

**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, September 10, 2009 7:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room**

Present:

Up-Island	Chair - Dan Cabot, Roxanne Ackerman, Skip Manter, Susan Parker Marshall Segall
Edgartown	David Rossi, Les Baynes, Susan Mercier*,
Oak Bluffs	Melanie Marchand, Lisa Reagan, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	Bob Tankard, Maura Valley,

Others

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Press:	Tom Mayhew - MVTV Janet Hefler - MV Times Megan Dooley - Vineyard Gazette
Recorder	Marni Lipke * Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item # I)
The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM

Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2008, February 18, 2009, June 8, 2009
(Agenda Item # II)

• *MR. MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 29, 2008, FEBRUARY 18, 2009, JUNE 8, 2009 MINUTES; MS. SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 12 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Reorganization/Committees (Agenda Item # III)

• *MR. ROSSI NOMINATED THE CURRENT SLATE:
- MR. DAN CABOT AS CHAIR; MR. CABOT ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION;
NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED;
- AND MS. ACKERMAN FOR VICE CHAIR; MS. ACKERMAN ACCEPTED THE
NOMINATION; NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED;
MR. BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 13 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0
ABSTENTIONS.*

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- Subcommittee membership was reviewed and updated.

Negotiations: Chair Mr. Manter, Ms. Ackerman, Ms. Mercier, Ms. Parker, Ms. Sylvia/Ms. Reagan,,

Mr. Tankard.

Personnel: Chair Mr. Cabot, Ms. Ackerman, Mr. Baynes, Ms. Parker, Mr. Rossi, Mr. Tankard,

Transportation: Chair Mr. Tankard, Ms. Ackerman, Mr. Manter, Ms. Parker, Mr. Rossi, Ms. Sylvia,

Calendar: Ms. Ackerman, Mr. Baynes, Mr. Rossi, Ms. Sylvia, Ms. Valley

Sick Bank Representative: Ms. Sylvia

Cape Cod Collaborative Representative: Mr. Tankard

- Supt. Weiss commended Opening Day across the Island, particularly mentioning the short but excellent faculty meeting featuring two student performers.
- All MV Public School (MVPS) nurses had been meeting and working all summer in preparation for a possible outbreak of the H1N1 virus (symptoms were: 100.4° temperature, cough and sore throat). Websites and information were available in two languages; school staff from administrators to custodians had been briefed; supplies purchased, and flu vaccine clinics were being scheduled. Everyone was reminded to wash their hands 7 or 8 times a day and stay home when sick.

Personnel/Recommendations (See documents on file.) (Agenda Item # IV)

The Personnel Subcommittee voted the following recommendations unanimously.

C. Appointment of School Physician

- *MR. MANTER MOVED TO APPOINT DR. MICHAEL GOLDFIEN AS THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PHYSICIAN; MS. PARKER AND MS. SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 13 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

B. Superintendent's Salary Proposal

In view of the troubling financial times and in line with collective bargaining negotiations Supt. Weiss proposed that his contract be altered. He enjoyed his job and the Island and hoped to provide stable leadership for the MVPS. In addition it was only just to hold administrators to the same standards as employees in regards to salary increases.

- The Personnel Committee debated at some length before recommending his offer be accepted.
- All Island School Committee (AISC) members noted:

- a reluctance to vote 0% increases,

- Mr. Weiss's excellent leadership -- with this offer as an example.

- *MS. SYLVIA HAPPILY AND WITH ADMIRATION MOVED TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACCEPT SUPERINTENDENT JAMES WEISS'S OFFER TO ALTER HIS CONTRACT AS FOLLOW:*

- *0% RAISE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011,*

- *EXTEND THE CONTRACT TWO (2) YEARS WITH A 1.2% INCREASE IN YEAR TWO AND A 3% INCREASE IN YEAR THREE;*

MR. SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 12 AYES, 1 NAY – MR. MANTER, 0

ABSTENTIONS. (Mr. Manter objected to the 0% and to those earning above \$100,000 receiving more than a 2% raise.)

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A. Non-Union Salary Increases (See documents on file.)

Similarly, 0% increases were recommend to administrative staff with only a 2.5% pool for technical and support staff who might be serving in a job similar to a union job. Also some money should be available for the low end of ladder – especially those with no steps or longevity.

• *MR. TANKARD MOVED TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 NON-UNION SALARY INCREASES AT 0% WITH A 2.5% POOL; MR. BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 12 AYES, 1 NAY – MR. MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* (Mr. Manter felt 2.5% was too high.)

• The AISC thanked the Superintendent and faculty team.

Assessment Methodology for Shared Services (Agenda Item # V)

MVPS Business Administrator Ms. Tierney presented a several options to assess the Shared Services and Superintendent's Office costs among the school districts (see documents on file and 10/29/08 Minutes p. 4):

- (All options are for that portion of the budget not designated for elementary schools only.)
- Current option - 20% assessed to the MV Regional High School District (MVRHSD) and the remainder to all other districts by school enrollment by October 1st census,
- Option - 20% assessed to the MVRHSD and the remainder to all other Town by census (this returns school choice student costs to their town of origin),
- Option - all school districts pay by enrollment by October 1st census – including MVRHSD (which would rise to about 35% of the total),
- Option – all school districts would pay by foundation census, (including residential, private, etc.) – again MVRHSD would rise to about 35%),
- Option - all school districts would pay a flat 20%.
- In an initial conversation the AISC considered a number of issues – no decision was needed at this meeting but would have implications for the FY11 budget discussions.
- Although the financial differences between the options were incremental, there were political/psychological issues that might be resolved. On the other hand the change would involve amending the MVRHD Agreement taking considerable work and time.
- It was suggested that the options involving a 15% rise in the MVRHSD assessment be phased-in to cushion any budget shock.
- Office service delivery was higher for the two regional districts (MVRHSD and Up Island Regional School District –UIRSD) with the other districts varying slightly according to enrollment and town hall procedures.
- Enrollment was beginning to level off Islandwide; the Charter School was stable at its limit.

Next Meeting Dates – 2 in October (Agenda Item # VII)

- The next AISC Meetings were scheduled for 7:00PM at the MV Regional High School on Thursdays, October 8, and 22, 2009.

Policies (Agenda Item # V)

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

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- Money would be deposited and tracked in student activity accounts (not part of school budgets).

B. Cyber Bullying – 1st Reading (See documents on file.)

Although there was a bullying policy a cyber bullying policy was also recommended and would be included in student handbooks. There was some confusion over whether the policy applied only to in-school communications or other communications between students.

- The AISC adjourned at 8:02PM to allow the local school committees to vote. It reconvened at 8:06PM.

Items for October Meetings (Agenda Item # VIII)

A. Budget for Shared Services (See documents on file.)

B. 3-Year Calendar

C. MCAS and AYP

D. ACE MV

Adjournment

MR. MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN 8:06PM; MR. TANKARD SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 13 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 9/10/09
- *Sign-in Sheet* 9/10/09
- 2009-2010 All-Island Sub-Committees 4/30/09
- Supt. Weiss Memo re: Budget Recommendations for Administrative & Non-Union Staff 8/30/09
- Personnel Sub-Committee AISC 8/31/09 Minutes
- Supt. Weiss Memo re: Superintendent's Contract 8/18/09
- Total Supt.'s Of./Shared Services Budget... (4 p.)
- MVPS Student Travel Policy (3 p.) 6/29/09
 - MVPS Release and Consent Form for International Trips
- Cyber Bullying Policy (2 p.)

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- THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:02PM.
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED*
- *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY,*
- *THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
- *THE UIRSC JUNE 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE:*
- *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY,*
- *THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
- *THE OBSC JUNE 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE OBSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (TSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. ROBERT TANKARD MOVED:*
- *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY,*
- *THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
- *THE TSC JUNE 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- MS. MAURA VALLEY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE TSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

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- THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ESC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. DAVID ROSSI MOVED TO APPROVE:*
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 - *THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
 - *THE ESC JUNE 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- MR. LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE ESC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MVRHSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE:*
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 - *THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
 - *THE MVRHSC JUNE 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- MS. LISA REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:05PM.

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