All Island School Committee Meeting
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, JULY 23RD, 2026 5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting in person at MVRHS Library or via zoom

Present: Edgartown Chris Greene, Sarah Murphy (ZOOM), Elliott Bennett (ZOOM)*
Oak Bluffs: Kathryn Shertzer (ZOOM)
Tisbury: Jen Cutrer, Amy Houghton(Chair)
Up Island: Alez Salop (Vice Chair), Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Marsha Shufrin
Superintendent's Office: Jaime Curley Superintendent, Mark Friedman School Business Administrator
Hope Macleod Director of Student Support Services
Kristen Lepine
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 5:42 PM

II. Approval of Minutes
A. Including but not limited to April 6, 2026, April 30, 2026, and May 28, 2026
Alex Salop made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Chris Greene
April 6, 2026
Roll call: Houghton-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Greene-Aye, Manter-Aye, Salop-Aye,Shufrin-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Murphy-Aye
April 6, 2026 Minutes passed 9-0-0

April 30, 2026
Roll Call: Houghton-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Greene-Aye, Manter-Aye,Salop-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Murphy-Aye
April 30, 2026 Minutes passed 9-0-0

May 28, 2026
Roll Call: Houghton-Aye, Lionette-Abstain - he was not at the 5/28 meeting, Cutrer-Aye, Greene-Aye, Manter-Aye, Salop-Aye
Shufrin-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Murphy-Aye
May 28, 2026 Minutes passed 9-1-0

III. Chair General Remarks
A.The AISC retreat will be held on August 23rd at 10 AM. Amy Houghton is looking for a location.
There will be a final review of policies with the goal to get policies on the website.
Goals will be set to be supportive of the Superintendent's goals.
Regionalization will also be discussed.

IV. Superintendent General Update
Superintendent Jaime Curley has been meeting with lots of School Committee members as well as Administrators across the districts. She has also met with the Union. Jaime is trying to learn as much as she can about the district.
Ashley Lopes will start on August 3rd as the new Assistant Superintendent and we look forward to Ashley joining the team.
Overall Jamie reports she has had a very warm welcome.

V. Finance Update
Mark Friedman shared staff is still being hired. Alex Salop asked about the status of the Collins report. The District contracted with the Collins Center this past Spring. Mark indicated the report would be shared at the September AISC meeting. He also noted it was good to get perspectives of how to do things differently.

VI. Shared Services Updates
Hope Macleod shared that Jeanne Baskin has been hired as the Intensive Needs Coordinator. Jeanne has been a Speech Language Pathologist. Most recently, Jeanne was an Assistant Principal in Barnstable. She will be a great asset to the Shared Services Programs and a good resource for our schools.

Hope gave an update on the MVYPS Summer Programs. There are different levels of support provided through the Summer Programs. There is an Extended School Year (ESY). This program provides services mandated by a student's IEP so there is not substantial regression during the Summer.
The SAILS program is the most extensive. It is a 6 week program, held from 9AM until 1 PM four days a week. This year, 60 kids (with the most intensive needs) from pre-k through high school participated. The Tisbury School hosted the program this Summer. If a student does not meet the qualifications they are provided services (for example, reading or speech) at their individual schools. Again this is driven by a student's IEP.

Chris Greene asked how it is determined who qualifies for the SAILS program. Hope explained that a student's TEAM discusses the summer program. The decision is based on data. The TEAM meets after school vacations to see if the child has experienced regression.
There are two age groups attending the SAILS program. The first is grades 9-12. The second group of students are 18-22, part of the Voyager program, and spend most of their time in the community.
Hope explained the goal of the ESY program is to maintain and master skills. It is not to learn new skills.
Chris Greene asked if transportation was provided. Hope explained ESY is mandated to provide transportation. If a student were attending their individual school's summer program no transportation would be provided.
Summer school is not mandated. It is a best practice for students who had red flags during the school year. Students can work on social skills, below reading or math. Teachers make recommendations.
This summer and last,we did provide transportation to all students attending summer school, except Tisbury. Tisbury felt their students did not use it last summer. A decision was made not to offer transportation to Tisbury students based on last year. Alex asked about reimbursement for transportation provided. Hope was not sure about the financial impact. She did say the towns decided to provide transportation this summer.
Schools stagger their start and end times to be efficient for transportation.
Hope reported that Tisbury had 35 students attend their summer school, while Edgartown had 40 students, and Oak Bluffs and Up Island had 70 students each. Chilmark hosts a small ESY and their numbers are not included. Up Island also hosts a small 2 week social skills camp.
There was a discussion about regionalization. Alex wondered about centralized programs. Robert raised the issue that we do not provide the same programs in all the schools. A conversation should be held before the budget process begins. SAILS is successful because it is regionalized. Hope pointed out that SAILS is regionalized out of necessity. It is the best model when we think about the least restrictive environment. Skipper brought up the fact we have no unified K-8 curriculum. He feels we do not have to regionalize to have a unified curriculum. The Superintendent and the building's Administration need to set this goal.

VII. Policy
A reminder of what needs to be accomplished. We will discuss it at the retreat.Have lost a lot of our membership. We will get a method to review as they come in.

VIII. Personnel
There are two resignations. Sonny Siemenski and Kathryn Patterson have resigned from their Bridge ESP positions. Both have been hired by the West Tisbury School as ESPs. Skipper made the motion to recognize the resignations, seconded by Salop.
Roll Call vote: Houghton-Aye, Lionette-Aye,Cutrer-Aye, Greene-Aye, Manter-Aye, Salop-Aye,Shufrin-Aye, Bennett-Aye

Motion passes 8-0-0

IX. Sub Committee Updates

A. Policy

The Policy sub committee needs representation from other districts.Chris Greene will join this committee. The policy sub committee will look at regionalization at the retreat.

B. Personnel

Jen Cutrer mentioned they need a member from Edgartown for this committee. The committee meets at 8:30 on Monday mornings at the Superintendent's office. Sarah Murphy will join the committee. A motion was made by Amy Houghton to add Sarah Murphy to the Personnel Sub committee, seconded by Manter.

Roll Call: Houghton-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Greene-Aye, Manter-Aye,Salop-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Bennett-Aye

Motion passes 9-0-0

C. Negotiations

Looking to put together a subcommittee to look at evaluations.

D. Regionalization

Amy Houghton shared that the Tisbury School Committee will be having a meeting as There are 40 incoming Kindergarten students for two teachers. A request was made to add a third teacher. This is challenging due to space and budget issues. Amy mentioned that other schools have low numbers and wondered if this could be looked at creatively. Amy felt this topic is related to negotiations. If there are 20 or more students in a K-3 grade, the school committee can be asked to look at and add an additional teacher. Amy did say this often happens with no discussion. Robert wondered if school choice could be opened just for Kindergarten. It could help to lower the numbers. Robert also discussed the condition of the Superintendent's building. Suggested committee members tour the building to see the structural deficits. Mark added that there might be a request for Capital money to help with the electrical needs. This will be discussed at the retreat.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Manter and seconded by Cutrer.

Roll Call: Houghton-Aye, Lionette-Aye, Cutrer-Aye, Greene-Aye, Manter-Aye,Salop-Aye, Shufrin-Aye, Shertzer-Aye, Murphy-Aye, Bennett-Aye
Motion passes 10-0-0

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM

Minutes submitted by Tara Sykes
Date of Approval of Minutes: October 22,2026