

**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, April 30th, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting in person at MVRHS Library or via ZOOM

Present: Edgartown: Chris Greene- ZOOM, Elliott Bennett, Sarah Murphy *

Oak Bluffs: Rizwan Malik*, Kathryn Shertzer

Tisbury: Amy Houghton (Chair), Jen Cutrer, Alicia Lesnikowska-ZOOM**

Up-Island: Alex Salop (Vice Chair), Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Jessica Mason, Marsha Shufrin

Superintendent's Office: Richie Smith, Superintendent, Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator

ZOOM: Jaime Curley, Incoming Superintendent

Recorder: Tara Sykes

*Arrived late

**Left early

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

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

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. February 19, 2026

Skipper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Lionette with one adjustment. The time needs to be changed to 5:30 PM and the vote count on the last item was incorrect.

Roll call: Greene-Aye, Lesnikowska-Aye, Salop-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Skipper-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Mason-Aye, Houghton-Aye, Bennett abstained

Motion passes: 10-0-1

IV. Chair General Remarks

Chair Houghton welcomed Elliott Bennett as the newest Edgartown School

Committee member. Elliott is a former MVRHS Science teacher.

She also served as an Assistant Principal at MVRHS.

V. Superintendent General Update

A. Assistant Superintendent Search

Richie provided an update on the Assistant Superintendent search. The search began with NASDEC. Initially looking for a Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Superintendent. Eleven people serve on the search committee including Jaime Curley. There were 25 applications and 7 people were interviewed. After the interviews, the committee paused and reposted the position. Focused on an Operational person. Someone who has experience and has the ability to support Human Resources, support our Business Administrator, support transportation, has experience in finance, and can support the daily operations of the schools, and support our building maintenance and upgrades. Position reposted through School Spring. The committee will meet on May 11th to consider applications and interviews will be held the following week.

A discussion was held as to the change in direction and where the second posting was advertised. Questions were asked why NASDEC was not used again and why the job was posted on School Spring. Members expressed concern School Spring may miss some good candidates. It was suggested that after two weeks the committee may want to utilize NASDEC again if there is a small pool of applicants.

B. Structure of Central Office- Discussion of Non-Union Salaries

This topic was discussed at the Personnel Subcommittee. It was decided that any commitments we have that Jaimie should drive. 7 weeks left in the school year. We need to start the discussion to put some things in place. The first area is transportation. The transportation payroll is complex. It is the only payroll that is wholly new with each pay period. Richie would like a model of how we used to do things. Looking at moving transportation PayRoll into the Central Office. Someone who can interface with PayRoll people at MVRHS. Stipends were proposed to pay for this work.

The question was asked how has Transportation PayRoll changed since Covid. The school system lost a good chunk of drivers. It moved us into a different model for transportation. The drivers worked less than 20 hours a week and did not qualify for benefits. Now we have fewer staff and we look at them as benefitted employees. They are

working more hours. Benefitted employees add to the complexities of Transportation Payroll.

A question was asked if this topic had been vetted by the Transportation subcommittee.

Richie said it had not. Amy wondered if that committee could have a meeting before the next AISC. Marsha stated the 3 members of the subcommittee are here at this meeting and they are aware of the issues.

It was suggested that Sam Hart might be a good choice to lend Administrative expertise to the Transportation department.

The plan is to have Chyenne come into the Central Office on a weekly basis and speak to the person handling the Transportation PayRoll. They would review invoices. Payroll would be sent back to Suzanne and not Maureen Fitzgerald.

Amy recommended a job description was needed and wondered would this position need to be posted ?

The second item is our movement in the Central Office. We have not had transitions. We have not considered the curriculum moving as a Pre-k to post 12 type of school system. We have good momentum going forward. Our PLCs have been resurrected. We have a Science PLC, Math PLC, and Social Studies PLC (now on MCAS) . Richie would like to have things in place that move our system forward.

Richie would like to make sure there are people in the Central Office who can be there to support Jaime. Discussion was held around Dr. Farrell's and Sara Dingley's current roles and how they could change next year. Dr. Farrell is a 60% FTE. Next year she will be a contracted employee. Sara is not a year round employee. Proposal to change that for next school year. It was suggested that Sara receive a stipend for doing work over the summer, instead of changing her position to a year round position.

There was concern that Jaime be on board with these changes. All want to support her in the best way possible. AISC would like to hear from her at the next meeting.

Recommended that Dr. Farrell's full proposals be brought to the next AISC. A question was raised about the legality of paying a stipend to Sara(for doing the same job in the summer) that they do during the school year. There is concern for redundancy and bloat. Now that we are hiring an Assistant Superintendent, is there a need to have both Dr.Farrell's position and Sara Dingley's ? Richie spoke to Dr Farrell being in one area(HMH). Both Megan and Sara have worked collaboratively in getting the PLCs resurrected. It was noted that Megan has a OYO contract while Sara is finishing the 1st year of a 3 year contract.

C. Sabbatical-Request

Richie gave a summary of a Sabbatical request. There is an October 1st deadline. The Sabbatical application is reviewed by an Advisory Board and also looked at by the

Cabinet. This sabbatical request missed the October 1st deadline and the request was submitted again for a half year. Jessica Sanseverino is here to advocate for her request. It was noted that both the Advisory Board and the Cabinet both voted not to recommend the sabbatical request.

Jessica Sanseverino, a Music teacher at the Tisbury School, has requested a half year sabbatical leave. At the time Jessica began speaking there were some technical difficulties. Both audio and video were lost for roughly 13 minutes. Jessica would like to attend a program in Italy that pairs soundtracks with student made films. Classes are not designed specifically for teachers. More audio and visual issues occurred. Amy pointed out the cabinet voted against this request due to the late application submission and also the terms of the merits. AISC does not know what the merits were. AISC could be setting a precedent going against the Cabinet. Many members felt uncomfortable voting for the request. The proposed program is not geared for educators.

Roll Call: Mason-Nay, Greene-Nay, Salop-Nay, Lionette-Aye, Manter-Aye, Shufrin-Nay, Cutrer-Nay, Shertzer-Nay, Malik-Nay, Bennett-Nay, Houghton-Nay

Sabbatical request did not pass: 2-9-0.

VI. Finance Update

Mark Friedman noted there had been an inconsistency in the FY 27 Custodial Contract Scale. Originally the FY 27 scale was based on 260 days. It was discovered there are actually 261 days in FY 27 the custodians will work. The hourly rates in all 3 years are correct. We need to correct the annual salary scale for FY27.

Salop made a motion to revise the FY27 salary scale, seconded by Lionette.

Rollcall:

Mason-Aye, Greene-Aye, Salop-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Manter-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Malik-Aye, Bennett-Aye, Houghton-Aye

Motion passes: 11-0-0

VII. Personnel

There are two resignations. Chloe Krueger, a teacher in the West Tisbury Bridge program, is resigning at the end of the school year. Shawna Lima, an ESP in the Compass Program, is resigning as of April 9, 2026.

Motion to accept the resignations made by Skipper, seconded by Salop.

Roll call: Mason-Aye, Greene-Aye,

Salop-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Skipper-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Malik-Aye,

Bennett-Aye, Houghton-Aye

Motion passes: 11-0-0.

VIII. Sub Committee Updates

- A. Policy no update
- B. Personnel no update
- C. Negotiations no update
- D. Regionalization Alex informed members they will have an off site meeting

IX. Topics Unanticipated

Andy Italiano from MV Diversity Council looks forward to working with the committee in the future.

The committee agreed to invite Jaime, the incoming Superintendent, to speak at their next meeting on May 28th to provide her input on various topics discussed. The next AISC meeting is May 28th.

A discussion was held for the date of the AISC retreat in the summer. There was a preference to meet on a Sunday.

X. Adjournment

Lionette made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Salop.

**Roll call: Mason-Aye, Greene-Aye,
Salop-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Skipper-Aye, Shertzer-Aye,
Malik-Aye, Bennett-Aye, Houghton-Aye**

Motion passes: 11-0-0.

Minutes submitted by Tara Sykes

Date of Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2026