

**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, May 28th, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting in person at MVRHS Culinary Arts Room or via ZOOM

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

Oak Bluffs: Rizwan Malik, Kathryn Shertzer, Laurel Schneider-ZOOM

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

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

Superintendent's Office: Richie Smith, Superintendent-ZOOM,

Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator

ZOOM: Jaime Curley, Incoming Superintendent

Suzanne Cioffi, MVRHS Business Manager

Rick Mello

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

Chair Amy Houghton called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

II. Assistant Superintendent Update-Discussion and Vote

Jaime Curley, Incoming Superintendent, gave the AISC an update on the Assistant Superintendent search. The search was reopened and the job description was changed. There were 13 candidates who applied. The search committee chose 3 candidates to interview. Interviews were held last week. After the interviews, there are two candidates that are currently being vetted. Jaime hopes to have a decision next week on the Assistant Superintendent. The anticipated start date would be July 1st. However, if the person selected needs to give a two week notice it could be a bit later. Jaime Curley thanked everyone who served on the search committee, especially Amy Houghton and Chris Greene. She feels they have two really good candidates to choose from.

III. Separation Costs- FY 26 Shared Services Budget Transfer- Discussion and Vote

Mark Friedman spoke to AISC about the need for a Shared Services budget transfer. The \$48,215.24 expense is due to people leaving the Superintendent's Office. Richie Smith is retiring, and both Megan Farrell and Kim Garrison are leaving their positions. These expenses were unanticipated when the FY 26 budget was approved last year. Mark Friedman proposed using the unallocated benefits line to cover these expenses. Marsha Shufrin asked if the amount being expensed is the amount left in that line or is it the amount being pulled from that line ? Mark reported there is \$180,000.00 in the line. Chris Greene asked what happens to the money left in that line at the end of the year ? Mark reported any money left in that line is sent back to the towns. Amy Houghton asked if separation costs are normally budgeted for. Mark said these costs are typically not budgeted for. There was discussion regarding Megan Farrell's departure. Elliott Bennett wondered if Dr. Farrell was taking time off and would reapply ? Would her Separation costs be rolled into her new position and spread out over a 12 month period ? Kathryn Shertzer reported Dr. Farrell would return as a Contractor. Shertzer made a motion to the expenses as shown \$48,215.24, seconded by Shufrin.

Roll call: Salop-Aye, Lesnikowska-Aye, Schneider-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Manter-Nay, Shertzer-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Mason-Aye, Bennett-Nay, Green-Abstain, Malik-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Houghton-Aye

Motion passes: 10-2-1

IV. Topics Unanticipated

Chair Houghton thought there was going to be a discussion on policies. That discussion will be held at the next AISC. Amy Houghton stated there are 3 policies that will be discussed, Health policy, Tech policy, and a policy on AI. Jaime Curley was asked to share the policies that her current district has. Mark Friedman also mentioned there would be a policy on Procurement that needs to be updated.

There was a discussion on next August's AISC retreat. It will be held on Sunday, August 23rd.

V. Adjournment

Chair Houghton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shertzer.

Roll call: Salop-Aye, Lesnikowska-Aye, Schneider-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Manter-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Malik-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Mason-Aye, Bennett-Aye, Green-Aye, Houghton-Aye

Motion passes: 13-0-0

Minutes submitted by Tara Sykes
Date of Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2026