

**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, May 7, 2009 7:00PM  
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room**

Present:

Up-Island	Chair - Dan Cabot, Roxanne Ackerman, Skip Manter,
Edgartown	Susan Mercier,
Oak Bluffs	Melanie Marchand, Lisa Reagan, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	Maura Valley,

Others

Shared Prog. Of.	Supt. Jim Weiss Business Administrator – Amy Tierney Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr. – Laurie Halt Dir. Student Support Services – Dan Seklecki
------------------	--

Principals	West Tisbury – Michael Halt,
------------	------------------------------

Press:	Cark Holt - MVTV Janet Hefler - MV Times
--------	---

Recorder	Marni Lipke	* Late arrivals or early departures
----------	-------------	-------------------------------------

**6:45 New Bus Fleet**

Business Administrator Amy Tierney proudly showed off the new buses speaking of a number of excellent features:

- factory visits,
- seat belts and small child seats,
- driver comfort,
- inside and outside cameras,
- safety features,
- wheel chair accommodations.

**Call to Order**

(Agenda Item # I)

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

- New Oak Bluffs School Committee member Ms. Melanie Marchand was welcomed and introductions were made all around.

**Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2009**

(Agenda Item # II)

*MS. PRISCILLA SYLIVA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2009 MINUTES;  
MS. SUSAN MERCIER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION –  
MS. MARCHAND as not present.*

**ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
May 7, 2009**

2

**Superintendent's Evaluation** (Agenda Item # III)

- An Executive Session could be called if the All Island School Committee (AISC) wished to discuss either the Superintendent's evaluation or negotiation issues.

In general this was a very positive evaluation, with some items that might be discussed in the future. The Five Year Plan was singled out as needing more attention.

**09/10 Goals – Individual Discussion** (Agenda Item # IV)

(See documents on file.)

Supt. Weiss cited several of this year's challenges and successes,

- the economic climate and school budgets, expected to continue into the next year,
  - unexpected staff shifts in the new Bridge program (see 3/12/09 Minutes p. 1-2 #III),
  - progress in teacher evaluation and professional development,
  - staff boundaries and behavior incidents and policy,
  - total compliance with the Coordinated Program Review requirements (see 9/6/07 Minutes p. 2).
- The AISC was asked to review and select four or five goals as priorities for the coming year. There was a brief discussion on separating those duties which were ongoing challenges as opposed to goals.
  - The Commonwealth of Massachusetts was facing a \$1,000,000,000 shortfall for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) and expected to use federal stimulus money previously earmarked for FY10. End of year payments would be significantly reduced and a grant application to fill the gap was due May 22, 2009.
  - Members were invited to attend a conference on regionalization and division leadership at Upper Cape Cod Technical School, Thursday May 21st.

**Policies – in Individual Committees** (Agenda Item # V)

The policies were reviewed and issues discussed

**A. Student Conduct – 3rd Reading** (See documents on file.)

**B. Staff Conduct – 3rd Reading** (See documents on file.)

**C. Parental Visitation – 2nd Reading** (See documents on file.)

There was no policy for regular student visitation – although the practice was to request notification if parents were visiting for observation purposes.

- Custody issues could be more closely monitored by better communications with the police/courts.

**D. Student Travel Policy – 1st Reading** (See documents on file.)

As a new policy covering fund raising and field trips the AISC was asked to consider the matter carefully in their local school committees and to discuss it with students, parents, teachers, community leaders, etc. The policy had been considered by all the School Advisory Councils (SAC's) as well as teacher groups, the Cabinet, and other members of the educational community.

**ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
May 7, 2009**

**3**

- Section #3 Fundraising would be amended by adding “parent groups,” to Paragraph 2.
- Fundraising for the entire group without individual differentiation was likely to be controversial. Students differed as to access, opportunity and family support/participation.
- The AISC recessed at 7:51PM to allow the local school committees to vote. It reconvened at 7:55PM.
  
- School Committee representatives to the Negotiations Committee were set:  
UIRSC (Aquinnah) – Ms. Roxanne Ackerman  
UIRSC (Chilmark) – Ms. Susan Parker  
ESC – Ms. Susan Mercier  
OBSC - Ms. Priscilla Sylvia – teachers union, Ms. Lisa Reagan – other unions,  
TSC – Mr. Bob Tankard  
UIRSC (West Tisbury) – Mr. Skip Manter – charged with convening the first session – possibly after the June 8th AISC meeting.

**Next Meeting Date and Agenda** (Agenda Item # V)

- The next AISC Meeting was scheduled for 7:00PM Monday, June 8, 2009 at the MV Regional High School.
  - A. Non-union Salaries**
  - B. Goals for 09/10**
  - C . AISC Election of Officers**

**Adjournment**

*MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:03PM; MS. REAGAN SECONDED;  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**Documents on File:**

- Agenda 5/7/09
- Sign In Sheet 5/7/09
- Supt. Weiss Memo re: Potential Goals for 2009-2010
- Superintendent’s Self Evaluation
- MVPS Staff Conduct 1/8/09
  - MVPS School Staff Ethics Protocol (2 p.) 2/23/09
- MVPS Student Conduct and Discipline (2 p.)
- Parental Visitation Policy – Special Education
- MVPS Student Travel Policy (3 p.) 4/17/09
  - MVPS Release and Consent Form for International Trips

**Minutes Approved as Written June 8, 2009**