1. Agenda MVRHS SC 3.3.25.docx
2. MVRHS SC Meeting Zoom Recording 3.3.25.docx
3. Competency Determination.pptx
4. II. D. 3. 2025 Wellness Policy - Google Docs.pdf
5. II. D. 3. wellness committee minutes - Google Docs.pdf
6. II. D. 4. MVRHS School Committee Acceptance list 03032024 (1).pdf
7. III. A. 1. DRAFT MVRHS SC Minutes January 6, 2025.pdf
8. III. B. 1. Lauren Pineau Letter 2.12.25.pdf
9. III. E. 1. Wrestling.jpg
10. III. E. 2. Sailing 1.pdf
11. III. E. 2. Sailing 2.pdf
12. III. E. 2. Sailing 3.pdf
13. III. E. 2. Sailing 4.pdf
14. III. E. 2. Sailing 5.pdf
15. IV. Finance A. MVRHS Expenditure Report.pdf
16. IV. Finance A. MVRHS Revenue Report.pdf

Respectfully submitted,



Teresa Kruszewski – Recorder

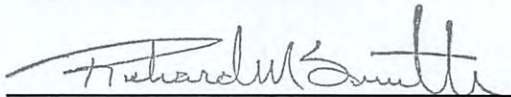
April 7, 2025

Date

Skipper Manter 5-28-2025

Skipper Manter – MVRHS SC Chair

Date



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

4/15/25

Date

APPROVED April 7, 2025