

**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, February 19th, 2026 at 5:30 pm
Zoom Only Meeting**

Present: Edgartown: Chris Greene, Sarah Murphy, Kelly Scott
Oak Bluffs: Kathryn Shertzer, Laurel Schneider
Tisbury: Amy Houghton (Chair), Jen Cutrer, Alicia Lesnikowski
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
Recorder: Kristen Lepine
Other Attendee:
*Indicates late arrival
**Indicates early departure

Please note: All business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action.

I. Call to Order

Amy Houghton (Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

II. Discussion of Assistant Superintendent position

Superintendent Smith distributed job description for Assistant Superintendent. Discussion followed as to whether this position should be a general Assistant Superintendent position or focus on specific areas like operations, HR, facilities or curriculum.

Ms. Schneider made a motion to accept the Assistant Superintendent job description as presented with a modification to insert duties related to supervision and evaluation of Superintendent staff at the discretion of the Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Salop.

*Role call: Cutrer – Aye, Houghton – Aye, Shertzer – Aye, Salop – Aye, Lionette – Aye, Shufrin – Aye, Green – Abstain, Lesnikowski – Aye, Murphy – Aye, Scott – Aye, Schneider – Aye, Mason - Aye
Motion passes: 11-0-1*

Discussion followed as to how the job will be advertised. Discussion on a local advertising versus NESDEC. NESDEC casts a larger net but costs more.

Ms. Shertzer made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to engage in a contract with NESDEC to support the search for Assistant Superintendent, seconded by Scott.

*Role call: Cutrer – Aye, Houghton – Aye, Shertzer – Aye, Salop – Aye, Lionette – Aye, Shufrin – Aye, Green – Abstain, Lesnikowski – Aye, Murphy – Aye, Scott – Aye, Schneider – Aye, Mason - Abstain
Motion passes: 10-0-2*

III. Discussion and Vote to authorize chair to negotiate contract with new Superintendent

Ms. Shertzer made a motion for the personnel sub-committee to conduct the actual negotiations with our new Superintendent on behalf of the AISC, seconded by Mr. Lionette.

Role call: Cutrer – Aye, Houghton – Aye, Shertzer – Aye, Salop – Aye, Lionette – Aye, Shufrin – Aye, Green – Aye, Lesnikowski – Aye, Murphy – Aye, Scott – Aye, Schneider – Aye, Mason - Aye

Motion passes: 12-0-0

Mr. Salop made a motion to enter executive session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and will not return to public session, seconded by Ms. Shertzer.

Role call: Cutrer – Aye, Houghton – Aye, Shertzer – Aye, Salop – Aye, Lionette – Aye, Shufrin – Aye, Green – Aye, Lesnikowski – Aye, Murphy – Aye, Scott – Aye, Schneider – Aye, Mason - Aye

Motion passes: 12-0-0

Executive session entered into at 6:11pm.

Minutes submitted by Kristen Lepine

Date of Approval of Minutes: 4/30/2026