

**ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Discussion Items (Agenda Item # IV)

B. All Island SAC Meeting February 5, 2009

The meeting was well attended and there were lively discussions on: 1) the school budgets in the current economic crisis, and 2) student travel, field trips and a revised draft of the travel policy. There was a strong consensus that travel was especially important to Island students and should be encouraged to broaden their perspective and experiences. A spring follow up All Island School Advisory Councils (SAC) meeting was requested.

C. Regionalization Information from DESE (See documents on file.)

Mass. Governor Duval Patrick had planned to encourage regionalization for any district with 5,000 or less students. However studies and experience showed mixed results from regionalization. Among other factors State regional service subsidies (such as Chapter 71 Transportation reimbursements) had not been consistent. The state of the economy made the issue even more difficult.

If the Federal Stimulus Plan was fully funded the Island could receive about \$1,000,000 in Special Education (SpEd) and facility maintenance and repair funds.

A. Update on Annual Goals

Goal: Develop ways to improve the evaluation/supervision system for teachers and the professional development of all staff. (See documents on file.)

Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt reported on the new evaluation/supervision protocols modeled after Nat. Bd. for Professional Teaching Standards recommendations. This process was a collaborative effort between teacher and supervisor for professional growth. The evaluative cycle included building personal portfolios, verification of student learning, and personally set professional goals. The AISC discussed a number of issues:

- the process adding extra work to staff days,
- licensure and certification steps,
- evaluation results and enforcement options,
- the importance of consistency.
- day to day teaching versus portfolio performance.

Goal: Develop ways to recruit and retain capable teachers through housing, mentoring, etc.

In line with Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requirements an induction and mentoring program was helping new teachers and promoting leadership opportunities for seasoned veterans. A leadership team was meeting regularly in outstanding sessions with Simmons College. New teachers attended pre school-year workshops and were mentored throughout the academic year. Supt. Weiss was unbelievably pleased with the leadership work especially in teacher led Math and Literacy initiatives.

The above two programs were designed to promote teachers as professional members of the community.

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FinCom Correspondence (See documents on file.) (Agenda Item # V)

Several letters were received from Town Finance and Advisory Committees / Finance Association and Board of Selectmen requesting that Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increases be eliminated for both union and non-union personnel. The AISC debated the issue at some length.

• **MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO LOOK AT COLA'S ACROSS THE BOARD; THERE WAS NO SECOND.**

• This requests involved:

- re-opening negotiations with five unions,
- action on non-union / administrative raises currently in the budget but not yet awarded.

• The MV Public Schools (MVPS) were in the third year of a three year contract and negotiations for the next contract would begin in about four months.

• Some members were adamantly opposed to employees having to shoulder the burden of the economic downturn.

• There was serious concern over inconsistencies among the six Island towns. Some were asking municipal employees to forego COLA's but retaining steps. Others were retaining all raises. If the Towns, police unions, etc. were to come to agreement the schools would consider the same.

• There was some support to forego percentage raises (whether COLA or merit) as long as it was enforced across the board – non-union as well as union.

• The lines of communication should be kept open and if the unions wished to make an offer, it would be welcomed.

- Foregoing COLA's might keep reductions in staff to a minimum.

• Three of the Island communities had already voted their budgets (with very low increases) such that re-opening negotiations would mean re-voting budgets.

• Other measures such as unified purchasing, shared services, etc. should be considered first.

• There was no representative from Tisbury present.

• **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE THAT BARGAINING UNITS BE INFORMALLY CONTACTED TO GAGE REACTION AND NOTE THE GRAVITY OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION.**

• The matter would be placed on the agenda of the next meeting and the Superintendent would respond to the Town letters.

• *MR. DAVID ROSSI MOVED NOT TO RE-OPEN NEGOTIATION WITH THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS BARGAINING UNITS; MS. MERCIER SECONDED;*

- MS. ACKERMAN MOVED TO TABLE THE MOTION; MS. SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION TO TABLE FAILED: 2 AYES – MS. ACKERMAN, MS. PARKER; 8 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

- ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 3 NAYS – MS. ACKERMAN, MR. SKIP MANTER, MS. PARKER; 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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Policies (*In Individual Committees*) (Agenda Item # VI)

A. 1st Reading – Staff Conduct Policy (See documents on file.)

The policy and attendant protocols had been revised in consultation with the teacher representatives. The AISC members were asked to consider the policy carefully as it would become part of the teacher contract and would have the force of law. The Policy was amended for typos and to include parent input on contacts and scheduling. The protocol was put forward in an advisory/guideline manner.

B. 1st Reading – Student Conduct Policy (See documents on file.)

The policy had minor language revisions requested by DESE.

- The AISC recessed at 8:23PM to allow the local school committees to vote.

Other Business (Agenda Item # VII)

The AISC reconvened at 8:25PM and requested that any lengthy document be available to AISC members a day or two before the meeting.

- The next AISC meeting was tentatively scheduled for 7:00PM, Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the MVRHS.
- After adjournment there was a brief discussion on Islandwide savings through efficiency and maintaining quality education.

Adjournment

THE MEETING ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:27PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 2/18/09

Brissette letter re: Sabbatical Leave Fall, 2008

MVPS Sabbatical Leave Request Form 11/3/08

A. Sabbatical Plan...(4 p.)

MVRHSD Nixon letter re: support of Brissette sabbatical leave 8/28/08

Vitae – Paul Brissette (4 p.)

Mass. DESE Memo re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (2 p.) 2/17/09

MVPS Professional Growth System 2008-2009 (81 p.)

W. Tisbury Bd. of Sletmn letter re: foregoing COLA's 1/22/09

W. Tisbury FinCom letter re: foregoing COLA's 1/21/09

Tisbury FinCom letter re: foregoing COLA's

MVPS Staff Conduct 1/8/09

MVPS School Staff Ethics Protocol (2 p.)

MVPS Student Conduct (2 p.)

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Oak Bluffs School Committee
Tisbury School Committee
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee
Up-Island Regional School Committee
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library
7:00 PM

Present: Up-Island Chair – Dan Cabot, Roxanne Ackerman,*
 Skip J. Manter, Susan Parker, Marshall Segall
Oak Bluffs Lisa Reagan, Priscilla Sylvia
Edgartown Les Baines, Susan Mercier, David Rossi

Others

Supt's Off. Supt. Jim Weiss
 Asst. Supt. Laury Halt
 Bus. Affairs-Amy Tierney
Principals WTS Michael Halt
 Chilmark Sch. Diane Gandy
Press: Tom Mayhew – MVTV
Recorder Marni Lipke

*Late arrival or early departure

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B. 1st Reading – Student Conduct Policy (See documents on file.)

The policy had minor language revisions requested by the DESE.

- The AISC recessed at 8:23PM to allow the local school committees to vote.
- THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:23PM.
- *LISA REAGAN MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:*
 - *STAFF CONDUCT POLICY AND PROTOCOLS AS AMENDED, AND*
 - *STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY;*
- *PRISCILLA SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE OBSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.
- THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.

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- *DAN CABOT MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:*
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 - *STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY;**SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS – ROXANNE ACKERMAN NOT VOTING.*
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ESC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. DAVID ROSSI MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:*
 - *STAFF CONDUCT POLICY AND PROTOCOLS AS AMENDED, AND*
 - *STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY;**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. LES BAYNES MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:*
 - *STAFF CONDUCT POLICY AND PROTOCOLS AS AMENDED, AND*
 - *STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY;**MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS – MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN NOT VOTING.*
- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:25PM.

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Present:

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Edgartown	David Rossi, Les Baynes, Susan Mercier,
Oak Bluffs	Lisa Reagan, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	Bob Tankard, Maura Valley,
Others:	Special Education Consultant – Mark Palmieri
Supt. Of.	Supt. Jim Weiss Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr. – Laurie Halt Dir. Student Support Services – Dan Seklecki
Shared Prog.	Autism Consultant – Hope McLoud Bridge Program Teachers – Susan Gunnels Denise Searle,
Principals	West Tisbury – Michael Halt,
Press:	Tom Mayhew - MVTV Janet Hefler - MV Times Sam Bungey - Vineyard Gazette
Recorder	Marni Lipke * Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item # I)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2009 (Agenda Item # II)

MS. SUSAN MERCIER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 18, 2009 MINUTES; MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 11 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – MR. ROBERT TANKARD due to absence.

Update on Project Headway/Bridge Programs (Agenda Item # III)

– Dan Seklecki, Mark Palmieri and Program Staff. (See documents on file.)

After its approval by the School Committees and Towns, the Bridge Program was now nestled graciously into the kindergarten wing of the Edgartown School and Student Support Director Dan Seklecki thanked the school, staff, students and Principal John Stevens. The Bridge Program staff were commended as a strong team, and Ms. Susan Gunnell was singled out for taking over when Lead Teacher Kerri Branca left on maternity leave. The staffing shift posed a challenge for the new program especially as Autism Consultant Hope McLoud was also out on maternity leave.

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Special Education Consultant Mark Palmieri spoke extensively of his work with the program in terms of scientific observation, data collections and tracking week to week to craft individualized 'wrap around' teaching styles for each student. The program involved extensive record keeping by staff but had resulted in impressive gains by students as learning styles were identified and implemented for each individual. For example, children exhibiting disruptive behavior, unable to care for themselves and previously without language were beginning to talk, dress themselves and were able to participate in small groups. Other services that were part of the Bridge team included such things as: speech, occupational and physical therapists.

- Some of teaching services were carried into the student's home environment to transfer learning and reinforce progress.
- Regular classroom teachers were welcoming of students as well as readily participating in cross training.
- It was hoped/expected that some students could eventually move into the standard curriculum/school environment with some special support. However other students were likely to need some continuation of the Bridge Program through the upper grades.
- Mr. Palmieri praised the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) for starting with very young children which greatly increased the program's benefits.
- This Program allowed the students to remain in the home and Island environment. Families having children with severe special needs were often in great stress including economic stress. Island pediatricians, and MV Community Services provided some services however the MVPS was now in the lead in pioneering care. Service for the students after the age of 21 were very sparse.
- The Cape Cod Collaborative program was noted for its strong stable teaching teams.
- The All Island School Committee (AISC) thanked Mr. Palmieri and the Bridge Program staff and administration.

Policies (*In Individual Committees*) (Agenda Item # VI)

A. 2nd Reading – Staff Conduct Policy (See documents on file.)

The amendments requested at the first reading were briefly reviewed. The AISC raised additional issues.

- The Policy had been vetted by the Teachers Advisory Board.
- A technical language change was requested.
- The guideline on driving students in staff cars was discussed in terms of getting parental and/or administrative consent each time.

B. 2nd Reading – Student Conduct Policy (See documents on file.)

There was no further comment.

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C. 1st Reading – Parental Visitation Policy for Special Education

(See documents on file.)

The Mass. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) had recently required this policy insuring a parent's ability to view any special education program.

- Two language changes were requested to make the policy more welcoming.
- The AISC recessed at 8:03PM to allow the local school committees to vote. It reconvened at 8:07PM.

Other Business (Agenda Item # IV)

The Personnel Subcommittee met and discussed two items.

The Superintendent's annual evaluation would be sent out by email with a return deadline of April 10th. It was emphasized that the most helpful part of the evaluation was the written comments.

As Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) was the final year of the current collective bargaining contracts the AISC discussed preliminary issues.

• Negotiations Committee –

Ms. Ackerman – Aquinnah,

Mr. Manter – West Tisbury,

Ms. Mercier – Edgartown,

Mr. Tankard – Tisbury,

Oak Bluffs - to be announced.

• IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO INVITE THE TOWN BOARDS OF SELECTMEN OF EDGARTOWN, OAK BLUFFS, TISBURY AND THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO APPOINT ONE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE EACH TO THE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE.

- There was a brief discussion on legal counsel protocol.

• The next AISC Meeting was scheduled for 7:00PM Thursday, May 7, 2009 at the MV Regional High School.

• *MS. SUSAN PARKER MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION NOT TO RETURN AT 8:23PM UNDER MASS. GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 39 SECTION 23 B 3 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING STRATEGY FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS; MR. SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MR. ROBERT TANKARD AYE, MR. LES BAYNES AYE, MR. MARSHALL SEGALL AYE, MS. MAURA VALLEY AYE, MS. SUSAN PARKER AYE, MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN AYE, MR. DAN CABOT AYE, MR. SKIP MANTER AYE, MS. SUSAN MERCIER AYE, MR. DAVID ROSSI AYE MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA AYE, MS. LISA REAGAN AYE.*

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Adjournment

MR. TANKARD MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:51PM; MS. MERCIER SECONDED; MR. TANKARD AYE, MR. BAYNES AYE, MR. SEGALL AYE, MS. VALLEY AYE, MS. PARKER AYE, MS. ACKERMAN AYE, MR. CABOT AYE, MR. MANTER AYE, MS. MERCIER AYE, MR. ROSSI AYE MS. SYLVIA AYE, MS. REAGAN AYE.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/12/09
- Sign In Sheet 3/12/09
- MVPS What is the Bridge Program
- Information about Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (2 p.)
- Cover Rousseau Email re: Agenda 3.12.2009 & Policies 3/5/09
 - MVPS Staff Conduct 1/8/09
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- THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:03PM.
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 - *STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY AS WRITTEN;*
 - *AND THE FIRST READING OF THE PARENTAL VISITATION POLICY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AS AMENDED;**DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS – ROXANNE ACKERMAN NOT VOTING.*
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (TSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. ROBERT TANKARD MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:*
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 - *STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY AS WRITTEN;*
 - *AND THE FIRST READING OF THE PARENTAL VISITATION POLICY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AS AMENDED;**MS. MAURA VALLEY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE TSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *LISA REAGAN MOVED THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:*
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- THE OBSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

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- *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.
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 - *AND THE FIRST READING OF THE PARENTAL VISITATION POLICY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AS AMENDED;*
- *MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS – MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN NOT VOTING.*
- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:07PM.

- The AISC reconvened at 8:07PM.

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Others

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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.*

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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.

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- 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.*

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Oak Bluffs	Melanie Marchand, Lisa Reagan, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	Maura Valley,

Others

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Principals	West Tisbury – Michael Halt,
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Press:	Cark Holt - MVTV Janet Hefler - MV Times
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Recorder	Marni Lipke	* Late arrivals or early departures
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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.

- 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.

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- THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:51PM.
- *LISA REAGAN MOVED*
- *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:*
 - *STAFF CONDUCT POLICY AND PROTOCOLS AND*
 - *STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY;*
- *AND THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENTAL VISITATION POLICY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION;*
- *AND THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY AS AMENDED;*
- MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE OBSC MARCH 12, 2009 MINUTES;*
- MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – MS. MARCHAND as not present.*
- THE OBSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED*
- *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:*
 - *STAFF CONDUCT POLICY AND PROTOCOLS AND*
 - *STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY;*
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- *AND THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY AS AMENDED;*
- ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE UIRSC MARCH 12, 2009 MINUTES;*
- ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

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- THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MVRHSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. SKIP MANTER MOVED*
- *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS:*
 - *STAFF CONDUCT POLICY AND PROTOCOLS AND*
 - *STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY;*
- *AND THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENTAL VISITATION POLICY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION;*
- *AND THE FIRST READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY AS AMENDED;*
- MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MVRHSC MARCH 12, 2009 MINUTES; MR. MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 7:55PM.

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Call to Order (Agenda Item # I)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

Minutes of March 6, 2006 Read and Approved (Agenda Item # II)

*MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 7, 2009 MINUTES; MS. MERCIER
SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS – MR. ROSSI, MS.
PARKER due to absence.*

- Material from the May 21st conference on regionalization and division leadership at Upper Cape Cod Technical School was available at the meeting or in the Superintendent's Office.

Discussion of Superintendent's Goals for 2009-2010 (Agenda Item # III)

The All Island School Committee (AISC) discussed the proposed list of possible goals at some length (see documents on file).

- Setting goals was an important way to publicize to the Island community the work of the MV Public School (MVPS) and Superintendent's and Shared Services Office.

- It was also important as an evaluation tool for Supt. Weiss professional performance.

uj• THERE WAS A GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT WITH THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE AND THE UPCOMING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FINANCIAL CONCERNS WERE HIGH PRIORITIES: (GOAL # 1 – DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL BUDGETS, GOAL # 4, - COST SAVING STRATEGIES AND GOAL # 6 - NEGOTIATIONS).

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• ADDITIONALLY THERE WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS THAT GOAL #3 (CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES) WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT AS THE PRIMARY BUSINESS OF THE MVPS.

* Ms. Ackerman entered the meeting at 7:21PM.

• There was a short debate on Goal #10 (recruiting and retaining staff) and Goal # 5 (policies), the issues being: the duties as part of the Supt. job, and the increased candidates pools due to the economic downturn.

• *MR. ROSSI MOVED TO APPROVE ALL TEN GOALS AS DRAFTED; MS. ACKERMAN SECONDED;*

- MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO SET PRIORITIES ON THE GOALS AS VOTED; AMENDMENT SECONDED;

HIGHEST PRIORITY

- GOAL # 1 – DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL BUDGETS

VERY HIGH PRIORITY

- GOAL # 3 – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES

- GOAL # 4 – COST SAVING MEASURES

- GOAL # 6 – NEGOTIATIONS

IN DESCENDING ORDER OF PRIORITY

- GOAL # 8 – SUPERINTENDENT'S AND SHARED SERVICES OFFICE FACILITY

- GOAL # 10 – RECRUITING AND RETAINING STAFF

- GOAL # 2 – PROFESSIONAL COHESIVE LEADERSHIP

LESS PRIORITY

- GOAL # 5 – POLICIES IN ENGLISH AND PORTUGUESE,

- GOAL # 7 – STRATEGIC PLAN

- GOAL # 9 – STRONG RELATIONS WITH TOWNS AND MEDIA

- MOTION PASSED: 10 AYES, 1 NAY – MR. MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Personnel (Agenda Item # IV)

A. Retirement

• *MR. MANTER MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RETIREMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST BARBARA LINDLEY; MR. TANKARD SECONDED; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 11 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

B. Non-Union Salaries (See documents on file.)

• In view of the fact that these staff members did not get step increases and in view of the already established Town and teacher salary increases for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) The recommendation was for a 3% increase across the board with three exceptions:

- Financial Admin. Asst. Donna Michalski was reduced from 40 to 35 hours per week.

- Asst. Superintendent Laurie Halt received a substantial increase to bring her more into parity with other Asst. Supt.'s in the region (corrected to \$90,000).

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- Likewise Business Administrator Amy Tierney received a substantial increase to bring her into line with comparable district business administrators (corrected to \$95,000).
- It was suggested that a step system be drafted for the non-union staff in accordance with comparable municipal employees.
- The AISC acknowledged that in voting a 4% pool into the Supt.'s and Shared Services Office FY10 Budget the authority to decide the distribution of wages for these staff members rested with the Superintendent.
- *MR. TANKARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT AND SHARED SERVICES FY2010 NON-UNION STAFF SALARY INCREASES AS PROPOSED AND CORRECTED: MS. MERCIER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 10 AYES, 1 NAY – MR. MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- Mr. Manter objected only to the increases for the Asst. Supt. and the Business Administrator.

Establishment of Calendar Committee (Agenda Item # V)

The AISC acknowledged the important and sometimes contentious nature of setting the school calendar. However as the Martha's Vineyard's resort economy dictated fairly rigid bounds it was suggested that a Calendar Sub-Committee was unnecessary.

- *MR. ROSSI MOVED THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT AND CABINET SET THE NEXT THREE CALENDAR ACADEMIC YEARS USING THE REGULAR PARAMETERS; MR. BAINES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 10 AYES, 1 NAY – MS. ACKERMAN, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- Ms. Ackerman was in favor of modernizing the calendar and exploring other possibilities.
- The AISC commended Mr. Weiss on his work.

Other Business (Agenda Item # IV)

Transfers (See documents on file.)

- Unpredictable changes in staff and students in some of the Shared Special Education (SpEd) programs required significant budget line item transfers.
- There were also changes in benefit status and the algebra program.
- *MR. TANKARD MOVED TO AUTHORIZE ALL TRANSFERS AS PROPOSED; MS. MERCIER AND MS. SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY: 11 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

A. Update on Superintendent's Office Move

Increasing structural difficulties (especially the electrical supply and heating/ventilation) was making the building a challenging workplace. As directed (see 1/14/08 MVRHSC Minutes p.4 #VII A.) Supt. Weiss and staff had been pursuing all possible homes for a new Supt.'s and Shared Services Office facility.

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- A warrant article authorizing the sale or lease of the present facility had passed 5 of the 6 towns.
- A proposal was submitted to Edgartown for a joint lease of the old Edgartown School building.
- Plans for a stand-alone facility at the MV Regional High School (MVRHS) were dependent on wastewater solutions.
- Some members urged that more emphasis be put on a facility at the MVRHS for a more centralized and efficient location, and a more cost efficient appropriately designed asset.

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A specific parental visitation policy was required for SpEd student families. There was an objection to singling out the SpEd students despite the legal requirements.

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- Any school district could amend the policy as they saw fit.
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- The Superintendent reviewed the end-of-year event and graduation schedule.

Next Meeting Date (Agenda Item # VIII)

- The next AISC Meeting was scheduled for 7:00PM Thursday, September 10, 2009 at the MV Regional High School.

Adjournment

THE MEETING ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:45 PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 6/8/09

Sign In Sheet 6/8/09

Comments on the Revised Goals submitted by Dr. Weiss (dated June 8)

MVRHS Budget Journal Entry FY 2008-2009 (2 p.) 4/13/09 – 6/8/09

Supt. Weiss Memo re: Non-Union Salaries – FY10 (2 p.) 5/30/09

We the undersigned staff of the Edgartown School...

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- THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ESC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. DAVID ROSSI MOVED TO APPROVE:*
 - *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENTAL VISITATION POLICY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION;*
 - *THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY;*
 - *THE ESC MAY 7, 2009 MINUTES;*
- MR. LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE ESC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE:*
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- *THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY;*
- *THE OBSC MAY 7, 2009 MINUTES;*
MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
- THE OBSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

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- *SKIP MANTER MOVED*
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- *THE UIRSC MAY 7, 2009 MINUTES;*
SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MVRHSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
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MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
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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)

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The policy had been amended:

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- 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.)
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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:*
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- *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:*
 - *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY,*
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 - *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 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.

Documents on File:

Agenda 9/10/09

Sign-in Sheet 9/10/09

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Recorder	Marni Lipke	* Late arrivals or early departures
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Call to Order (Agenda Item # I)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2009 (Agenda Item # II)

MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED; MS. MERCIER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Public Comment (Agenda Item # III)

Ms. Jephcote and her staff spoke of the expansion of the program to 203 children while struggling to keep level costs and personnel; the proposed further cuts would mean cutting staff and therefore students. Public comment by parents attested to the importance of the program, with parents valuing music as much as good MCAS scores, and the advantages of music training in increasing academic performance and acuity.

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- Tisbury Selectmen Mr. Israel reserved the right to comment on the Shared Services Assessment options (see below # V).

Curriculum Presentation (Agenda Item # IV)

A. MCAS Results – L. Halt (See documents on file.)

Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was part of the Education Reform Law of 1993 which now mandated as many as 66 student assessment tests across the Island. An explanation of the process of individual and school profile evaluations was interrupted by the Fire Alarm.

* The meeting was suspended and the building evacuated until the alarm was resolved.

Although results were skewed by flawed methodology, in general the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) did very well. An improved evaluation model called the Student Growth Percentile (SGP) was a statistically more valid way to measure student learning by comparing them with other students with a similar test score history (including comparison by sub-group). The new model could better flag students needing attention while celebrating success at any level.

B. ACE –MV Lynn Ditchfield

Due to time lost to the fire alarm this item was postponed until the October 22nd meeting.

Assessment Methodology for Shared Services (Agenda Item # V)

A. The AISC Needs to Make a Decision on How to Assess Shared Services

School enrollment had declined by 48 students Islandwide with most elementary schools leveling off, with the exception of the West Tisbury School (see documents on file).

The assessment formula for the Shared Services office was again discussed (see 9/10/09 Minutes p. 3 #V). All options had advantages and disadvantages in terms of "fairness". A number of factors were raised.

- Town by town the amounts would change only slightly with the different options, since changes in elementary school assessments were likely to be offset by increased Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) shares.
- All changes would continue to "skew" the shares in the same direction as the Mass. State Statutory Assessment formula i.e. by increasing Tisbury's and Edgartown's shares and decreasing Oak Bluffs' (see 3/5/07 Minutes p. 2-4 #IV C and 4/24/07 Minutes #II).
- Members talked about: assessment stability, regional service shares, the size of the changes, and 2009-10 priorities.
- *MR. BAYNES MOVED TO KEEP THE CURRENT FORMULA AND CONTINUE TO STUDY OTHER OPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR; MS. SYLVIA, MS.MERCIER, AND MS. REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 9 AYES, 1 NAY – MR. MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

3-Year School Calendar (See documents on file.) (Agenda Item # VI)

The Academic Year 2011-12 (AY11) calendar presented difficulties in terms of a late last day (June 30th) with 5 snow days, and the opening coinciding with Roshashona; consequently a change was proposed which began teacher preparation days before Labor Day. Staff, parents and unions had been surveyed and had been surprisingly non-resistant. There was a brief discussion on whether this might serve as a precedent.

- *MS. ACKERMAN MOVED TO APPROVE OPTION B FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2011-12 AND OPTION A FOR ACADEMIC YEARS 2012-13 AND 2013-14; MR. CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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Initial 2010-2011 Shared Services Budget Presentation (Agenda Item # VII)

Supt. Jim Weiss, Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt, Business Administrator Amy Tierney and Student Support Director Dan Seklecki had been discussing the upcoming Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) (see documents on file). A number of budget factors and priorities were set which produced a budget 3.59% over FY09 and leaving very little room to maneuver for further reductions.

- It was important to maintain the academic progress and goals: student writing, math honors, etc.
- Special Education (SpEd) enrollment, especially those with significant needs, continued to increase including in both center-based Projects Headway and Bridge.
 - Two paraprofessionals had been hired accordingly.
- All administrators and Superintendent's Office personnel would get no Cost of Living (CoLA) or merit raises although some paraprofessionals, secretaries, etc. would get a step.
- Without official guidelines, health insurance costs had been estimated at +12%.
- A school physician had been hired to help manage the schools' response to the H1N1 pandemic (see 9/10/09 Minutes p. 2 #IV C).
- Although all towns had not yet officially communicated their FY11 budget guidelines, most would request flat (0%) budgets; the Office would have to cut a further \$105,000 to get there.
 - Schools would not be able to accept the new Martha's Vineyard Museum proposal.
 - The Felix Neck program would be eliminated as would The Yard program.
 - The Strings Program would be cut from 1.5 to 1 Full Time Equivalent (FTE).
 - The English Language Learners (ELL) Coordinator would be cut from .8 to .5 FTE. (MVPS ELL enrollment had dropped slightly but not significantly.)
 - Islandwide Athletics and Music line items would be eliminated.
 - The Office had already cut supplies and computer repair.
 - The Vineyard Affordable Child Care Project (VACCP) grant was greatly reduced and likely to be eliminated.

The All Island School Committee (AISC) discussed a number of issues:

- SpEd center-based program goals, staff, population, professional development, costs and savings;
- children as the constituency of the school committees and education as a long term community investment;
- possible residuals in benefit costs which might save some programs (timing would be crucial);
- hiring new staff in the current atmosphere of town reductions especially while having to reduce others;
- ongoing protests on reductions in music, in this case the Strings and Band programs
- FY11 Mass. State revenue projections.
- The AISC was asked to consider the preliminary budget. The Superintendent would make recommendations at the October 22nd meeting.

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Jr. High Football Trip Approval (Agenda Item # VIII)

MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ALL ISLAND FOOTBALL TEAM TO TRAVEL OUT OF STATE TO PLAY PROVIDENCE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL IN BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND ON NOVEMBER 7, 2009; MS. MERCIER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Next Meeting: October 22, 2009 (Agenda Item # XI)

• Next AISC Meeting: 7:00PM Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the MVRHS. In the Chair's absence Vice Chair Roxanne Ackerman would preside.

Policies (Agenda Item # IX)

A. Second Reading – Cyber-bullying Policy (See documents on file.)

The policy was edited for grammar.

Adjournment

All business being concluded THE MEETING ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 9:05PM to allow the local school committees to convene.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 10/8/09
- *Sign-In Sheet* 10/8/09
- MVPS Enrollment Census Worksheet 10/1/09
- Weiss memo re: Revised Three-Year Calendar Recommendation (7 p.) 10/6/09
- Massachusetts School and District Profiles (25 p.)
- Total Supt.'s Of./Shared Services Budget... (4 p.)
- Weiss memo re: FY11 Shared Services Budget 10/5/09
 - Weiss memo re: Goals for 2009-2010 6/15/09
 - *MVPS School System Chart* 7/27/09
 - FY11 Shared Services Budget
 - MVPS Superintendent's Office and Shared Programs FY'11 Budget Superintendent's Proposal Draft #1 (6 p.) 10/8/09
 - FY11 Shared Services Budget
- Cyber Bullying Policy (2 p.)

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- The AISC adjourned at 9:05PM to allow the local school committees to vote.
- THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:08PM.
- *LISA REAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE:*
 - *THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
 - *THE OBSC SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 MINUTES;*
- *MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
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- MR. LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE ESC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:02PM.
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED*
 - *THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
 - *THE UIRSC SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 MINUTES;*
- ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

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 - *THE OBSC SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 MINUTES;*
- MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 9:10PM.

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Principals	Edgartown – John Stevens Oak Bluffs – Laury Binney Tisbury – Richard Smith, John Custer.
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Former/Present Staff	Peter Boat, Elizabeth Bradley, Eric Johnson, Carol Petkus, Victoria Phillips, Rebecca Solway, Brian Weiland, Janis Wightman,
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Students	Olivia de Geofroy
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Parents/Families:	Claudia Almeider, Cynthia Armstrong, John Best, Addriana Burralls, Melanie Bilodeau, Gabrella Camilleri, Karen Colombo, Anne Davey, Nancy Dole, Jacob Fish, Karen Flynn, Kate Feiffer, Debra Gaines, Susan Sigel Goldsmith, Warren Gosson, Mark Hahn, Jonathon & Lisa Healy, Alan Hedin, Meg Higgins, Tamara King, Howie Marlin, Anne Mayhew, Petra Lent McCarron, Karen Overtoom, Robert Ribeiro, David & Kirsten Santer, Pamela Scott, Steve & Emily Solarazza, Josh Sommers, Jane Wilbur
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Former AISC Community	John Curelli, Kathy Logue, Diane Wall, Joan Borkow, Terry Burke, Lee Fierro, Jean Hay, Niki Patton, Shirley Wilcox
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Call to Order (Agenda Item # I)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

Approval of Minutes (October 8, 2009) (Agenda Item # II)

MR. BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 8, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED; MS. DUARTE-CASS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 10 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS – MS. VALLEY, MR. TANKARD due to absence.

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Public Comment (Agenda Item # III)

Mr. Warren Gosson, a retired law enforcement official, advocated strongly for more comprehensive background checks to enhance school safety; he cited some recent incidents and noted possible liability issues. Supt. Weiss responded:

- all staff, volunteers, bus drivers, coaches, etc. were required to go through Massachusetts Criminal Offender Records Information (CORI) checks for which the Commonwealth paid.
- The MV Public Schools (MVPS) were the only schools in the region that also checked all *new* hires with a National Background check.

(More than 60 members of the public attended the meeting and their remarks are reported in general here by topic rather than chronologically. For a more detailed record an audiotape is permanently on record. All Island School Committee (AISC) members' remarks are grouped at the end.)

- Members of the public included a wide variety of often overlapping groups: parents, former school committee members, community members, town officials, MV Public Schools (MVPS) staff, Strings staff and Felix Neck staff. Although many spoke particularly about the Strings Program, others advocated for some or all of the programs: Strings, Felix Neck and The Yard. Remarks were heartfelt and applause was frequent.
- In addition a stack of correspondence was distributed (see documents on file) .
- Speakers included: Kathy Logue, Nancy Dole, Niki Patton, Deborah Gaines, Victoria Philips, Katie Mayhew, Terry Burt, Susan Seigel/Goldsmith, Rebecca Solway, Anne Mayhew, Nancy Jephcote, Lee Fierro, Suzan Bellincampi, Lynn Ditchfield, John Curelli. John Best.

- Several parents spoke of their children's experiences citing:
 - Strings as the introduction to music which became an important and lasting part of their lives,
 - those for whom music became a career,
 - the early age of the Strings students making them more receptive.
- Statistical and research studies showed the advantages of music in increasing academic abilities, particularly in Math. For example it was noted that across the nation most high performing schools were art schools. Several people also cited evidence of the arts in general, and music and dance in particular encouraging other lifelong skills:
 - greater self-esteem,
 - greater discipline and focus,
 - lower rates of substance abuse, and
 - greater happiness.
- Music as an irreplaceable resource was also noted.
- The public also spoke of the importance of non-academic education and well-rounded students and community members.
- Some founding members and founding former school committee members spoke of the Strings program's hopeful origins, impressive growth, and amazing success, as well as similar situations during previous budget crises. - Oak Bluffs School had just slashed its Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) Budget by ~\$200,000 and had chosen not to cut Band.
- The programs were commended for bringing students out into the community from concerts at Windermere to a renewed interest in gardening and nature from the Felix Neck program.
- All programs were noted a part of the Island tradition going back two or three generations and its future in terms of conservation and community.

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- Felix Neck was noted for their long work as environmental educators also pointing to students who went on to make their career path in environmental fields.
- The program was tailored to the Mass. State Frameworks adding to high MCAS scores.
- Requests from teachers for customized units were always honored.
- The program went beyond simple requirements adding kayaking, canoeing, field trips, etc.
- Felix Neck had held the line on MVPS funding which only covered about 1/3 of the program cost; Felix Neck staff working hard at grants, fundraising and other revenue sources.
- Suggestions for alternate cuts that would save all the programs included:
 - finding smaller cuts in local school budgets,
 - increasing regional and Islandwide Shared Services while decreasing local school budgets,
 - eliminating the school physician,
 - decreasing administrative costs.
- AISC members joined in advocating for the programs noted above, including the inspiring rise of young adults that enriched the world. They declared their solidarity and sympathy with the community in not wanting to cut a single program.
- Supt. Weiss was praised for his dedication to the students and education on Martha's Vineyard.
- They described the task set to them by other members of the community and the current economic realities.
 - An excerpt was read from a West Tisbury Finance Committee letter requesting school cuts in return for many years of tax payer generosity.
 - Towns had requested 0% based FY11 school budgets and one town had requested a 4% cut.
 - Everyone was repeatedly urged to take their passions to Town Meetings and out into the community to fight for the programs they valued. The Island voters consistently demonstrated excellence in education as a leading priority and again in this case the final decision would be up to the community.
- The AISC thanked everyone for their attendance and participation, and invited them to stay for the coming budget discussion.

ACE – MV Presentation

(Agenda Item # IV)

Adult Community Education (ACE) was the current incarnation of a long tradition. Such programs usually prospered in weak economies when people looked for enhanced stimulation, training and skills. The program was growing steadily and had forged ties with Northeastern University and Cape Cod Community College for undergraduate and graduate credits. In addition the GED program had been restored. The staff and faculty were 90% volunteer.

- Everyone was invited to an Authors reading and display of work on November 13th.

FY11 Budget Review and Approval

(Agenda Item # V)

- The Superintendent will have a recommendation available at the meeting

(See documents on file.)

The Superintendent's Shared Services FY11 Budget was presented in context.

- The FY10 goals set by the AISC were noted.
- An updated Organizational chart showed that 80% of expenditure went to both shared programs and staff that worked directly in the schools. These saved the Island schools substantial money by coordinating and combining services that would otherwise have to be duplicated in 5 or 6 individual local programs; examples included: speech pathologists, school psychologist, Project Headway and the Bridge Program.

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- Most of the rest of the budget was expended on staff that managed payroll, bills, grant management and mandated reporting/records requirements.
- The Office had pared all possible expenses; supplies were at a minimum, there were insufficient funds for computer repairs, reductions in the programs discussed above, etc.
- The Administration was cognizant that people and towns were struggling financially.
- The Office was not efficient as finances and reporting had to be done six different ways to accommodate six different municipalities. Efficiency would be greatly enhanced if towns could agree to use the same systems and procedures.
- Assessments for this Budget would rise for some towns and drop for others.

At this point only options had been presented. Supt. Weiss now made recommendations to bring the bottom line to 1.9% above FY10.

- Two additional staff were proposed as best practice for increased enrollments in Projects Bridge and Headway.
- Islandwide Athletics was eliminated.
- There was some risk in reducing the English Language Learner (ELL) Coordinator to a .5 position in view of a previous complaint to the Office of Civil Rights (see 7/13/05 Minutes p 1-2 #IV A 1).
- A reduction from full to part-time Financial Assistant position would reduce Office response time.
- To spread the cuts evenly the Strings and Island Choir accompanist could be eliminated.
- The office was willing to gamble that health insurance increases would be less than 12%.
- The AISC thanked Supt. Weiss, Business Administrator Amy Tierney and the entire Office staff for their hard work and

The reductions were debated:

- Were any cuts necessary, was it better to hold the line and campaign at town meetings?
- School budgets stimulated the local economy as both a major local employer and customer.
- Would cuts to the ELL Coordinator eventually cost more than they saved?
- Could the physician be pro-bono or differently funded?
- The current contract negotiations would materially affect all budgets.
- *MS. PARKER MOVED TO INCREASE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET ABOVE 1.9% BY RESTORING:*

- *\$2,500 FOR THE ISLANDWIDE CHOIR,*
- *\$6,500 FOR THE YARD AND FELIX NECK,*
- *\$2,000 FOR THE STRINGS ACCOMPANIST,*
- *AND CUTTING OUT THE CONTRACTUAL STEPS FOR UNION,*
- *AND REDUCING THE POOL FOR NON-UNION EMPLOYEES TO COMPENSATE FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF THE RESTORATIONS LEAVING A GENERAL EMPLOYEE INCREMENT POOL;*

MS. SYLVIA SECONDED;

- *MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO READ SIMPLY RESTORE:*

- *\$2,500 FOR THE ISLANDWIDE CHOIR,*
- *\$6,500 FOR THE YARD AND FELIX NECK,*
- *\$2,000 FOR THE STRINGS ACCOMPANIST;*

MS. REAGAN SECONDED THE AMENDMENT; MR. ROSSI AND MR. TANKARD CALLED THE VOTE; AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 12 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

- *THE AMENDED MOTION PASSED: 11 AYES, 1 NAY – MR. BAYNES, 0 ABSTENTIONS*

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- *MR. BAYNES MOVED TO TABLE THE FINAL VOTE ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET; MR. ROSSI AND MR. TANKARD SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 12 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- The MV Regional High School (MVRHS) had to certify its FY11 Budget in December 2009.
- The Supt. Shared Services Office *Draft* FY11 Budget would be reported as \$3,577,586.

Policies

(Agenda Item # VI)

A. Cyber-Bullying Policy – Third Reading (See documents on file.)

The policy was edited for grammar and “person” was added to #2.

The next AISC meeting was tentatively scheduled for 7:00PM November 23, 2009.

Adjournment

MR. TANKARD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT 9:03PM. MS. DUARTE-CASS SECONDED MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 12 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. The local school committees immediately convened to vote the Cyber-Bullying Policy.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 10/22/09
- *Sign-In Sheets* (3 p.) 10/22/09
- Citizen/Group Correspondence Concerning the FY11 Shared Services Budget 10/22/09
 - Oak Bluffs Finance and Advisory Committee letter 10/13/09
 - Tisbury Finance and Advisory Committee letter 10/12/09
 - Tom Hodgson letter 10/10/09
 - Mass. Audubon Suzan Bellincampi letter 10/9/09
 - Lenora Willcox email 10/19/09
 - Rebecca Solway email (2 p.) 10/20/09
 - Anita Hotchkiss letter 10/18/09
 - Shirley Wilcox letter 10/17/09
 - Ellie Bates email 10/21/09
 - Vineyard Sinfonietta Matthew Pelikan letter 10/20/09
- Weiss memo re: FY11 Shared Services Budget Recommendation 10/22/09
 - Weiss memo re: Goals for 2009-2010 6/15/09
 - *MVPS School System Chart* 10/13/09
 - SPED Shared Programs (as of 10/1/09)
 - FY11 Shared Services Budget (2 p.)
 - MVPS Superintendent's Office and Shared Programs FY'11 Budget Superintendent's Proposal Draft #2 (6 p.) 10/22/09
 - Supt's Shared Services Budget FY11 Proposed Budget Listed by School District (4 p.)

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Documents on File (cont.):

- *Correspondence re: Felix Neck*
 - Rebecca Solway letter 10/12/09
 - Ellie Bates copy / Wendy Briggs copy
 - Maria McKenty / Michele Mayhew copy
- Cyber Bullying Policy (2 p.) 10/13/09

Approved November 23, 2009 as written.

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Edgartown School Committee
Oak Bluffs School Committee
Tisbury School Committee
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee
Up-Island Regional School Committee
Thursday, October 22, 2009
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room

Present:

Up-Island	Acting Chair - Roxanne Ackerman, Skip Manter, Susan Parker, Marshall Segall,
Edgartown	David Rossi, Les Baynes,
Oak Bluffs	Melanie Marchand, Lisa Reagan, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	Becky Duarte/Cass, Robert Tankard, Maura Valley

Others

Shared Prog. Of.	Supt. Jim Weiss Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr. – Laurie Halt Dir. Student Support Services – Dan Seklecki
Press:	Tom Mayhew - MVTV Janet Hefler - MV Times Megan Dooley - Vineyard Gazette
Recorder	Marni Lipke * Late arrivals or early departures

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(Agenda Item # VI)

A. Cyber-bullying Policy – Third Reading (See documents on file.)

The policy was edited for grammar and “person” was added to #2.

- The AISC adjourned at 9:03PM. The local school committees immediately convened to vote the Cyber-Bullying Policy.
- THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (TSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:03PM.
- *MS. VALLEY MOVED:*
 - *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
 - *THE TSC OCTOBER 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- *MS. DUARTE-CASS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE TSC 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 CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
 - *THE OBSC OCTOBER 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- *MELANIE MARCHAND SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE OBSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

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- THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ESC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. DAVID ROSSI MOVED TO APPROVE:*
 - *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
 - *THE ESC OCTOBER 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- MR. LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE ESC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED*
 - *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
 - *THE UIRSC OCTOBER 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MVRHSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MS. REAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE:*
 - *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CYBER BULLYING POLICY,*
 - *THE MVRHSC OCTOBER 8, 2009 MINUTES;*
- MR. MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 9:07PM.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 10/22/09
- Cyber Bullying Policy (2 p.) 10/13/09

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 Oak Bluffs School Committee
 Tisbury School Committee
 Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee
 Up-Island Regional School Committee
 Wednesday, November 23, 2009
 Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library
 7:00 PM**

Present: Up-Island	Chair – Dan Cabot, Roxanne Ackerman,* Skip J. Manter,
Oak Bluffs	Lisa Reagan, Melanie Marchand, Priscilla Sylvia,
Edgartown	Les Baines, Susan Mercier, David Rossi,
Tisbury	Becky Duarte-Cass, Robert Tankard.
Others	Warren Gosson – parent Justen Walker
Supt's Off.	Supt. Jim Weiss Asst. Supt. Laury Halt Bus. Affairs-Amy Tierney Student Support – Dan Seklecki
Principals	W. Tisbury Sch Michael Halt
FinComs	Jon Snyder - Tisbury
Press:	Janet Hefler – MV Times Megan Dooley – Vineyard Gazette,
Recorder	Marni Lipke

*Late arrival or early departure

Call to Order (Agenda Item # I)
 Called to order 7:08PM.

Approval of Minutes (October 22, 2009) (Agenda Item # II)
MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA AND MR. ROBERT TANKARD MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 22, 2009 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MS. SUSAN MERCIER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS – MR. DAN CABOT AND MS. MERCIER due to absence.

Final Review and Approval of FY11 Shared Services Budget (Agenda Item # II)
 At 2.21% over Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10), the proposed Budget was higher than Superintendent Weiss would have preferred (see 10/22/09 Minutes p. 3-5 #V); however it retained most programs as well as appropriately staffing Projects Headway and Bridge. The day-to-day financial and administrative office was pared down as low as possible and consequently response time would be slow.

- The budget included no Cost of Living Raises (COLA) for union or administrative staff but a small amount for non-union non-administrative personnel (2.5%) to maintain some parity as appropriate.

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- An increase in the negotiated contract would necessitate calling Special Town Meetings or a revised budget with deeper cuts.
 - Any residual from a decrease in contract salaries would be returned to the towns or spent on other aspects of the Office.
 - *MR. TANKARD MOVED THE SUPERINTENDENT SHARED SERVICES OFFICE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET AS PROPOSED AT \$3,577,586 AT 2.21% (OR \$77,048) OVER FISCAL YEAR 2010; MS. MERCIER SECONDED.*
 - Several All Island School Committee (AISC) members (particularly from the Oak Bluffs School District) protested that this raise, which would be included in the budgets of the local school districts, would force further severe cuts their budgets.
- * Ms. Roxanne Ackerman entered the meeting at 7:17PM.
- The Bridge Program and Project Headway staff increases were in keeping with best practices (but not mandated) for the increased enrollments due to a cluster of seriously challenged students.
 - Any further cuts in office staff to compensate for the added program staff would impede adequate functioning of the office.
 - The additional Special Education (SpEd) staff would be necessary no matter where the added students were enrolled.
 - There was a brief question on the Organizational Chart (see documents on file).
 - *MOTION PASSED; 6 AYES, 5 NAYS – MS. ACKERMAN, MS. MELANIE MARCHAND, MR. SKIP MANTER, MS. LISA REAGAN, MS. SYLVIA; 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Policy (Agenda Item # IV)

A. Body Mass Index (BMI) Policy – First Reading (See documents on file.)

- New Mass. State Legislation required that each student's Body Mass Index (BMI) be calculated so that if an area of concern were identified the parents would receive a confidential letter of explanation and advice. The AISC suggested minor edits to the policy but focused on a number of issues around the policy itself.
- As usual the Policy mandated considerable work, paperwork and liability without any funding to cover costs.
 - The AISC was uncomfortable with a number of unclear legal ramifications such as invasion of privacy and usurpation of parental or medical responsibility.
 - It was understood that the measure was an attempt to reduce obesity and diabetes in young people but was in direct contrast to a steady decline in Physical Education requirements.
 - In addition other approaches might be more effective such as changes in cafeteria food.
 - School Nurses had previously warned that as muscle was heavier than fat some athletes would have deceptive or skewed BMI statistics.
 - Students were already checked for sight, hearing and scoliosis as well as height and weight – from which parents could calculate BMI for their children.

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- The AISC expressed some doubts around mandating action based on the latest trend in scientific advice, which tended to shift ground regularly.
- The AISC asked to hear a report from the School Nurses at their next meeting.
- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO DELAY READING OF THE POLICY UNTIL CLOSER TO THE JUNE 2011 DEADLINE.**
- The next meeting was scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, January 11, 2010.

Adjournment

MR. TANKARD MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:48PM; MS. BECKY DUARTE-CASS
SECONDED; MOTION PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 11/23/09
- Weiss memo re: FY11 Shared Services Budget Recommendation 11/23/09
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- Supt's Shared Services Budget FY11 Proposed Budget Listed by School District (4 p.)
- Body Mass Index (BMI) Policy

Approved January 11, 2010 as amended.