



**MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Transportation Subcommittee**  
**Monday, March 2 2026 at 8:30 am**  
**Zoom**

**Present:** Chair - Marsha Shufrin, Kathryn Shertzer, Skipper Manter, Kelly Scott\*\*  
**Transportation:** Assistant Transportation Director - Chyenne Ward\*  
**MVRHS:** Principal - Sean Mulvey\*\*, Finance Director - Suzanne Cioffi\*\*  
**Supt's Office:** Superintendent - Richie Smith\*\*, 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)*

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Marsha Shufrin called this meeting to order at 8:34 am.

*Vote Required*

**II. Approval of Minutes: January 5, 2026**

*Skipper Manter made a motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2026, seconded by Kathryn Shertzer. Roll Call: Shertzer - Aye, Scott - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye.  
Motion Passes: 4-0-0*

*Vote Required*

**III. Review Updated Transportation Draft Agreement - possible recommendation to school committee**

Mark Friedman started a screen share to review the updated Transportation Agreement and completed an overview for the committee. Once done, Skipper asked Mark about the language in the matrix with regards to transition compensation, to which the committee and attendees all agreed that Mark will adjust this language to be in alignment for both Article XIV Appendix A and Appendix B, in addition, Mark will remove the last sentence in its entirety. The committee then moved to the language with regards to the sick bank and agreed that it should match the other bargaining units' sick bank language, with slight modifications to reflect the size of the unit, given it is much smaller. There needs to be a sick bank committee developed within the High School Committee as Transportation is overseen by the high school. Mark was also advised to make adjustments in the language with regards to who donates sick days and when, adjusting to include all staff and not just staff with carryover days *Skipper Manter made a motion to approve of the changes discussed in the Sick Leave Bank, seconded by Kathryn Shertzer. Roll Call: Shertzer - Aye, Scott - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye.*

*Motion Passes: 4-0-0*

**IV. Operations Update**

Chyenne Ward provided a brief update as things have remained consistent. There are no new drivers, or monitors at this time.

**V. Transportation Billing to Schools/Outside Entities - Update**

Mark took a moment to let the committee know the internal billing structure has been revamped, for both the elementary schools, The YMCA, The MV Boys & Girls Club and the MV Public Charter School, in addition to some one of groups and occasional usage. The new structure is intended to be used for all on island entities, and is similar to other districts. Salary time, gasoline, mileage and other indirect costs have been factored into this new structure, meaning this is the most accurate structure created to date. Mark informed the committee that the MV Public Charter school billing will likely need further discussion at some point, as their share right now is the cost of one bus, from the original agreement, but can be discussed for next year's billing. Kathryn and Marsha both expressed support in revisiting that agreement and comparing the new billing to the old billing style.

**VI. Electric Buses - Status Update**

Mark provided a brief update based on his conversations with Mark. One of the two buses had a battery issue, which should now be up and running. The other bus looks to need a replacement battery as well. The chargers are also being replaced as the previous ones had firmware or hardware issues and were not salvageable. The replacement chargers were sent at no cost, MVRHS would need to have an electrician and our IT department work on installation. Wifi also is being installed in that location as the charges need to communicate. Chyenne mentioned that she believes there is an issue with the new chargers so Mark and Troy will need to be in contact to discuss next steps.

**VII. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair**

Kathryn expressed looking for all information to be provided in the operations report, for example the issues with the Electric Buses. Kathryn was also made aware of at least 2 incidents recently where the off island buses broke down. Kathryn also heard about the State of Massachusetts setting aside \$12M for electrification of bus fleets and wondered about having that looked into as that is the direction the school should be moving in. Hyland is an off island bus transportation company, which had consulted with the district about 5 years ago, they are also the fleet for the Olympics in Los Angeles, CA. Mark will work with Troy to move this forward. Additionally, Mark will work with Bernie and some others to see if there is Grant funding available.

**VIII. Public Comment**

No Public Comment at this meeting.

*Vote Required*

**IX. Adjournment**

*Kathryn Shertzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Skipper Manter. Roll Call: Shertzer - Aye, Manter - Aye, Shufrin - Aye.  
Motion Passes: 3-0-0*

*Minutes submitted by Rebecca Claussen*

*Date of Approval of Minutes: April 6, 2026*

## **Appendix A: Documents on File**

- 1. 3.2.26 Transportation Sub Committee Agenda**
- 2. DRAFT Transportation Subcommittee 010526**

## **Appendix B: Zoom A.I. Next Steps**

- 1. Mark: Update the transition compensation language in both Appendix A and B to ensure consistency for CDL and SPED drivers/monitors, including removing the sentence about payments not continuing past FY26-28 and ensuring declining payment language is the same for both groups.**
- 2. Mark: Revise the sick leave bank language in Article 10 to match as closely as possible with existing agreements (using relevant sections from teacher/other unit agreements), update committee composition language, and adjust contribution and withdrawal language as discussed.**
- 3. Mark: Remove the third bullet under sick leave bank eligibility criteria regarding length of service.**
- 4. Mark: Adjust the initial and ongoing contribution language for the sick leave bank to reflect the agreed structure (e.g., initial 2 days, then 1 day per year, and clarify contribution requirements if the bank is exhausted).**
- 5. Mark: Follow up with Jason O'Donnell, Rick Mello, and Anderson Motors to confirm the compatibility of the new bus chargers and ensure installation proceeds, including Wi-Fi repeater installation at the bus lot.**
- 6. Mark and Troy: Reach out to Highland (electric bus company) to schedule a future presentation/discussion about electrification options for the bus fleet, including current technology and financial implications.**
- 7. Mark: Check with Bernie and other relevant staff about available state or other grants for electrification of the bus fleet and report back to the committee.**
- 8. Brian: Present the revised transportation agreement to the transportation staff for their review and vote following school committee review.**
- 9. Mark: Provide a brief overview of the transportation agreement at the upcoming school committee meeting, highlighting key points and budget coverage, as requested by Skipper.**
- 10. Committee (or designated member): Review and consider revisiting the billing structure for the charter school (including capital cost allocation) by the end of the year for next year's billing cycle.**