

ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SUPERINTENDENCY UNION #19

Edgartown School Committee
Oak Bluffs School Committee
Tisbury School Committee
Martha's Vineyard Regional School District
Up Island Regional School District

Thursday, March 19th, 2026 at 5:30 pm
MVRHS Library or Zoom

Present: Edgartown: Chris Greene*, Kelly Scott-ZOOM**
Oak Bluffs: Rizwan Malik, Kathryn Shertzer, Laurel Schneider
Tisbury: Amy Houghton (Chair), Jen Cutrer, Alicia Lesnikowska-ZOOM
Up-Island: Alex Salop (Vice Chair), Robert Lionette**, Jessica Mason, Marsha Shufrin*
Supt.'s Office: Richard Smith, Superintendent, Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator,
Hope MacLeod, Director of Student Support Services
Suzanne Cioffi, MVRHS Business Manager**
Sean Mulvey, MVRHS Principal
Louisa Hufstader, MV Gazette
Sarah Dawson Shaw, MV Times
Recorder: Tara Sykes
*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 Amy Houghton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Including but not limited to November 10, 2025, November 20, 2025, December 2, 2025, December 8, 2025, December 17, 2025, February 2, 2026, and February 12, 2026

Skipper Manter made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Alex Salop of November 10, 2025, November 20, 2025, December 2, 2025, December 8, 2025, December 17, 2025, February 2, 2026 and February 12, 2026

Roll Call: Scott-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Malik-Aye,
Shertzer-Aye, Manter-Aye, Schneider-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Mason-Aye, Houghton-Aye
All Minutes passed 9-0-0

III. Chair General Remarks

Amy Houghton thanked the building leaders and custodial staff for working overtime during the relentless winter. Expressed appreciation at the extra effort made to keep everyone safe.

Zoe Treitman and Leah Thompson, Juniors at MVRHS spoke about the upcoming **Swim Across America** event being held in Menemsha on July 18th. It is a fundraiser for cancer research and treatment. So far, they have raised \$20,000. The money raised will go to the Cancer Institute, MV Hospital Mass General Brigham.

The students highlighted the different ways people could get involved. There are various lengths people can swim. **Swim Across America website**, go to MV site.

Volunteer opportunities both on land and water. People can donate by visiting https://www.swimacrossamerica.org/site/TR?fr_id=8881&pg=entry

Sandy Pimental from the **MV Diversity Coalition** announced that Richie Smith has been selected to receive the **MV Diversity Coalition inaugural Friend and Leader** award for his work in education. The award will be presented at their annual Truth in Joy Celebration on June 28th.

IV. Convene all school committees to re vote the budget.

The Shared Services budget has been reduced due to reduced health insurance costs.

All Towns were called to order

Mark Friedman, Business School Manager, discussed the Shared Services budget from December 17th has been reduced by \$84,675.46. The reduction is due to a decrease in health insurance costs. The new Shared Services budget amount is \$11,207,801.59. Alex Salop made a motion to rescind and recertify the budget for Shared Services, seconded by Greene There was no discussion.
AISC

Roll Call:

Lesnikowska-Aye, Greene-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Malik-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Salop-Aye
Cuter-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Manter-Nay, Mason-Aye, Houghton-Aye

Motion passes: 10-1-0

Edgartown Shared Services budget reduced by \$21,905.40. The new budget amount is \$13,238,952.80. Scott entertained a motion to rescind and recertify, seconded by Greene.

Roll call: Scott- Aye, Green-Aye
Motion passes: 2-0-0.

Up-Island Shared Services budget reduced by \$152,791.96 from Feb.9,2026.

New expense amount \$19,481,326.43 and the assessed budget \$19,005,006.98.
Alex moved to rescind and recertify, Skipper seconded.

Roll Call:

Lionette-Aye, Manter-Nay, Shuffrin-Aye, Mason-Aye, Salop-Aye
Motion passes: 4-1-0

Oak Bluffs reduced \$21,807.33 from February 4, 2026 . The new amount is \$12,155,733.67.

Malik entertained a motion to rescind and recertify. Shertzer made a motion, Schneider second

Shertzer-Aye, Schneider-Aye, Malik- Aye
Motion passes: 3-0-0

Tisbury reduced by \$19,958.03 from 1/13/26 New budget amount is \$11,319,798.41.

Cutrer made a motion to rescind and recertify, seconded by Houghton.

Roll call : Lesnilowska-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Houghton-Aye
Motion passes: 3-0-0

MVRHS Shared Services budget reduced by \$189,819.34. The new budget amount is \$30,085,556.65 and the assessed budget is \$25,151,321.65.

Skipper entertained a motion to rescind and recertify the budget
Houghton made a motion to rescind and recertify, seconded by Shertzer.

Roll call: Scott-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Malik-Aye,
Houghton-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Shuffrin-Aye, Manter-Nay
Motion passes: 7-1-0

Locals adjourn

Edgartown

Green made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Scott.

Roll call: Green-Aye, Scott-Aye
Motion passes: 2-0-0

Up-Island

Salop made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Skipper.

Roll call: Shuffrin-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Salop-Aye, Manter-Aye, Mason-Aye
Motion passes: 5-0-0

Oak Bluffs

Shertzer made a motion to adjourn, Schneider seconded.

Roll call: Shertzer-Aye, Schneider-Aye, Malik-Aye.

Motion passes: 3-0-0

Tisbury

Cutrer made a motion to adjourn, Houghton seconded.

Roll call: Cutrer-Aye, Houghton-Aye, Lesnikowska-Aye.

Motion passes: 3-0-0

MVRHS

Cutrer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shertzer.

Roll call: Scott-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Malik-Aye, Houghton-Aye,

Cutrer-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Manter-Aye

Motion passes: 8-0-0

Chair Houghton pointed out the Agenda did not contain the ratification of the Superintendent contract. No vote will be held tonight. Also there is no Executive Session on Agenda, which is where the committee would have been voted on. There was a last minute request from the candidate to make a change. Meeting next week to vote to ratify the contract and an Executive session to discuss the changes. Meeting will be Wednesday, March 25th at 8:30 AM

All will be emailed the current contract in advance.

V. Supt General Update

Richie Smith thanked Mark and Suzanne for all of their work on the budget. Thanked all members for supporting budget reductions. Will table a few items tonight.

MVRHS project

MSBA board of governors approved the project at \$333.5 million dollars, and a reimbursement of \$71,774,000.00 with an additional \$3 million for contingency. The project's outreach will continue with Sally Rizzo.

Richie thanked Mark, Skipper, and Rick Manley, and all of the town clerks who have worked together to plan an island wide vote on June 2nd.

Town meetings are coming up in April.

Sabbatical request

A teacher by Oct 1st can request the following year for a sabbatical. It is explained as to the value to the district. Goes before cabinet and advisory board. The individual missed the original date. They reapplied for a half year sabbatical. If granted, they would receive 25% of their salary. Quality of request and original application came past the deadline.

Will table this request as Cabinet did not get to this Agenda item at today's Cabinet meeting.

School calendar

Every 3 yrs school committee approves the school calendar. Calendars for FY 27, 28 and 29 were presented. There is a proposal to make Dec. 22nd a half day in FY 28 and 29. The last day would be June 28th with 5 snow days for 2027-2028.

Cutrer made a motion to approve the calendars for FY 27,28,and 29, seconded by Greene.

Roll call: Scott-Aye, Greene-Aye,

Lionette-Aye,Malik-Aye,Shufrin-Aye,Cutrer-Aye,Shertzer-Aye,Houghton-Aye,Manter-Aye,Salop-Aye,Schneider-Aye,Mason-Aye,Lesnikowska-Aye.

Motion passes: 13-0-0

Structure of Central-Discussion Non-Union Salaries

Table discussion of salary structure. Richie would like to meet with the Personnel subcommittee next week.

There was a discussion on how sabbatical works and the funding source it comes from. Richie will do a historical look at sabbatical taken in the past. Perhaps in the next round of negotiations the line could be increased.

There was a discussion around the debt level principal vote. A question was asked if the vote could be reconsidered. Financial advisors are exploring options to address the concerns that have been raised.

VI. Finance update

Mark Friedman -Central office working to help all districts with Title 1 funds undergoing DESE review/audit. We have looked at policies that apply to Title 1 that were voted by this committee several years ago. We will come back with revisions and updates to the policies.

VII. MARS report-Regionalization

Alex Salop presented a summary of the MARS report.

VIII. Policy

Houghton entertained a motion for a 3rd reading of policy sections A and C. Policy Section A administration of the school and the legal basis for the school including the regional agreement, all the legal basis surrounding the running of the school, sexual harassment policy, and non discrimination policy. Section C is the Supt. Office and the administration.

Skipper made the motion to have a 3rd reading of policy section A and C,seconded by Salop.Lionette asked if all the considerations for section A had been reconciled. A discussion was held about issues with section B of the policy. It will be revisited in future.

Roll call:

Scott-Aye, Greene-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Malik-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Houghton-Aye, Manter-Aye, Salop-Aye, Schneider-Aye, Mason-Aye, Lesnikowska-Aye.

Motion passes: 13-0-0

IX. Personnel

Three resignations

Shane Schofield, Shared Service Coordinator, Louis LaCivita, ESP in Shared Services, Sindy Gonsalves, ESP in Shared Services.

Skipper made a motion to acknowledge, seconded by Schneider.

Roll Call:

Scott-Aye, Greene-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Malik-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Houghton-Aye, Manter-Aye, Salop-Aye, Schneider-Aye, Mason-Aye, Lesnikowska-Aye.

Motion passes: 13-0-0

X. Sub Committee Updates

Alex Salop gave a summary of the MARS report. MARS and Academic Discoveries collaborated and produced a 250 page comprehensive report on the possibility of regionalization for the Martha's Vineyard School Districts. There was a discussion about the report.

The AISC agreed to schedule a school committee retreat to further discuss regionalization options and develop a strategic plan, potentially with the new Superintendent, Jamie Curley.

Other Topics

Chris Greene spoke as the Blood Program Coordinator for the Red Cross, highlighting the upcoming two day blood drive starting March 20th from 11:45-3:45. being held at the Vineyard Haven Masonic Lodge.

No one has taken out nomination papers for the Edgartown School Committee.

Attempting a write in campaign.

Salop made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Skipper.

Roll call:

*Lesnikowska-Aye, Greene-Aye, Malik-Aye, Shuffrin-Aye, Cutrer-Aye,
Shertzer-Aye, Manter-Aye, Salop-Aye, Schneider-Aye, Mason-Aye, Houghton-Aye.*

Motion passed: 11-0-0

Meeting adjourned 7:09pm

Minutes submitted by Tara Sykes

Date of Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2026