

**ALL-ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Edgartown School Committee

Oak Bluffs School Committee

Tisbury School Committee

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee

Up-Island Regional School Committee

Thursday, November 6, 2008 6:00PM

West Tisbury School Cafeteria

Present: Up-Island	Chair – Dan Cabot, Roxanne Ackerman, Susan Parker, Marshall Segall
Edgartown	Les Baynes, Susan Mercier, David Rossi
Oak Bluffs	Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	Maura Valley
Others	
Shared Prog. Of. Principals:	Supt. Jim Weiss, Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt, Chilmark School – Diane Gandy MVRHS – Steven Nixon
Press	MV Times - Janet Hefler MVTV - Gimili Glavin was misdirected arrived too late in the short meeting.
Recorder	Marni Lipke * Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item #I)

The All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.

Review and Assessment of Superintendent's Shared Services Budget

(Agenda Item # II)

This was a supplemental meeting on the assessment of the Superintendent's Shared Services Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) Budget voted at the October 29, 2008 meeting (see documents on file).

- This Budget showed the following assessments percentage changes from FY09:
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District (MVRHSD) would drop 1%,
Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD) would rise 4%,
Edgartown School District would rise 0.5%,
Oak Bluffs School District would rise 2.18%, and
Tisbury School District would rise 5.5%.
- If, as was proposed, the MVRHSD were to be assessed in proportion to its student enrollment its proportion would rise from 20% of the Supt. Shared Services Office to 34.55% (about \$250,000). The difference in what each district would pay (through both elementary and MVRHSD assessment) would be roughly as follows:
UIRSD would save \$37,000
Edgartown would owe an additional \$50,000
Oak Bluffs would save \$36,000, and
Tisbury would owe another \$22,000.
- The Supt. Office had performed a thorough search of all relative documents in the Office including minutes and had further requested MV Public Schools Counsel Ron Rappaport to do the same. No evidence, vote, agreement or discussion, had been found as to when, if, how or why the MVRHSD was assessed at 20%. When consulted, veteran school committee

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member Jim Norton posited two theories: one involving the MVRHS ownership of the Supt. Shared Office Facility and the other involving the Vocational Education program however Mr. Norton emphasized that he could not remember any specific vote or consensus as to why the assessment was set at 20%.

- The All Island School Committee (AISC) and Supt. Weiss discussed the issue.
- The AISC members needed time to digest the information and implications of the change,
- Although the bottom line would remain the same the MVRHSD budget would rise \$250,000 which would be difficult to explain to the public in this very tight budget year.
- School choice students had not been factored into the calculations.
- The matter could be more thoroughly explored when municipalities were not already deep into the budget season.
- It might be better to phase in any changes to assessments.

• *MR. MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT WEISS*
- TO LEAVE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED SERVICES OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET ASSESSMENT AS TRADITIONALLY PROPORTIONED, AND
- TO REVISIT THE ISSUE OF ASSESSMENT IN THE SPRING OF 2009;
MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA, MS. SUSAN PARKER AND MS. SUSAN MERCIER SECONDED;
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS.

• *MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED SERVICES OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET AS PRESENTED; MR. LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Establish Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting (Agenda Item # III)

As only a few of the Sub-Committee members were present a meeting would be scheduled by email. There would be a Mass. Association of School Committee (MASC) conference later in the month.

Proposed Warrant Article (Agenda Item # IV)

• Mr. Skip Manter proposed in absentia and MR. DAVID ROSSI MOVED THAT AN ARTICLE BE PLACED ON EACH TOWN'S TOWN MEETING WARRANT FOR \$1,000 TO MOVE FORWARD THE RENOVATION, REPLACEMENT AND/OR RELOCATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED SERVICES OFFICE FACILITY, THE ARTICLES NOT TO BE ENFORCED UNLESS ALL SIX TOWNS VOTED TO APPROVE; MR. BAYNES SECONDED.

The AISC discussed:

- the proportional difference of \$1,000 in town budgets, for example in Aquinnah versus say, Edgartown,
- the status of the current facility and the need for renovation or a new facility,
- bringing that status to the attention of the public,
- another warrant that was already proposed on starting the legislative process to allow the Supt. Of facility to be sold if it was judged expedient to do so;
- the attitude of the public to such a warrant whether in frustration or assent, and
- time frames.

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It was noted that the MVRHSD owned the building and therefore the MVRHSC could vote this comparatively small sum from Excess and Deficiency (E & D) funds in a simpler, more timely manner.

- MOTION AND SECOND WITHDRAWN.

Adjournment

*MR. ROSSI MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:37PM; MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN
SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Documents on File:

- Agenda 11/6/08
- Superintendent's Shared Services Budget FY'10 Proposed Budget Listed by School District (4 p.)
- MVPS Superintendent's Office and Shared Programs FY'10 Budget – Superintendent's Proposal (5 p.) 11/6/08
- Total Superintendent's/Shared Services Budget ...Enrollment...