

Tisbury School Committee
4:00PM, Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Tisbury School Cafeteria

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TSC Members Present: Acting Chair Jen Cutrer, Amy Houghton*,
Alicia Lesnikowski,

Staff: John Custer – Principal, Melissa Ogden – Assist. Principal;
Richie Smith – Superintendent,
Mark Friedman – Business Administrator,

Others: Marni Lipke – Recorder

* Late Arrivals or early departures of TSC Members

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) meeting was called to order at 4:06PM.

I. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. ALICIA LESNIKOWSKI AND SECONDED BY MS. JEN CUTRER THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2025 MEETINGS WERE APPROVED; 1 AYE, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION—MS. LESNIKOWSKI** due to absence.

II. Tisbury School Building Project

A. Project Update – Nothing new to report.

B. Approval of Invoices (See documents on file.)

These were standard invoices.

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. LESNIKOWSKI AND SECONDED BY MS. CUTRER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED (2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS) THE FOLLOWING OCTOBER 14 THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 2025 INVOICES TOTALING \$29,558.44 TO BE SENT TO TOWN HALL FOR APPROVAL AND PAYMENT:**

- **CHA INVOICE # 39235-55 FOR \$5,500.00,**
- **TAPPÉ ARCHITECTS INVOICE # 2451010 FOR \$17,500.00,**
- **WENGER CORPORATION INVOICE # 892122_2025-05-08 FOR \$6,558.44.**

III. Superintendent's Report

A. All Island School Committee (AISC)

* During this discussion Ms. Amy Houghton entered the meeting at 4:10PM.

The Superintendent's Shared Services (or Central) Office Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget was currently expected to increase 8.98% consisting of contractual and health insurance (15%) increases and the Superintendent transition. The Cabinet and the AISC would consider ways to shave the increase but current numbers were presented as a placeholder for the Tisbury School budget.

B. Shared Services Update - Tabled

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IV. Financial Report

A. Fund Balances (See documents on file & below: Actions.)

There was nothing of concern.

- The Manter Fund continued very sound at \$193,000 in keeping with the rising stock market. This 1925 Manter Estate Fund was dedicated for best to the advantage of Tisbury School students including the purchase of at least 1 new pair of shoes.
- The Town having deducted the \$24,000 committed to the FY26 Budget, the School Choice balance was ~ \$128,000.
- November 17th marked 1 year since the completion of the gym/music room wing.
- There would be no solar offsets in 2025.

B. Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Budget (See above p.1 #III A.)

Administration expected to present a level service budget, i.e. no staff changes, just contractual and fixed cost (insurance, etc.) increases. Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Business Manager Mr. Mark Friedman reported that local schools level service increases were 6-7%.

- The Tisbury School Advisory Council (SAC) was interested in being part of the budget process. December would be a joint SAC/TSC meeting.

VI. Principal's Report

A. School Events (See documents on file.)

- The Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Architecture Class was coming to tour the Tisbury School.
- Tigers Give Week was next month.
- The wonderful School musical *James and the Giant Peach*, had just wrapped up with kudos to all students and staff.
- The All Island Junior High Band concert was coming up at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on December 11th.

B. Personnel

1. Resignation

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. HOUGHTON AND SECONDED BY MS. LESNIKOWSKI THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY (3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS) ACKNOWLEDGED THE RESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAN VALDETE SHAW AS OF NOVEMBER 14, 2025.**

The position was advertised and candidates would be interviewed this week.

C. Grants

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. HOUGHTON AND SECONDED BY MS. LESNIKOWSKI THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY (3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS) ACCEPTED WITH GRATITUDE \$784.80 FROM THE VINEYARD GOLF FOUNDATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF T-SHIRTS FOR THE CAST AND CREW OF THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL.**

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Adjournment

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. HOUGHTON AND SECONDED BY MS. LESNIKOWSKI THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY (3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS) ADJOURNED AT 4:21PM.

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- AISC – 5:30PM, Thursday, November 20, 2025 – Hybrid/MVRHS
- MVRHSC – 5:30PM, Monday, December 1, 2025 – Hybrid/MVRHS
- AISC – 4:00PM, Tuesday, December 2, 2025 – Hybrid/MVRHS
- TSC/SAC – 4:00PM, Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at the Tisbury School
- TSC – 4:00PM, Tuesdays,

<u>January 13, 2026</u>	<u>April 14, 2026</u>
<u>February 10, 2026</u>	<u>May 12, 2026</u>
<u>March 10, 2026</u>	<u>June TBD</u>

Appendix B: Actions

- Mr. Friedman/Prin. Custer – track/report FY26 electricity line item.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- TSC Agenda 11/18/25
- Tisbury School Fund Balances Fiscal Year, 2025-2026 11/17/25
- Tisbury School Events
- Tisbury School Addition and Renovations Project Invoice Summary Sheet, For Period:
August 01*, 2025 –August 31*, 2025, (*typo)
- Daedalus invoice 10/31/25
- Tappé invoice 11/12/25
- Wenger invoice (2 p.) 5/8/25
- Tisbury School Site Budget Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (4 p.) 11/17/25

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

Date

Minutes approved 12/9/25