

**ALL-ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Oak Bluffs School Committee  
Tisbury School Committee  
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee  
Up-Island Regional School Committee  
Monday, September 22, 2008 7:00PM  
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library**

Present: Up Island	Chair – Dan Cabot , Roxanne Ackerman*, Susan Parker, Marshall Segall,
Edgartown	Les Baynes,
Oak Bluffs	Lisa Reagan, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	Maura Valley
Others	
Supt. Of.	Supt. Jim Weiss, Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt, Business Affairs Amy Tierney Student Support: Dan Seklecki, ELL Director – Debbie Hart, Translator - Julie Bauer
Principals:	Laury Binney - Oak Bluffs School Diane Gandy – Chilmark School Michael Halt – West Tisbury School Richard Smith – Tisbury School
Staff	Pam Echlin – Charter School, Marcy Klapper – W. Tisbury School,
Public	Dione Oliveira , Kyla Binney
Press:	Tom Mayhew – MVTV Janet Hefler - MV Times Julia Rappaport - Gazette
Recorder	Marni Lipke * Late arrivals or early departures

**Call to Order** (Agenda Item # I)

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM. The start of the meeting was without quorum so the agenda was arranged accordingly.

**Sabbatical Presentation** (Agenda Item # III)

**A. Marcy Klapper and Laury Binney**

Ms. Klapper thanked the All Island School Committee (AISC) for her sabbatical which she and her husband Oak Bluffs Principal Laury Binney spent in Brazil. They attended language school and spent the bulk of their time researching schools, villages and culture around the area where most of the Vineyard immigrants originated. They emphasized the warmth of their welcome and showed the effects on the towns of the influx of money from the Island.

\*Roxanne Ackerman entered the meeting at 7:06PM.

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Mr. Binney and Ms. Klapper reported on the state and structure of the public and private schools in the area, class and race divides, graduation and secondary education rates and factors, facilities, reverse migration, parent participation, culture, family dynamics, and other issues of relevance and interest.

**Superintendent's Report** (Agenda Item # IV)

**B. AYP (Adequate Yearly Reports)**

Assistant Superintendent Laurie Halt explained the structure, significance and statistics of the schools AYP's (see documents on file). Salient points included:

- The structure of the ratings were such that every school would eventually fail to attain AYP. Pilot programs were being tried in other states that might resolve some of the current AYP deficiencies.
- Compared with other states Massachusetts had set very high academic standards.
- A review of Island schools showed excellent aggregate ratings with some sub-groups failing to make targets.
- All results were carefully analyzed by the local schools and Superintendent's Shared Program offices.
- Those schools not meeting AYP were required to prepare and implement written plans in consultation with the School Advisory Councils, the Superintendent and the School Committees. These requirements were unfunded by Mass. State and would mean a re-allocation of funds for the Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Budgets.

The AISC thanked Ms. Halt for her thorough report.

**Review and Approval of Minutes – June 23, 2008** (Agenda Item # II)

*MR. MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 23, 2008 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; MS. MAURA VALLEY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSTENTIONS – MR. LES BAYNES, MS. LISA REAGAN* due to absence.

**Superintendent's Report** (Agenda Item # IV)

**A. School Opening**

Superintendent Jim Weiss thanked all the professional and support staff for an excellent opening that ran smoothly after a summer of intense preparation. Staff appreciated the Commissioner's remarks and the brevity of the opening day assembly.

- The Martha's Vineyard Public School (MVPS) enrollment was about 2,100 students with the MV Regional High School (MVRHS) enrollment dropping to 726.
- This year professional growth evaluation will gradually be put into place increasing accountability, professional development and performance as well as better licensure attainment and tracking. On a question from the press Ms. Halt briefly reviewed the program which would be instituted October 22, 2008.
- The community mourned MVRHS Earth Science teacher David Brant who passed away just as school opened.

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**C. Budget Priorities for FY10**

The Superintendent's Shared Services Office FY10 budget was being prepared in accordance with the following major principles.

- In Shared Services all programs and services now in place would be maintained.
- No new Shared Services programs or positions were proposed in order to consolidate and settle last year's significant enhancements (see 11/8/07 Minutes p.2-3 #IV).
- Union and non-union salary increases would be included (see below:# V. B)
- Neither MVPS staff nor students had increased so the Superintendent's Office positions would be reviewed for possible splitting and/or reduction of positions. It was emphasized that inefficiencies were due to the five different districts each with their on procedures and budget formats so that significant savings could not be realized without some form of regionalization or cooperation on uniform formats.
- Other looming costs that might or might not require funds included:
  - extended day service for the Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Program for autistic students,
  - the search for a new Superintendent's office facility,
  - the replacement of State funds for teacher licensure,
  - rate reductions or consideration for teachers commuting from off -Island,
  - the multi-year project of systemizing and preserving MVPS records now stored in no particular order in the basement, and
  - technology needs.

**Personnel Sub-committee Report** (Agenda Item # V)

**A. Superintendent's Evaluation Report** (See documents on file)

The form had been tightened up and re-formatted.

- *MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA MOVED TO IMPLEMENT AND USE THE SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION DOCUMENT; MR. BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

**B. Salary % for FY10 (non-union and administration)**

The Personnel Sub-committee considered the union contract and other factors such as regional pay parity and decided on a 4% set aside for such raises with individual increases being decide in May or June (see documents on file). The AISC briefly discussed: the current union contract, cost of living (COL), extra ordinary raises needed to bring some low paying positions to parity, and implications of the current economic crisis. **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO GO FORWARD WITH A 4% RESERVE FOR NON-UNION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PAY RAISES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010.**

**C. Teacher Retention Issues**

In keeping with the Superintendent's goals for FY09 Supt. Weiss and Asst. Supt. Halt have been exploring:

- the Bridge Housing project for affordable rents for teachers moving here from off -Island,

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- a possible housing proposal to be presented to the MVRHSC Land Use Sub-committee.
- Steamship Authority reduction of rates and/or subsidies for those who commute,
- a plan for leadership opportunities in the teaching profession to promote the value and authority among teachers.

**Vineyard Smiles Data** (Agenda Item # VI)

This program was praised for its quiet success in collaborating with local dentists to bring dental care to those students in need of it (see documents on file).

**Individual committee Review of *Administering Prescription Medicine to Students Policy – 2nd Reading*** (Agenda Item # VII)

As only the Up Island Regional School Committee had a quorum the other towns tabled the reading until the next meeting.

**Next Meeting: October 2, 2008 – 7:00PM; Budget for Shared Services**

(Agenda Item # IX)

**Adjournment**

*MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:39PM; MS. REAGAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

**Documents on File:**

Agenda 9/22/08

Mass. DESE Press Release re: Rising NCLB Targets Lead to More School

Identified for Improvement (4 p.) 9/19/08

2008 Adequate Yearly Progress Reports *Powerpoint*© (4 p.)

Superintendent's Shared Services Budget Priorities for FY10 9/15/08

• Personnel Sub-Committee AISC *Minutes* 9/8/08

- Evaluation of the Superintendent *form* (5 p.)

CMOHS Data *chart*

**Minutes Approved as Written October 2, 2008**