

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, January 26, 2009
Aquinnah Town Hall, 5:00PM**

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Present: Chair - Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman*,
Dan Cabot, Susan Parker
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney
Principals: Diane Gandy, Bob Lane
Aquinnah: Jim Newman
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order.

Minutes Read and Approved – *December 4 and 8* (Agenda item # II)

- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMER 4, 2008 MINUTES; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – SUSAN PARKER* due to absence.
- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMER 8, 2008 MINUTES; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Financial Report (Agenda Item # III)

A. Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

- December Mass. State Chapter 70 were \$18,000 more than was budgeted and the Charter School reimbursement had been received. However the December Chapter 71 Transportation reimbursement had not yet been received and there were fears that both Ch. 71 and Circuit Breaker funds could be reduced. Interest income was down about \$40,000.
- With the usual encumbrances 15% remained in the Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Budget.
- The US Dept. of Education had granted the Up-Island Regional School District (UIRSD) \$9,100.76 as the first and major payment of Impact Aid. The UIRSC would consider the matter after receiving the second payment.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # IV.)

B. Robert Lane on Behalf of Michael Halt – West Tisbury

- January 16th Professional Development Day was a success garnering good staff feedback.
- Bob Aldrin and West Tisbury School (WTS) Assistant Principal Bob Lane were taking the lead in coordinating the British Exchange program.
- A January 30th party for primary school teacher Elaine Barnett marked her retirement after 36 years of teaching.
- Elementary School Report Cards would go out February 6th.
- Also on February 6th the Harlem Rockets would be visiting Island schools.

C. Robert Lane – West Tisbury Building and Grounds Report

(See documents on file.)

- Seekonk will be at the WTS to look at Boiler #2.
- The UIRSC discussed timing and solutions to roof leaks brought on by slowly rising nails.
- The Administration and School Advisory Council (SAC) were commended for having 3-5 year maintenance plan as part of their School Improvement Plan (SIP).

A. Diane Gandy – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

- The Caribbean Night fund raiser was a great success.
- Chilmark Principal Diane Gandy spoke about her trip to Washington, D.C. during an electrifying Inauguration week especially her visit to the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # V.)

A. State Funding Issues (See above: Agenda Item #III A.)
FY09 and FY10 Mass. Governor's Office budget figures were expected within the week.

B. Emergency Management Training

The UIRSD took part in a two day Islandwide emergency management training with the police, emergency, fire, and medical personnel. Aside from crucial exercises and planning the training offered a continuing opportunity to strengthen ties with other municipal agencies.

C. Oil Bid (See documents on file.)

At the urging of School Business Administrator Amy Tierney, Dukes County was able to renegotiate its fuel contract with Ralph Packer who generously agreed to a floating spot rack price from January 1, to June 30, 2009 – a considerable savings for the Island taxpayers.

D. Turbine Update (See documents on file.)

- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) granted a permit for a 236 ft. wind turbine tower, however the feasibility study grant application was rejected (see 11/13/07 Minutes p. 3 #3). The UIRSC expressed its regret at the passing of Energy Committee Chair Sheldon Banks.
- The Farm to School Committee had been granted moneys for a feasibility study for a wind turbine, possibly at another location. A slight change in legislation would allow schools to share in the energy credit. It was suggested that this might be a better solution, allowing schools to reap the benefits of alternative energy without having to go into the business.

Personnel (Agenda Item # VI.)

A. Retirement (See documents on file.)

DAN CABOT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CHILMARK SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DIANE GANDY EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2009 WITH PROFOUND REGRET AND THANKS FOR SERVICE OVER THE YEARS,; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Old / New / Other Business (Agenda Item # VII.)

A. Chilmark Leadership Search Discussion (See documents on file.)

- The documents were reviewed.
- The posting had been modified to include Chilmark staff and parent input. The Chilmark School website would be referenced.
- The timetable was corrected and the UIRSC discussed the April announcement date.
- Dan Cabot would represent the UIRSC on the Search Committee. The Wampanoag Tribe would be asked if they wished to be represented.
- Some advertising rates had been negotiated and reduced. In keeping with Supt. Weiss's recommendation ads would be placed in the Island press, the Cape Cod Times and Education Week – as well as all the relevant free listings.
- IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UIRSC TO ACCEPT THE POSTING, TIMETABLE, SEARCH COMMITTEE AND ADVERTISING PLAN FOR THE CHILMARK HEAD OF SCHOOL AS DISCUSSED ABOVE.

B. Chilmark Energy Project

- The Town had presented the Chilmark School Energy project (see 12/8/08 Minutes p. 3 #VI C) as a shovel ready project for the new federal Stimulus Package.

C. Financial Records Proposal (See documents on file.)

- The UIRSD financial records in the Supt. Office were in great disarray. The proposal to hire a consultant to dispose of, organize, and/or archive the records was debated at some length:
 - how much skill was required,
 - availability of Supt. Of. staff and possible stipend for extra work on the records,
 - staff training going forward,
 - financial and legal benefits of archiving records,
 - confidentiality issues.

Supt. Weiss would proceed with the \$16,500 voted by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC).

D. GASB 45 Legislation (See documents on file.)

- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE A VOLUNTARY ISLANDWIDE POOLED TRUST FUND FOR POST EMPLOYMENT AS PROPOSED BY THE DUKES COUNTY TREASURER: MARSHALL SEAGALL AND SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

F. Other

- As reported in the press the Mr. Johnson, a part-time WTS Industrial Arts teacher, was involved in a legal matter and, as advised by MV Public Schools (MVPS) Counsel, was on paid administrative leave. The UIRSC discussed the situation including:
 - legal and employment status and restrictions,
 - case history and the ongoing investigation as reported in the press,
 - student at risk statistics as codified by the Youth Task Force,
 - staff/student boundaries and the unique culture of a small town/Island,
 - press coverage and community reaction.

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- Emphasis was placed on preventive measures such as future changes in, and implementation of, the Staff Conduct Policy. It was emphasized that the UIRSC had no jurisdiction over the situation as they had no authority in hiring and firing of MVPS staff with the exception of the post of Superintendent.
- The UIRSD 2008 essay was due for the Annual Town Reports.
- Due to the usual difficulties of the February school and holiday calendar the next meeting of the UIRSC was scheduled for 7:00PM Monday, March 9, 2009 at the West Tisbury School.

Adjournment

*SUSAN PARKER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:10PM; DAN CABOT SECONDED;
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Documents on File:

Agenda 1/26/09

UIRSD Expenditure July 1, 2008 to January 26, 2009

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report (2 p.) 1/26/09

Chilmark School Principal's Report 1/26/09

Bell Tower Monthly Notes January, 2009 (2 p.)

Gandy Letter of Resignation 1/5/08

MVPS Invites qualified Candidates...

Chilmark Head of School Search Timeline

Chilmark Head of School 2009 Search Committee Volunteers

Chilmark Head of School Advertisement Pricing

Dukes County Treasurer letter re: supporting legislation 1/7/09

Background 1/8/09

An Act Authorizing the Government Employers in the County of Dukes County to

Establish a Pooled Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund. 1/8/09

MVPS Supt. Memo re: Financial Records (2 p.) 12/29/08

These Minutes approved as amended March 9, 2009.

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, March 9, 2009, 7:00PM
Wampanoag Tribal Administration Building
Aquinnah**

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Present: Chair - Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman,
Dan Cabot, Jeffrey "Skip" Manter, Susan Parker
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laura Halt,
Dan Seklecki, Amy Tierney
Principals: Diane Gandy, Michael Halt, Bob Lane
Wampanoag Tribe Education Dept.: Heidi Vanderhoop
Chilmark Board of Selectman – Warren Doty
Press – Janet Hefler - - MV Times
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order. Tribal Administrator Tobias Vanderhoop welcomed everyone.

Minutes Read and Approved – *June 23 and October 29, 2008; January 26, 2009*

(Agenda item # II)

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 23, 2008 AND OCTOBER 29, 2008 MINUTES; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE JANUARY 26, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Discussion with Tribe (Agenda Item # III)

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) and Wampanoag Tribe Education Director Heidi Vanderhoop introduced themselves and discussed the Policies and Procedures (see documents on file).

- All agreed that there should be more meetings as recommended. The issues were:
 - revising the policy to reflect previous history, versus starting on a new footing,
 - UIRSC attempts to meet with the Wampanoag Education Department.
- Heidi Vanderhoop suggested the UIRSC meet with the Title 7 Tribal Education Group which included parents.
 - IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UIRSC TO MEET WITH THE WAMPANOAG EDUCATION GROUP TWO OR THREE TIMES A YEAR AND THAT THE FIRST SUCH MEETING BE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 6:00PM MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009 AT THE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

- There was a discussion on staff reports to the Tribal Education Director.
- The UIRSC noted this was the purview of the UIRSD leadership with the UIRSC as an appeal of last resort.
- Student records were often confidential however information could be shared either in a standard form or through meetings with teams of school administrators, guidance, teachers, etc. All school staff kept logs of parent-teacher interactions.
- In general it was agreed that the protocols should be brought to life.
- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO REAFFIRM THE WAMPANOAG TRIBE OF GAY HEAD (AQUINNAH) EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, AND TO SEND IT TO THE TRIBAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- The UIRSC welcomed input from both the Tribal Education Committee and the Tribal Council on the Policies and Procedures.
- Thanks were exchanged all around.

Financial Report (Agenda Item # IV)

A. Expense Report (See documents on file.)

- The UIRSD Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) budget was in reasonable shape.
- There was a discussion on whether utilities should be encumbered given the unpredictable market.
- Local and Mass. State revenues were on target with 25% remaining to be collected.

B. Re-Certification FY10 Budget (See documents on file.)

- Business Administrator Amy Tierney discovered and corrected a series of errors in the UIRSD FY10 Certified Budget which resulted in an increase in town assessments.
- The rise in health insurance was set lower than expected at a savings of \$45,000.

The issues were:

- Town reactions and stringent budgeting,
- Federal stimulus moneys as not likely to offset the budget,
- use of the total health care savings or allowance for mid-year changes,
- regional versus statutory assessment formula,
- low UIRSD FY10 budget/assessment increases.
- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET AND -TO CERTIFY THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET AS SHOWN ON THE SHEET TITLED "UIRSD FY2010 ASSESSMENT – CERTIFIED 12/8/08 CORRECTED 2/18/09 WITH REDUCTIONS 3/9/09";*
- *SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- Skip Manter voted nay for the same reasons he had voted against the previous FY10 Budget (see 12/8/08 Minutes p.7 #VIIA).
- Roxanne Ackerman objected to the piecemeal way the budget was put together and requested that the process be more holistic.

C. National Economic Crisis Issues (See documents on file.)

- As noted in the previous discussion the MV Public Schools and in general the UIRSD were not likely to receive substantial American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds due to the comparatively stable nature of the Island economy. Funds might be available in enrichment and special education (SpEd) however only for new programs and not for budget offsets.
- Chapter 70 revenue was projected to remain level although a drop was predicted in Chapter 71 (transportation) reimbursements – these was already factored into the FY10 Budget.

D. Impact Aid

- A series of notifications was received regarding 2006, 2007 and 2008 Impact Aid supplemental payments. However after a call to the Indian Affairs Bureau the 2007 and 2008 payments were awaiting clarification.
- Amy Tierney apologized for the FY10 budget errors that had put Chilmark in this difficult position.
- Skip Manter commended Amy Tierney for breaking her vacation to answer questions on the new West Tisbury Town Meeting formats for school budgets.
- This format included assessment worksheets comparable to FY09, the URISD Budget FY10 Analysis and a listing of all employees and their estimated FY09 salaries including some of the Superintendent's and Shared Services Office staff.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # V.)

A. Diane Gandy – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

- After paying flood related invoices not covered by insurance, enough was left over to paint a classroom. A carpenter was coming in to for a repair punch list.
- The collection of used/broken cell phones, lithium batteries, ink cartridges, etc. was still producing money for student activities.

B. Michael Halt – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

- WTS Principal Michael Halt pointed out highlights from his Principal's report.
- In communicating with other island schools all over the world, one of the multiage classrooms was working with a sister school in the Scottish Isles. A video of West Tisbury School (WTS) students dancing the Scottish White Sargent could be seen on the web.
- WTS Assistant Principal Bob Lane reviewed the Building and Grounds report.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # VI.)

A. Update on Chilmark School Search (See documents on file.)

Eighteen applications were received and the Search Committee would meet tomorrow for orientation.

- At the end of the meeting the UIRSC scheduled an executive session interview with the candidates for 6:00PM Monday, March 23, 2009 at the Superintendent's Office.

B. Enrollment Projections (See documents on file.)

The New England School Development Council (NESDEC) UIRSD enrollment projections were fairly flat for the next five years.

C. Preparation for Town Meeting (See documents on file.)

- Annual Town Meetings were scheduled for:
West Tisbury - Tuesday, April 14th simultaneously with the three down Island towns.
Chilmark – Monday, April 27th,
Aquinnah – Tuesday, May 12th.
- Amy Tierney and Assistant Superintendent Laurie Halt put together an excellent hand out explaining the school budgets, how they were set, what they were, and where the money was spent including student achievement and school results. The UIRSC loved the work and commended the staff.

Personnel (Agenda Item # VII.)

A. Resignation

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RESIGNATION OF WEST TISBURY SCHOOL PARAPROFESSIONAL ERICA MAY; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
The WTS Administration expressed their regret.

B. Return of Leave of Absence

- West Tisbury Guidance Counselor Molly Cabral would return for the next school year.

Other (Agenda Item # VIII.)

- There was a brief discussion on relations and open communications with the Vineyard Transit Authority.
- The UIRSC thanked Heidi Vanderhoop for her participation and for hosting the meeting in this beautiful facility. It was hoped this would be the first in a series of UIRSC/Tribal Education joint meetings.
- The next meetings of the UIRSC were tentatively scheduled:
 - 6:00PM Monday, March 23, 2009 at the Superintendent's Office – UIRSC Executive Session / Search Committee.
 - Thursday, April 16, 2009 at a time and place to be announced - Regular UIRSC Meeting and Finalist Interviews
 - 6:00PM Monday, May 18, 2009 at the Tribal Administration Building – Regular UIRSC Meeting and Joint meeting with Tribal Education Committee.
- *Related Committee Meetings:*
 - 7:00PM Monday, April 6, 2009 at the MV Regional High School – MV Regional High School Committee Meeting.
 - 7:00PM Thursday, May 7, 2009 at the MV Regional High School – All Island School Committee Meeting.

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Adjournment

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:08PM, DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Documents on File:

Agenda 3/9/09

Sign In Sheet 3/9/09

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Education Dept. Drat of Indian Policies and Procedures for the Application of Impact Aid January 2008 (5 p.) 12/20/07 - 1/16/08

UIRSD Expenditure July 1, 2008 to March 9, 2009

UIRSD FY2010 Assessment – Certified 12/8/08 (Corrected 2/18/09)

UIRSD FY2010 Assessment – Certified 12/8/08 (Corrected 2/18/09 with Reductions 3/9/09)

Chilmark School Principal's Report 3/9/09

 Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.) February 2009

 Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.) March 2009

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report 3/9/09

 W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 3/9/09

Guide to the Up Island Regional School District Budget (6 p.)

These Minutes approved as amended April 16, 2009.

**Up-Island Regional School Committee Meeting
March 23, 2009**

Minutes

Present: Dan Cabot
Roxanne Ackerman
Skipper Manter

Also: James Weiss, Superintendent
Laurie Halt, Assistant Superintendent
Dan Seklecki, Director of Student Support Services
Michael Halt, Principal

This special meeting of the Up-Island Regional School Committee was called to order at 6:05 PM by Acting Chair Dan Cabot. There was a discussion over whether or not the meeting should be in executive session or in open session, and it was decided to hold it in open session.

Dan Seklecki, acting as Chair of the Chilmark Head of School Search Committee presented a memo detailing the eight (8) individuals to be interviewed. He explained the process that was used to arrive at the selection and generally reviewed what was to happen next. School Committee members asked several questions and discussed their involvement.

There was a discussion over whether or not candidates who were invited back for a second interview would have their expenses paid. Roxanne Ackerman made a motion to do so and the motion was seconded by Dan Cabot. After a discussion, the vote was 2 – 1 (Manter) to do so.

There was then a discussion about the date of the next meeting and it was decided to keep the meeting on April 16th; however, to move the time from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the West Tisbury School.

Mr. Manter moved to adjourn and Ms. Ackerman seconded that motion. The vote was also unanimous at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Weiss, Recorder

These Minutes approved as written April 16, 2009.

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Thursday, April 16, 2009
West Tisbury School, 7:00PM**

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Present: Chair - Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter, Susan Parker
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney, Dan Seklecki,
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Diane Gandy
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # IV.)

A. Diane Gandy – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

Prin. Diane Gandy sent a comprehensive report and left early with everyone's wishes for a speedy recovery.

- As the Chilmark School had already had an energy survey (see 10/15/07 Minutes p.2 #V B. III) there was some hope for available grant money.

B. Michael Halt – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

Prin. Michael Halt reviewed his report particularly kindergarten enrollment currently at 25.

- Next year Parent-Teacher conferences would be scheduled in some other month than busy April.

- The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) commended Prin. Halt for his response to difficult Town Meeting questions on Special Education (SpEd) School Choice students.

- The UIRSC and Administration expressed great gratitude for the generosity of the Town citizens in their support of the schools.

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE OVERNIGHT TRIP TO CAMP ALTON JONES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND IN SEPTEMBER 2009; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- MCAS test attendance was generally good and make up tests or waivers were in process.

Minutes Read and Approved (March 9 and 23, 2009) (Agenda item # II)

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2008 AND MARCH 9, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED AND THE MARCH 9, 2009 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.*

- The September and October 2007 minutes and their background documents were missing from the permanent file. The UIRSC discussed:
 - reconstituting the missing records,
 - public access in terms of copies only, all originals to remain in the files,
 - electronic records.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # V.)

- Supt. Weiss thanked the School Principals for their advocacy at the West Tisbury Town Meeting. It was hoped that the April 27th Chilmark Town Meeting and May 14th Aquinnah Town Meeting would be equally supportive.
- The MV Regional High School District (MVRHSD) Budget had passed three towns and was now officially approved.
- Supt. Weiss met with the Aquinnah Selectmen and Finance Committee over the UIRSD Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) Budget as well as Impact Aid dedication to the Aquinnah assessment; the major issue being the regional versus statutory assessment formulas (see below: # III).

The Public Broadcasting System was showing a history of the early United States as seen from the Native American perspective including a segment on Wampanoag history. This was an important event for the Tribe and UIRSC members were encouraged to view the program.

A. Update on Chilmark Head of School Search

The process was on track and Dan Cabot was commended for his organizational skills.

B. Discussion Payment for Candidates

The UIRSC discussed covering travel costs for the final Chilmark candidates. The issues were:

- attracting and retaining high quality staff – a goal set by the All Island School Committee,
- inserting a line item in the budget to cover costs of travel to the Vineyard,
- voluntarily offered lodgings and on-Island transportation,
- which costs would be covered: the current finalists, semi finalists, teaching candidates, etc.
- There was a general agreement to cover finalist expenses although Mr. Manter had a different opinion.

Financial Report (Agenda Item # III)

A. Expense Report (See documents on file.)

- The West Tisbury School (WTS) FY09 site budget had been updated with journal transfers as appropriate. Deficits were expected in:
 - Special Education Expenses,
 - Custodial Salaries – due to an injury requiring a long term substitute,
 - retiree expenses,
 - In addition the fuel line was very low.
 - There were some lines (Health and Dental Insurance) which were expecting residuals, and Undistributed Supplies had been frozen, but Prin. Halt feared the WTS FY09 Budget would be a very tight squeeze.
 - A separate meter had been installed for the power used in school buses which would now be billed to Transportation.
 - Timers were being investigated to conserve fuel for overnight bus heaters.

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- The Chilmark School site was not showing substantial deficits at this time.
- The District-wide part of the budget was similarly in reasonable shape.
- Revenue for FY09 was on target but FY10 revenue was expected to drop significantly.
- There was a brief discussion on family economic status, the scholarship fund and the current more open attitude toward financial need.
- Excess and Deficiency (E & D) was certified (see documents on file). No money would be returned to the towns and Business Administrator Amy Tierney strongly advised that the funds be conserved.
- Statutory formula assessment figures were available in response to a written request (see documents on file). The use of the regional formula had to be voted by all three towns with Chilmark and Aquinnah still to vote. If one of the towns voted nay, the other two town assessments would be revised, with the heavier burden falling on West Tisbury. Mr. Manter maintained that if this came to pass there were a number of options available.

A. Impact Aid (See documents on file.)

Due to the size and complexity of the Impact Aid program grant calculation and awards ran a year or two in arrears. Over the years UIRSD had received \$44,514 which it had voted towards reducing the Aquinnah assessment. Another \$28,264 was expected this year.

• *SKIP MANTER MOVED AS IN THE PAST TO ASSIGN ALL PENDING IMPACT AID PAYMENTS TO AQUINNAH; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

B. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Update

The UIRSD was not expected to receive any ARRA funds except possibly some SpEd funds which were still unknown.

Other Business (Agenda Item # VI.)

- There was a brief explanation of the procedures for lost or re-issued checks.
- The wording of any flyers or advertisement for the Italian Night Shenandoah trip fundraiser had to be clear as to its being a private (non-school sponsored) event – with the exception of Chilmark School all Shenandoah trips were now private events.
- The next meetings of the UIRSC:
 - 6:00PM Monday, May 18, 2009 at the Tribal Administration Building – Regular UIRSC Meeting
and Joint meeting with Tribal Education Committee.
 - *Related Meetings/Events:*
 - Saturday, May 2nd at the Grange Hall - 5th Grade Italian Night Shenandoah Fund Raiser.
 - 7:00PM Monday, May 4, 2009 at the MV Regional High School – MV Regional High School Committee Meeting.
 - 7:00PM Thursday, May 7, 2009 at the MV Regional High School – All Island School Committee Meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:23PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 4/16/09

Chilmark School Principal's Report

Chilmark Times (12 p.) Winter

Bell Tower Monthly Notes (3 p.) April 2009

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report 4/16/09

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 4/15/09

UIRSD Expenditure Report General Fund – Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (11 p.) 4/16/09

UIRSD School Committee Impact Aid History 2006-2009 4/16/09

Mass. Dept. of Revenue letter re: Excess and Deficiency funds (2 p.) 3/30/09

Draft UIRSD An Example of FY10 Assessments Using the Department of Education's Statutory
Assessment Methodology (10 p.) 4/7/09

These Minutes approved as amended May 18, 2009.

All-Island School Committee of the Martha's Vineyard Public Schools
Edgartown School Committee
Oak Bluffs School Committee
Tisbury School Committee
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee
Up-Island Regional School Committee
Thursday, May 7, 2009 7:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room

Present:

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

Others

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

Documents on File:

- Agenda 5/7/09
- Sign In Sheet 5/7/09
- MVPS Staff Conduct 1/8/09
 - MVPS School Staff Ethics Protocol (2 p.) 2/23/09
- MVPS Student Conduct and Discipline (2 p.)
- Parental Visitation Policy – Special Education
- MVPS Student Travel Policy (3 p.) 4/17/09
 - MVPS Release and Consent Form for International Trips

Minutes Approved as Written June 8, 2009

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, May 18, 2009, 5:30PM
Wampanoag Cultural Center,
Aquinnah, Massachusetts**

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Present: Chair - Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman*,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter, Susan Parker
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Dan Seklecki, Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane*,
Chilmark Selectmen – Warren Doty
Aquinnah Selectmen – Jim Newman
WTGH(A) Education: Linda Scott,
Heidi Vanderhoop, Julienne Vandehoop,
Martha Vanderhoop,
Aquinnah: Gertrude E. Garvin, Samuel D. Lee,
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order.

Meeting with Chilmark Head of School Search Committee (Agenda item # II)

Members of the Search Committee reported on the status of the search and the choice of three finalists:

Deborah Hammet - an Island educator, Susan Kliver and Susan Stevens from administrative positions in larger school systems. The Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) discussed strengths and drawbacks for the candidates, considering:

- experience in different educational environments,
- willingness to accept the remedial reading teaching duties,
- shifting from previous administrative work to a smaller rural environment.
- Dan Seklecki was commended on his leadership, and professionalism throughout the process.
- Finalists would visit the Chilmark School on Thursday, May 21st and be interviewed in the evening (see below: Meetings). Supt. Weiss would make his decision by the end of May.

Meeting with Tribal Education Committee (Agenda item # III)

Everyone introduced themselves. The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) (WTGH(A)) Education Director Heidi Vanderhoop and the Education Committee described their responsibilities;

- Education Committee - advisory group and liaison between WTGH(A) Education Dept. and Tribal community,
- Education Director – manager after school, summer, work-learn and adult education programs, advocate for individual Native American students when requested, manager of all educational finances including grants and budgets.

- There was a discussion on the Tribe's Title 7 grant (~\$25,000) which covered tutoring and advocacy for all Native American K-12 and adult ed. students. The UIRSD and WTGH(A) Ed. Dept. agreed to collaborate on identifying Native American students and appropriate spending projects.
- There was a discussion on various instances of professional development and sensitivity training for MV Public School (MVPS) teachers and staff in the Wampanoag culture and learning style, as well as including more Wampanoag cultural heritage and resources in the MVPS curriculum.
- All present considered the treatment of Tribal students in the MVPS environment, including:
 - the more reticent Native American learning style,
 - parent/school relations particularly receptivity and training of MVPS administrators on difficult race issues,
 - some negative effects of the MV Regional High School (MVRHS) diversity retreat and general racial attitudes towards Native Americans,
 - the critical importance of starting cultural diversity sensitivity in the early grades
- There was a general wish to continue and regularize these meetings (every third UIRSC meeting—see below: Meetings) in order to build solid interpersonal relationships and institutional collaboration, building bridges to strengthen the relationship so that when difficult problems arose everyone could work together towards resolution.
- Thanks were exchanged for the invitation, the attendance and the delicious coconut meringues.

Financial Report (Agenda Item # IV)

At this point about 7% was left in the budget and both sites were expected to finish the Fiscal Year in the black. West Tisbury had turned off the heat despite the occasionally chilly spring.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # II)

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 16, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

- Skip Manter noted that on p.3 of the April minutes after Excess and Deficiency (E&D) certification – money was not *required* to be returned to the towns.
- The summer resort season was beginning and minutes were likely to be delayed.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # V.)

A. Town Meeting Update

All town meetings had reached a positive vote in regards to school budgets and regional inclusion. The UIRSC noted some Aquinnah hearsay on the Statutory versus Regional assessment formulas as well as a possible separate Aquinnah district supported by Federal Impact Aid.

B. ARRA Issues

The Commonwealth was facing a \$418,000,000 shortfall which would reduce the June 2009 UIRSD Chapter 70 payment by about \$88,000. To maintain level funding for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09), Gov. Patrick would use American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to cover the shortfall. A grant application was required on short notice and had been completed and submitted by Business Administrator Amy Tierney over the weekend. This move would mean less such funds for FY10 and FY11. ARRA revenue continued to be delayed, reduced and unpredictable.

- FY10 Ch. 71 transportation reimbursement was likely to be at 40-50% (not 70-80%) and a similar reduction was predicted for Circuit Breaker revenue.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # IV.)

A. Diane Gandy – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

Principal Diane Gandy sent her apologies for her unavoidable absence.

B. Michael Halt – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

• *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE THIRD ANNUAL WEST TISBURY SCHOOL FOURTH GRADE OVERNIGHT AT FELIX NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IN EDGARTOWN FRIDAY JUNE 19, 2009; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

• Ten seventh graders would travel to Cape Cod to attend Non-Traditional Career Day.

• The upper level windows should be removed and repaired rather than caulked. Falmouth Architect Geoffrey Koper would draft specs.

• About 100,000 uninvited student termites had been discovered in the school due to a lack of galvanized steel flashing in the windows. County Pest Control Officer T.J. Hegarty had been very responsive and helpful, and the building was being checked for further infestation.

- The possibility of holding the contractor responsible for the lack of flashing was discussed particularly as the same contractor was currently renovating the West Tisbury Town Hall. The UIRSC considered various other funding sources for the repairs including the Terminix contract (see 3/27/00 Minutes p. 3 & 5/15/00 Minutes p.2-3).

Old / New / Other Business (Agenda Item # VII.)

A. Chilmark Head of School Process

The schedule and procedure for the final interviews was briefly reviewed. A UIRSC meeting to consider the final choice would be posted for Thursday, May 21st at 6:30PM. There was a brief discussion finding candidates within the MVPS and Marshall Segall quipped that he moved the Martha's Vineyard Public School become a single district.

Personnel

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME CHILMARK AND WEST TISBURY SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER HOLLY PENNINGTON; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. (Ms. Pennington has been out on family medical leave for two years.)

West Tisbury School Lease

The lease should be signed and renewed each year and was a legal necessity for such things as grants, the wind turbine project, etc. It was proposed that the UIRSC lease the building but that the Town retain the termite.

• *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR MARSHALL SEGALL TO SIGN A LEASE ON BEHALF OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL FOR THE LAST YEAR OF THE EXTENSION; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

• Roxanne Ackerman raised the issue of the MVRHS college oriented guidance counseling in regards to Wampanoag students. The UIRSC discussed factors and remediation including the new teacher evaluation process.

• Skip Manter raised a number of points.

- He requested UIRSC members look more closely at warrant bills and expressed discomfort with public perception for bills for refreshments for teacher / school celebrations.

- He protested the lack of West Tisbury representation in the Chilmark Head of School search.

• Tribal Education Director Heidi Vanderhoop was invited to send any Department bulletins to the UIRSD for distribution. In addition the UIRSD offered its assistance in grants and fund raising.

- The UIRSC again expressed their pleasure at the joint meeting and invited the community to attend all other UIRSC meetings.

• The next meetings of the UIRSC:

- 5:00PM Monday, June 29, 2009 at West Tisbury School

- Monday, September 21, 2009 at Aquinnah with WTGH(A) Ed. Community.

• Related Meetings/Events:

West Tisbury School Graduation – 6:30PM Thursday, June 18, at the Agricultural Hall

Chilmark School Graduation – 10:00AM Friday June 19, 2009 at the Chilmark School.

Adjournment

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:51PM; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

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Documents on File:

Agenda 5/18/09

UIRSD Sign In Sheet 5/18/09

UIRSD Expenditure July 1, 2008 to May 17, 2009

Expenditure Report General Fund – FY 2005-2006 (11 p.) 5/15/06

Education Department Newsletter

Ala Cart Lunch Program Fund Balance Report

Chilmark School Principal's Report (2 p.) 5/18/09

 Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.) June 2009

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report 5/18/09

 W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report (2 p.) 5/18/09

Lease 9/30/08 – Town of West Tisbury (8 p.) 5/17/09

These Minutes approved as amended June 29, 2009.

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
6:30PM, Thursday, May 21, 2009
Chilmark School**

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Present: Marshall Segall, Chair
Dan Cabot
Susan Parker
Roxanne Ackerman
Skipper Manter

Also Present: Supt. James H. Weiss
Community Members, Staff

Marshall Segall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM following the final candidate interview for the Head of School of the Chilmark School.

The various members offered their feelings of the three final candidates – Susan Kluver, Susan Stevens and Deborah Hammett. Skipper Manter again voiced his concerns about filling the position.

Members of the audience were offered an opportunity to share their opinions.

The Superintendent indicated that he would make the decision next week (May 26 – 29). The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Weiss, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

These Minutes approved as written June 29, 2009.

All-Island School Committee of the 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, June 8, 2009 7:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room

Present:

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

Others

Shared Prog. Of.	Supt. Jim Weiss Business Administrator – Amy Tierney Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr. – Laurie Halt
Principals	Tisbury – Richard Smith West Tisbury – Michael Halt,
Staff	Edg. Sch. – Donna Lowell-Bettencourt

Press:

Tom Mayhew - MVTV
Janet Hefler - MV Times

Recorder

Marni Lipke

* Late arrivals or early departures

Policies – in Individual Committees

(Agenda Item # V)

A. Parental Visitation – 3rd Reading

(See documents on file.)

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

B. Student Travel Policy – 2nd Reading

(See documents on file.)

To promote an open and lively debate the All Island School Advisory Council had requested a policy to bring some consistency, control and guidelines to disparate travel and fundraising practices throughout the Island schools. The Policy and Procedures included major changes.

- All student travel would be school supported, sponsored and within MV Public School (MVPS) regulations in regards to financial accounting, responsibility, authority and liability.
- School nursing staff would get prior notice on all health issues before any field trips.
- All fundraising would be group fundraising with no individual targets and with all funds to be shared by the group and handled through school office. Any funds raised by booster clubs, parent teacher organizations, etc. would be donated to the schools for expenditure on travel.

The discussion covered several issues:

- Some of the Minnesinger community objected to the increased oversight.

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- Edgartown School staff member Donna Lowell-Bettencourt presented a petition and advocated for the current Edgartown fund raising system emphasizing its inclusiveness, efficiency, non-discrimination, and excellent track record (see documents on file).
- Currently Island businesses were often placed in awkward positions in regards to individualized fundraising practices.
- Families under the most stress and possibly the most need were the least likely to be able to participate in any fundraising and these students should not be penalized.
- Liability and publicity associated school trips with the relevant school; whether the trip was officially so sponsored or not.
- Trips such as the Shenandoah cruises could become part of the curriculum by school committee decision.
- Any school district could amend the policy as they saw fit.
- It was suggested that the procedures be amended to require that any student injured on a trip be supervised by trip staff/chaperones while in any medical facility.
- The AISC recessed at 8:39PM to allow the local school committees to vote. It reconvened at 8:41PM.

- 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:*
 - *THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENTAL VISITATION POLICY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION;*

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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.

- 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 PARENTAL VISITATION POLICY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION;*
- *THE SECOND READING OF THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT TRAVEL POLICY;*
- *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.
- *MR. SKIP MANTER 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;*
- *MVRHSC MAY 7, 2009 MINUTES;*
MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:41PM.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 6/8/09
 - Sign In Sheet 6/8/09
 - Parental Visitation Policy – Special Education
 - MVPS Student Travel Policy (3 p.) 4/17/09
 - MVPS Release and Consent Form for International Trips
- We the undersigned staff of the Edgartown School...

These Minutes approved as written September 10, 2009.

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Thursday, June 29, 2009
West Tisbury School, 5:00PM**

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Present: Chair - Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman*,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter, Susan Parker
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney,
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Diane Gandy*,
Staff – Robin Wingate
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order.

Minutes Read and Approved (May 18, 2009 and May 21, 2009) (Agenda item # II)

- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 18, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 21, 2009 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- Progress was being made on replacing the missing documentation for back minutes (see 4/16/09 Minutes p 2).

Financial Report (Agenda Item # IV)

A. Expenditure and Revenues (See documents on file.)

Federal Stimulus moneys have been received in their proper configuration. Chapter 70, 71 and Circuit Breaker reimbursements had either been received or were expected. Other end of the fiscal year invoicing and assessments would be met and both Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD) sites were at satisfactory minimum balances.

C. Budget Transfers (See documents on file.)

The transfers were reviewed and there was a brief discussion on transfer/budget procedure and trend tracking.

- Residuals in the maintenance lines of both sites resulted when the contracted painter could not be scheduled in a timely manner. West Tisbury School (WTS) also had a residual in landfill fees.
- A Special Education Expenses item (consultant or exceptional expenses) was added at \$11,150.
- The Instructional Copier line was corrected to \$850. Repair money was spent on an old copier and the Supt. Offices was coordinating wholesale prices for Islandwide copier purchases.
- A freeze on supplies during the economic crisis would be made up now at the end of FY09.

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• *DAN CABOT MOVED APPROVAL OF THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL BUDGET FUND TRANSFERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 AS OF JUNE 29, 2009; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* Skip Manter objected to the purchase of supplies.

- Some Chilmark maintenance had been deferred but will proceed next year. The traffic speed signs were found to be entirely the responsibility of the UIRSD (rather than split with the police).

• Dan Cabot and Skip Manter emphasized the importance of preserving the building maintenance schedule to avoid more serious expenses; even when budgets were tight some other way should be found to fund building upkeep.

• *DAN CABOT FURTHER MOVED APPROVAL OF THE CHILMARK SCHOOL BUDGET FUND TRANSFERS AS OF JUNE 29, 2009; SUSAL PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

B. E and D Review and Approval (See documents on file.)

• 2008 Excess & Deficiency (E & D) funds were certified and available in Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) (see 4/16/09 Minutes p. 3).

D. Review Bus Purchase Capital Fund (See documents on file.)

• Bus purchase results came slightly short of the encumbered funds:

- 10 UIRSD buses traded in for \$10-12,000 each,

- 6 buses purchased at \$94,000 each with the Special Education (SpEd) bus at \$98,000

- a hybrid Prius purchased at \$21,000.

• FY08 end of the year purchase order changes left a slight deficit.

• *DAN CABOT MOVED EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY FUND AUTHORIZATION:*

- *TO REAFFIRM UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUS VOTE TO ENCUMBER \$160,000 FOR THE FY 2010 UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET,*

- *TO EXPEND \$28,759 ON CAPITAL PURCHASES OF BUSES AND VEHICLES,*

- *TO COVER FISCAL YEAR 2008 PRIOR YEAR EXPENSES AT \$59.47;*

SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

• *ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO REDUCE THE AQUINNAH ASSESSMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE \$2,087.59 IMPACT AID 2009 VOUCHER #2; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* (See 4/16/09 Minutes p. 2 # V and p.3 # A.)

Principal's Report (Agenda item # V.)

A. Diane Gandy – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

• In her final report Principal Diane Gandy reviewed the building issues.

- It was suggested that the landscaper be approached to cover an expensive window pane broken by a rock thrown up from their riding motor.

• Graduation went well and thanks were extended to all those who came.

• The garden was a big success and would be cared for during the summer.

- Hiring and enrollment projections were reviewed. Two children were leaving, but a family was expected to move to town from England.
- Transition issues were briefly discussed.
- Prin. Gandy enjoyed her roller coaster tenure and was glad to be a part of the wonderful school system. The UIRSC gave her a round of applause and wished her well.

B. Michael Halt – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

- Prin. Michael Halt thanked Robin Wingate for her attendance.
- He also noted that the final month of June – despite a late closing date – was a very strong month for quality education and academic learning as well as some fun trips.
- The new 8th Grade Algebra program was a great success and scored well in the Islandwide assessment and MV Regional High School Honors Math class placements. Middle and High school math curriculums were discussed.
 - Common assessments were very successful and 8th grade civics and Spanish were also commended.
- He thanked all those who attended the graduation, noting staff comments on the character and achievement of this particular Eighth Grade class.
 - The class raised money for their trip to England and their graduation expenses.
- Kindergarten enrollment projections were back up to 21 for the coming year.
- Assistant Principal Bob Lane reported that this year's trip to England was best not only in terms of enjoyment but also student and adult behavior, weather, souvenirs, etc.
- Prin. Halt thanked everyone for their support over the year.
- Later in the meeting Prin. Halt requested reimbursement for a fifth grade teacher taking a two day August 2009 Everyday Math workshop (travel would be by MV Public Schools vehicle). The Teacher's contract provided either \$100 or the full amount, as voted by the School Committee.
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE \$695 FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S / SHARED SERVICES OFFICE PROFESSIONAL ENHANCEMENT FUND AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR ROOM, BOARD AND TUITION FOR A WEST TISBURY SCHOOL FIFTH GRADE TEACHER TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND WORKSHOP ON EVERYDAY MATH; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # IV.)

- Chapter 71 - Regional transportation funds for FY10 might be 52%, which would be about \$20-30,000 short for the UIRSD.
- In addition there will probably be a 2% cut in Chapter 70 reimbursements. There was a brief discussion on State legislative politics, and the UIRSC thanked Supt. Weiss for his grid on legislative process.
- Three selectmen would join the school committee Negotiations Team. Besides the three UIRSC voting representatives, the three Up Island Towns would each send a representative to the team, but only one could vote.

Personnel (Agenda Item # VI.)

C. Resignation (See documents on file.)

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF WEST TISBURY SCHOOL LIBRARY ASSISTANT VALERIE PLANT; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- It was hoped her replacement would also be a part-time technologist.

B. Leave of Absence Requests

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE:*
 - *A MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO FOURTH GRADE WEST TISBURY TEACHER REBECCA SOLWAY, AND*
 - *A ONE YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO PARAPROFESSIONAL EMILY HACKETT WHO WAS IN A PROJECT HEADWAY GRANT FUNDED POSITION;*
- MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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

- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO APPROVE NON-UNION SALARY INCREASES FOR THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AS PROPOSED; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED, 4 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* Skip Manter objected to those earning more than \$100,000 getting more than a 2% raise.

Old / New / Other Business (Agenda Item # VII.)

A. Update on West Tisbury Facility Issue

- See documents on file and 5/18/09 Minutes p. 3 #IV B.
- The windows were being individually spec'd by an engineer so that all bids would have the same criteria. Having exhausted both school and municipal insurance coverage the next step was to approach the West Tisbury Board of Selectmen and contractor Scanlon (now working on the West Tisbury Town Hall renovation).
- In a similar process the upper level windows were being spec'd and would be put out to bid depending on the repair/replacement cost.
- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATION TO PROCEED AS PROPOSED ON THE WEST TISBURY BUILDING WINDOW REMEDIATION PROJECT(S).** The projects were expected to be funded out of the FY10 WTS Special Maintenance line. The windows would have to be repaired this summer in time for school opening.
- Skip Manter commended Business Administrator Amy Tierney for keeping E & D expenditures to a minimum.
- Susan Parker reminded the UIRSC about their tradition to purchase and inscribe library books in honor of retirees.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

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Documents on File:

Agenda 6/29/09

UIRSD Expenditure July 1, 2008 to June 29, 2009

UIRSD WT General Fun budget Transfers Requested 6/29/09

Chilmark School Principal's Report 6/29/09

Chilmark Times (16 p.) Spring/Summer 2009

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report 6/29/09

Guide to Martha's Vineyard School's Out! (44 p.) Summer 2009

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 6/29/09

Supt. Weiss Memo re: Non-Union Salaries – FY10 6/11/09

Geoffrey Koper letter re: Termite/Water Damage: Inspection, Suggested Scope of Repair Work
(4 p.) 5/28/09

Outline Specification – WTS West Tisbury Termite/Rot Damage Remedial Work (6 p.) 5/24/09

These Minutes approved as written October 19, 2009.

All-Island School Committee of the 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

Shared Prog. Of.	Supt. Jim Weiss Business Administrator – Amy Tierney Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instr. – Laurie Halt Dir. Student Support Services – Dan Seklecki
Principals	West Tisbury – Michael Halt,
Others	Warren Gosson,
Press:	Tom Mayhew - MVTV Janet Hefler - MV Times Megan Dooley - Vineyard Gazette
Recorder	Marni Lipke * Late arrivals or early departures

Policies

(Agenda Item # V)

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

The policy had been amended:

- to allow individual school committees to waive the fundraising policy although in general a uniform communal student fundraising approach was preferred.
- to insure an adult would remain with any traveling student staying in a remote hospital,
- 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.

All-Island School Committee of the 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

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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.

All-Island School Committee of the 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
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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,*
 - *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:*
 - *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 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

- MVPS Student Travel Policy (3 p.) 6/29/09
 - MVPS Release and Consent Form for International Trips
- Cyber Bullying Policy (2 p.)

These Minutes approved as written October 8, 2009.

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Thursday, September 21, 2009 5:00PM
Wampanoag Tribal Administration Building,
Aquinnah, Massachusetts**

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Present: Chair - Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman*,
Dan Cabot, Susan Parker
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt, Amy Tierney,
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Susan Stevens,
Wampanoag Tribe – Heidi VanDerHoop
Press: Janet Hefler
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order. Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) Chair Marshall Segall welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for meeting with the Wampanoag Education Dept. at the Tribal Administration Building.

Discussion with Tribe (Agenda item # II)

- Tribal Education Director Heidi Vanderhoop handed out new curriculums on Health and Diabetes to UIRSD school committee members, administrators and staff (see documents on file). There was a discussion on how the units might fit in to the UIRSD health curriculums, which were briefly outlined. There were new reporting requirements for students at risk of diabetes according to their Body Mass Index (BMI). Some proactive steps had been taken such as the Farm to Schools initiative, increased Physical Education time and new wellness policies.
- The principals reported parental, staff and student interest in increased Wampanoag performances, education presentations, etc. Noted events included the September Powow, Cranberry Day, the Arts program, Cultural Center weekend activities, the Tribal store, and the Wampanoag Cultural Potluck dinner, (next date about 6:00PM October 13).
- Tribal enrollment was estimated as: Chilmark School – 3 students, West Tisbury School (WTS) – 25 students, Islandwide 82 students (including the Charter School). It was important for families to identify themselves on school enrollment forms as belonging to the Tribe; this increased the accuracy of tribal enrollment counts and impacted Federal and State subsidies to the Schools.
- Tribal and School administrators hoped to collaborate on Title 7 grant spending.
- Supt. Weiss thanked the Tribe for their extra efforts in approving the Policies and Procedures last year and the schedule for this year's review and approval process was set for early December.
- The UIRSC thanked Heidi Vanderhoop for her attention, attendance and hospitality.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # III)

The minutes were still in summer backlog.

Financial Report

(Agenda Item # IV)

A. Expenditure and Revenue Report

The budgets had been encumbered and there was nothing exceptional to report so early into the Fiscal Year (except below B. Revenue Shortfall).

- Chilmark School continued without a Spanish teacher filling the gap with an Artist in Residence and other enrichment programs.
- WTS hiring went well and did not cost more than expected.

B. Revenue Shortfall

Mass. State dropped Chapter 70 reimbursement by 2% and current predictions put Chapter 71 (transportation) reimbursement as low as 38-42%. This would leave the UIRSD about \$131,000 in deficit for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10). However true figures would not be known until the first State payments, and Charter School enrollment figures were received. Principals and schools were put on notice as to frugality and spending freezes. The status of Excess and Deficiency (E & D) and School Choice revenues was reviewed.

- The UIRSC reminded the principals that School Choice students could be picked up at designated school bus stops on pre-existing routes.

Principals' Report

B. Michael Halt – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

- The school system experienced an email glitch this week although WTS was exempt due to previous security measures.
- MCAS results were very impressive ranking in the top 5 or 10 schools in the state in many areas, especially in 8th grade Science where commendations went to Science teacher Karl Nelson. It was noted that those teachers who taught the standards were much more successful than those who ignored the standards and then did intensive MCAS prep classes just before the tests.
- The Music Works Everyday program (see below Chilmark) was stalled due to a problem with public address system IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UIRSC THAT COSTS AND OPTIONS BE EXPLORED TO RECTIFY/UPDATE THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM CAPABILITIES.
- School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings would start on the second Thursday in October (10/8/09).
- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE STUDENT TRAVEL TO THE ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE BOSTON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE ON OCTOBER 5, 2009; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- In reviewing enrollment/school choice configuration it was noted that about 90% of school choice students were UIRSD students who were choosing to remain in the schools after the families moved to other Island towns. Of those “choicing” in from other towns the bulk were upper/middle school students.
- Feedback from a parent on the new Travel/Fundraising Policy (see 6/8/09 Minutes p. 1-2 #V B) was reported and discussed. There was general agreement that the UIRSC and Administrators favored communal student fundraising with all funds shared equally regardless of student/family participation in fundraising events – particularly as often those least able to participate in fundraising were those most in need.
 - Any request for a change in the policy should be addressed to the UIRSC by a sponsoring parent organization.

A. Susan Stevens – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

- The Music Works Everyday program started today and was a great success. The entire school (students and all staff) stopped to listen to the presentation and music. Students would be attending a Cape Cod Symphony concert as a field trip. Tickets to the Boston Symphony Orchestra rehearsals were offered and possible music presentations at the School by the program instigator were also a possibility. Prin. Stevens had applied for grants to cover any expenses.
- Repairs and maintenance were discussed at length including: window repair, door replacement/installation, dehumidifiers to reduce boiler rust, and failed water testing.
- As agreed (see 11/17/08 Minutes p.2-3 # V A) Assistant WTS Principal Bob Lane and WTS custodians were familiarizing themselves with the Chilmark School and providing substitute coverage.
- The Shenandoah trip was a success despite a mix-up in dates.
- Prin. Stevens asked for four MV Regional High School students on community service credits to provide childcare for Meet the Principal / Curriculum nights.
- End-of-school-day procedures were greatly improved by the institution of a dismissal bell.
- Marshall Segall offered the services of his guest, a cross-cultural Piaget psychologist from Geneva, Switzerland to the MV Public School (MVPS) community and Tribal Education Department.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # VI.)

A. School Opening

Superintendent Weiss commended both principals for a smooth opening day despite last minute issues at both schools (see above # V A and below # VIII A)

B. Chapter 71 Request

There was a dearth of bus drivers although more were being trained.

Personnel (Agenda Item # VII.)

A. Resignation

DAN CABOT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF WEST TISBURY PARAPROFESSIONAL DIANA CASEY; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

B. Retirement

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RETIREMENT OF WEST TISBURY SCHOOL SECRETARY GLORIA JANE SYLVA AND TO THANK HER FOR FINISHING OUT THE SCHOOL YEAR; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Old / New / Other Business (Agenda Item # VII.)

A. Update on West Tisbury Building Issue (See documents on file.)

WTS Assistant Principal Bob Lane reported on the status of the windows / termite extermination which has become a complex capital problem with “a cast of thousands”. During the ensuing discussion the administrators explained the need for expert/architect’s advice on proper remediation, cost and time frame. Commendations went to the Scanlon brothers for their research into the history of the problem and their exceptional help in temporary external repairs in time for opening day. The administration would return to the UIRSC with options and costs including UIRSD versus West Tisbury Town warrant possibilities.

B. Other

- Sandy Shapiro of the West Tisbury Energy Committee (see 11/13/07 Minutes p.3 # III) has been persistent with grant applications, and with the help of MVPS Business Administrator Amy Tierney was successful in winning a feasibility study grant for a wind turbine on WTS grounds to supply 70% of WTS energy. The UIRSD expenditure was minimal and a report was expected shortly. The UIRSC thanked both Amy Tierney and Sandy Shapiro.
- Dan Cabot reported on the Vineyard Energy Project shift from ground-based turbines to an off-shore wind farm that would supply the energy needs of the whole Island with a 2012 time frame.
- Next meetings of the UIRSC:
 - 5:00PM Monday, October 19, 2009 at the Chilmark School
 - December meeting at Aquinnah with WTGH(A) Ed. Community re: policy/procedures.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:18PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 9/21/09

Sign In Sheet 9/21/09

Health is Life in Balance : Grades K-2 Diabetes education in Tribal Schools

Health is Life in Balance : Grades 3-4 Diabetes education in Tribal Schools 394 p.

All Life Is Connected: Lifestyle, Environment, and Diabetes, Diabetes education in Tribal Schools

5-6 Social Studies 156 p.

Life In Balance, Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools 7-8 Social Studies

Diabetes and American Indian/Alaska Native Health Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools 9-12 Health

A Balancing Act: Preventing Diabetes: Education in Tribal Schools 7-8 Science (226 p.)

Health for Native Life and American Studies

Diabetes-Based Education in Tribal Schools (DETS) Frequently Asked Questions (4 p.)

Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools: Health is Life in Balance DETS A K-12 Curriculum *brochure* (2 p.) 4/8/09

UIRSD Expenditure July 1, 2009 to September 21, 2009

Expenditure Report General Fund – FY 2005-2006 (11 p.) 5/15/06

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report (2 p.) 9/21/09

09/14/09 WTS Year of Graduation Numbers

WTS Students by Town 09/14/09

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 9/21/09

Chilmark School Principal's Report (2 p.) 9/21/09

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**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, October 19, 2009
West Tisbury School, 5:00PM**

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Present: Chair - Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman*,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter*, Susan Parker
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Susan Stevens,
Boreal: Tom Michelman, Alex Weck
WT Energy Committee: Warren Hollinshead,
Greg Orcutt, Sandy Shapiro
Community: J. C. Murphy, Pat Hughes
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order.

Minutes Read and Approved (June 29 and September 21) (Agenda item # II)

• *DAN CABOT MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 29, 2009 AND SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 MINUTES; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Presentation of Turbine Feasibility Study - Boreal (Agenda item # III)

Thanks to Sandy Shapiro the feasibility study grant for the proposed wind turbine for West Tisbury School electricity (see 11/13/07 Minutes p. 3-4 #III) had been awarded on the second round (see 9/21/09 Minutes p. 4 #B). The Boreal Co. presented the highlights of the study (see documents on file) and the Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) explored a number of issues. *(This discussion is reported by topic for clarity – rather than chronologically).*

- Neighborhood concerns with views, shadow flicker effect and noise were demonstrated to be within reason although a noise study was necessary to determine if the 49 decibel turbine would fall within the required 10 decibel rise ceiling.
- Noise levels were seasonally variable, i.e. the test might fail in the winter, but pass during the summer with the addition of leaves in the trees, traffic, etc.
- In consideration of the neighborhood, noise could be modified by restricting hours, restricting use to certain wind speeds, etc. In addition excess energy could be directed to neighboring houses.
- A study was in process to see if the recommended turbine could be transported to the Island.
- Wind speed samplings were taken from a 2007-08 study in Tisbury and velocities were less than expected. However, the data was flawed and not necessarily applicable to the chosen location. Better wind resource data could be collected but another test tower was probably not cost effective.
- The recommended turbine generated 250 KW and was 215 ft. high. Larger turbines were not appropriate to the site as Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations allowed only 235 ft. at this location.
- The Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) District of Critical Planning (DCPC) declaration effected water based turbines; a proposed land based turbine DCPC height cut off was expected to be just above the recommended model.

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- The total “turn-key” cost was estimated at \$1,000,000 which hopefully would be about 40% grant funded. Maintenance costs were about \$14,000 per year. The pay back period would be 8.5 years, but a slight increase in wind (2-3 mph more) would about cut that in half. On the other hand bond rates were the lowest in 15-20 years and any rise would lengthen the payback period.
- Excess energy could be sold back into the grid and/or directed to certain locations, however the process was complex and limited.
- Town political considerations such as UIRSC internal decisions, West Tisbury building inspector/bylaw status, and neighborhood concerns, had to be negotiated and concluded.
- Project risks included: wind resource, bond rates, regulatory hurdles, noise levels. Other project stoppers were: inability to transport the turbine, and loss of grant moneys.
- The next Mass. State grant deadline was April 2010; the UIRSC debated timing of the next steps.
- The final report (with the transportation study) would be submitted within the next few weeks.
- A meeting with all abutters and relevant town boards could be scheduled to keep them informed of progress and ask permission to collect noise data on their properties.
- Sandy Shapiro had solicited three bids on a 7 day noise study. After considerable debate on funding sources, economic climate, Excess and Deficiency (E & D) status, grant application strength, and timing:
- *ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO WITHDRAW UP TO \$10,000 FROM E & D FOR A SOUND STUDY FOR THE WIND TURBINE PROJECT PENDING A POSITIVE TRANSPORTATION OUTCOME; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- The UIRSC was reminded that the project would not only cut electricity costs to the school but had considerable environmental and educational advantages.
- The UIRSC thanked Boreal for their excellent presentation and the West Tisbury Energy Committee for their attendance and attention.

Chair Marshall Segall reported briefly on his great experience participating in the Martha’s Vineyard Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby.

Financial Report (Agenda Item # IV)

A. Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

This early in the Fiscal Year there were no significant issues.

B. Revenue

All member towns had paid their first quarter assessments and Mass. State Chapter 70 revenues were as expected, i.e. 2% below Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) levels.

The budget meeting schedule was set:

Thursday, November 5th 5:00 West Tisbury School – Preliminary budget review,

Thursday, November 12th 5:00 West Tisbury School - West Tisbury site budget,

Monday, November 16th 5:00 Chilmark School – Chilmark site budget,

Monday, November 16th 6:00 Chilmark School – Regular UIRSC meeting.

Wednesday, December 9th 5:00 West Tisbury School - Public Hearing on FY11 UIRSD Budget

Monday, December 21st 5:00 Aquinnah? - Regular UIRSC meeting and budget certification.

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The UIRSC gave general directions on the FY11 budget.

- General town guidelines and the economic climate indicated that budgets should be kept to status quo, the only increases being steps, lane changes, longevity and health insurance. Everything else should be at least level funded. (Roxanne Ackerman strongly objected to the constant rise in health insurance rates).
- The reduction in the Supt. Office based UIRSD financial assistant hours would mean that although bills would be paid and records kept, responses to queries would be delayed and support for Business Administrator Amy Tierney would be reduced. Job sharing with local school staff was not feasible.
- Principals should look hard at ways to combine/reduce staff, work regionally and examine class sizes for possible consolidation.
- The UIRSC liked last year's presentation of graduated cuts (see 12/4/08 Minutes).
- Both Principals were asked to attend all budget meetings.
- A letter from the West Tisbury Finance Committee requesting school budget reductions was read into the record (see documents on file).

The UIRSD October 1 super census was used to calculate UIRSD assessment formulas (see documents on file). Another column with totals was requested – although it was explained the totals would be complex stats.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # V.)

A. Susan Stevens – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

The ongoing facility problems had now shifted to window and door failures. The manufacturer had sent replacements in keeping with the warranty but installation costs were substantial (2 estimates and a refusal had been received). Skip Manter suggested the doors and windows should not be wood as maintenance costs were too high.

• *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$33,000 FOR THE WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND THE DOOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT MIGHT HAVE TO COME FROM EXCESS & DEFICIENCY; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED 4 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- A dry well in the playground had been more securely covered and marked by a bench.
- The pizza fundraiser was over-subscribed.
- The next School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting would be October 22nd at 5:30PM.
- The Student-of-the-Week program was turning out to be a big success.
- A new piano was entirely free, from acquisition to moving to tuning.

B. Michael Halt – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

There was nothing new to report except a great learning month.

- Although the Supt. Office Shared Services reductions in Islandwide Athletics and Music would have little or no impact, the loss of Felix Neck which benefited all students was substantial. Prin. Halt proposed cutting the fourth grade theater program to pay for the Felix Neck program.

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Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # VI.)

A. New Conflict of Interest Law (See documents on file.)

All employees, consultants, contractors, volunteers, etc. were now required to take an on line training and submit documentation on a yearly basis. There was some protest over the constantly increasing and unfunded paperwork burden.

Old / New / Other Business (Agenda Item # VII.)

A. Update on West Tisbury Building Issue

As previously reported all windows have been closed up and were in good shape for the winter – except Room 112 which leaked in southerly storms. The Administration was in the process of finding an architectural firm, having solicited recommendations from the Town and Scanlon. It was important to make the repairs thorough and correct so that the problem would not recur.

Adjournment

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:20PM; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

Documents on File:

Agenda 10/19/09

West Tisbury School Draft Wind Turbine Feasibility Study (73 p.) 10/09

UIRSD Expenditure July 1, 2009 to October 19, 2009

Combined Up-Island Pupil Enrollment Census October 1, 2009 (2 p.) 10/19/09

FinCom letter re: difficult economic times 10/18/09

Chilmark School Principal's Report

Chilmark Times

Bell Tower Monthly Notes (3 p.) October 2009

October calendar

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 10/19/09

UK @US 09 October 2009 calendar 9/25/09

MVPS Off. Of the Supt. of Schools letter re: Municipal Employee Ethics Training (6 p.)

These Minutes approved as written November 16, 2009.

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Thursday, November 5, 2009
West Tisbury School, 5:00PM**

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Present: Chair – Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman,
Skipper J. Manter, Susan Parker
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Susan Stevens,
Staff: Judy Boykin-McCarthy,
SAC/PTO: Cynthia Bermudes
Community - Ellie Vanderhoop
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Workshop

The meeting was called to order.

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) considered the worksheets and background information for Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) (see all documents on file).

- A base budget showing:
 - staff as status quo with steps, lanes and longevity,
 - a 12% health insurance rise (which accounted for a large portion of the 0.81% total budget rise),
 - a 5% dental insurance rise,
 - projected rises in the Dukes County Retirement System, workmen's comp, unemployment, etc.
 - the Superintendent's Shared Services Office budget at 1.9%, and
 - debt insurance.
- A number of insurance issues were explored:
 - student insurance rates, deductibles, coverage, option for children's primary insurance, athletics;
 - property insurance rise;
 - vehicle insurance;
 - grouping insurance together to see total costs.
 - After a discussion around retirements as a district-wide responsibility versus health/dental insurance, etc. as a site based responsibility,
- **SUSAN PARKER MOVED THAT ALL EXPENSES FOR RETIREES BE MOVED TO THE DISTRICTWIDE PART OF THE BUDGET; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 2 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.** Mr. Manter did not think this was the right time to do it.
- Staff was considered in terms of savings, increases and flexibility.
 - Teacher and administration statistics should be added to the Elementary School Data worksheet.
 - Hopefully the Library inventory stipend would not be necessary,
 - The school physician expenses had been shifted to the Supt.'s Office,

- As the Supt.'s Of. UIRSD financial assistant hours had been cut, forms of remediation were considered: pay for the extra hours, combine an office secretary/bookkeeper at the West Tisbury School (WTS) site.
- The UIRSC discussed reducing the number of school secretaries, the burden this would place on administrators and comparisons with other Island schools.
- This draft assumed a 0% Cost of Living raise. The UIRSC emphasized how important the negotiations were.
- Skip Manter again expressed a wish that debt be separated from the operating budget.
- A preliminary review of revenues showed:
 - a reduction in interest,
 - reduction in School Choice (in a first for the WTS more students were choosing out than in),
 - a projected, precipitous drop to 29% in Chapter 71 Transportation reimbursement – although there was a strong lobby for these funds,
 - a probable drop in Circuit Breaker funds – which would not effect the UIRSD much.
- The UIRSD asked that revenue be very conservatively estimated (e.g. Ch. 71 at 29%).
- In preliminary assessments Aquinnah profited from reduced enrollment but assessments were up across the board due to reductions in Mass. State revenues which more than made up for cuts in expenses.
- As she could not be present for the next few meetings Susan Parker advocated for preserving the richness of UIRSD education and retaining programs—including the 4th grade theater project.
- The wind turbine project was moving ahead slowly but was not likely to impact FY11.
- The UIRSC considered this a good first overall look at FY11 and asked principals to look at staffing groups and sharing, expense lines and to be mindful of the decline in population.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM.

Documents on File:

Posting

UIRSD Employee List 2010-2011 For FY11 Budgeting Purposes Only – Draft #1

(4 p.) 11/5/08

UIRSD FY11 Proposed Budget Draft #1 (6 p.) 11/5/09

UIRSD FY2011 Assessment – Draft #1 (2 p.) 11/5/09

Elementary School Data for 2009-2010 (2 p.) 10/1/09

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**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Thursday, November 12, 2009
West Tisbury School, 5:00PM**

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Present: Acting Chair – Dan Cabot, Roxanne Ackerman,
Skipper J. Manter,
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Susan Stevens,
Parents: Cynthia Bermudes, Sarah Vail
Recorder: Marni Lipke

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Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Workshop

The meeting was called to order.

- The wind turbine feasibility study with the transportation report was expected by early next week.

West Tisbury School (WTS) Principal Michael Halt with MV Public Schools (MVPS) Business Administrator Amy Tierney proposed the following changes (see documents on file).

- Reduce fuel by \$10,000 mostly due to a good fuel pricing contract and more efficient boilers, but also to energy savings such as lowering thermostats. (Seekonk had just finished the annual boiler tune up and repaired some thermostat issues.)
- By increasing the hours of two part-time Special Education (SpEd) teachers a third part-time SpEd teacher could be eliminated – saving the price of a benefits package. Discussion touched on retaining valued teachers, dropping enrollment / rising SpEd population, and certification.
 - In this economic climate MV Public Schools (MVPS) could not afford to engage multiple part-time staff to fill full time positions as it not only multiplied benefit packages but also advertising, hiring and training costs.
- Retiring School Secretary Gloria Sylvia's replacement was projected at a lower salary without longevity. An exploration on further reducing secretarial staff covered reporting requirements, comparisons with other schools, and the increased burden on Administrators.
- Graduating students allowed for elimination of SpEd differential pay for three paraprofessionals. Paraprofessionals helped the WTS fulfill its SpEd requirements however the law allowed some flexibility in coverage. In talking about small classes there was some consensus for:
 - increased class sizes, *or*
 - decreases in paraprofessional staff, and/or
 - creative sharing or scheduling to reduce costs.
- The Library Stipend was restored as previous non-payment was in error (see 11/5/09 Minutes p. 1).
- The Crossing Guard line had been increased to account for a shift from a volunteer to paid guard. The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) considered reconfiguring guard locations.
- Different documents showed the projected budget from different perspectives. It was suggested that each document include various other factors through footnotes.
- Regarding on going contract negotiations the Salary Increment pool was set at the protocol for non-settlement, i.e. 0% Cost of Living (COLA), regular steps, lanes and longevity.

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- The budget format had been reconfigured slightly for clarity, combining similar lines in English Language Learners (ELL) and Maintenance. Technology lines language had been updated (eliminating such terms as “audio visual”) and some lines combined or regrouped.
- Outside trim painting had been deferred pending rectification of the window problems (see 5/18/09 Minutes p. 3 #IV B & 9/21/09 Minutes p. 3 #VII A). Frames would probably be replaced with a low maintenance material.
- In a debate re: protesting versus pragmatism on rising health insurance rates ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO TAKE THE 12% HEALTH INSURANCE RISE OUT OF THE BUDGET; THERE WAS NO SECOND.
- As directed retirement costs were moved to the district-wide section (see 11/5/09 Minutes p. 1). The Finance Committee would be informed of the change.
- Assessments had been corrected and reconfigured, but further amendment was needed.
- Some UIRSC members had serious doubts on the stability of Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) Mass. State Chapter 70 revenues.
- WTS had more custodians than any of the other Island elementary schools – some of which had much larger student populations. Chartwell lunch service was suggested as more cost effective.
- The principals spoke about:
 - staff reduction by design rather than attrition,
 - the need for clearer guidelines from the UIRSC, possibly a target percentage rise,
 - whether keeping educational excellence could mean reducing co-curricular subjects (Art, Spanish, Industrial Arts, etc.) or extra curricular activities (sports subsidies, field trips, etc.),
- Dan Cabot requested a graduated list of suggested cuts.
- Skip Manter requested the list not include popular programs that would increase political outrage suggesting trimming rather than elimination. He also requested larger class sizes be considered.

Next meetings:

- Budget Workshop/Regular Meeting - 5:00PM Monday, November 16, 2009 - Chilmark School,
- Public Hearing: 5:00PM Wednesday - December 9, 2009 - West Tisbury School,
- Regular Meeting/Budget Certification - 5:00PM Monday, December 21, 2009 - Aquinnah.

Adjournment

- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 6:53PM; SKIM MANTER SECONDED MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*

Documents on File:

Posting

Elementary School Data for 2009-2010 (2 p.) 11/10 & 12/09

WTS Proposed FY'11 Budget Priorities

UIRSD Employee List 2010-2011 For FY11 Budgeting Purposes Only – Draft #2
(2 p.) 11/12/08

UIRSD FY11 Proposed Budget Draft #2 (10 p.) 11/12/09

UIRSD FY2011 Assessment – Draft #2 (2 p.) 11/12/09

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OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, November 16, 2009
Chilmark School, 5:00PM**

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Present: Chair - Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter,
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Susan Stevens,
Recorder: Marni Lipke

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Fiscal Year 2011 Chilmark Budget Workshop

The meeting was called to order.

Prin. Susan Stevens reminded the UIRSC that she was new to the position. As with the West Tisbury School (WTS) Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) site budget the Chilmark School FY11 site budget draft had been updated in regards to trending, elimination of unspent lines, outdated language (such as audio visual), etc.

- The largest rise (aside from salary steps and lane changes) was an additional health care package for a staff member (\$22,000).
- After two years the Spanish position (\$16,800) still remained unfilled. The schedule and teachers contract required some co-curricular subject, so Prin. Stevens proposed:
 - The previous Artist In Residence Theater teacher (twice a week \$11,700 / once a week \$8,500),
 - Discovery Friday (\$1,000),
 - Total saving about \$4,300.
- The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) considered:
 - Paraprofessionals as fill-ins,
 - Academic relevance of the new programs,
 - Language program effectiveness and popularity.
- Advertising could be cut as the FY09 line included money for a principal search.
- Islandwide Cultural line was cut throughout the Island.
- English Language Learners (ELL) Translation could be reduced according to trending.
- Mileage reimbursement could be reduced as Prin. Stevens would use it less. Some mileage had been reimbursed through the Rural Education Assistance Program (REAP) grant.
- The Enrichment Program was reduced through the use of REAP grant funds being used to purchase puzzles, games, books etc. for the enrichment niche.
- The Field Trip Contractual line had never been used and the Off Island Field Trip line was also reduced.
- Undistributed Conferences and Workshops line was reduced according to trending.
- The Special Education (SpEd) Substitute line was not being used.
- The SpEd Extra Summer Salary line had been configured in line with projections. The Wampanoag grant funded 2009 summer program drew off a number of UIRSD students. A letter of appreciation would be sent.

- The School Physician was being covered in the Supt. Shared Services budget.
- Telephone maintenance was un-used and alarm maintenance was cut in half in accordance with trending.
- The Audio Visual line was outdated and the money had been shifted to grounds maintenance to cover mowing expenses.
- Health insurance was estimated to go up 12% as well as the additional package.
- The entire FY11 Chilmark Site would be up about \$15,100.
- The Assessment sheet had been corrected. Despite an essentially level funded expenditure (only about \$2000 above FY10) assessments were up over 4% due mostly to Mass. State revenue loss.
- The UIRSC directed the Administration to find reductions to level fund the FY11 UIRSD budget as symbolically important.
- The MV Regional High School (MVRHS) budget was in a similar situation.
- There was a brief discussion on the implications of contract negotiations.
- ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO SEND THE UIRSD FY!! BUDGET FORWARD PENDING THE VOTE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED PROGRAMS OFFICE BUDGET: THERE WAS NO SECOND.
- Acting Chair Dan Cabot strongly requested Skip Manter to present a detailed plan for any large cuts (mentioned at \$1,000,000) at the December 9th Budget Workshop so that the UIRSC could consider them in a timely manner.

Meetings were rescheduled:

- Budget Workshop 5:00PM Wednesday - December 9, 2009 - West Tisbury School,
- Public Hearing/Regular Meeting/Budget Certification - 5:00PM Monday, December 21, 2009 - West Tisbury School.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned to convene the regular UIRSC meeting at 6:29PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 11/16/09

UIRSD FY11 Proposed Budget Draft #3 (10 p.) 11/15/09

UIRSD Employee List 2010-2011 For FY11 Budgeting Purposes Only – Draft #3 11/16/08

UIRSD FY2011 Assessment – Draft #3 (2 p.) 11/16/09

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**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, November 16, 2009
Chilmark School, 5:00PM**

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Present: Chair - Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter,
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Susan Stevens,
Recorder: Marni Lipke

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Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # II)

(October 19, November 5 and November 12, if available)

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 19, 2009 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. .*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 5, 2009 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION- DAN CABOT due to absence.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 12, 2009 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION- MARSHALL SEGALL due to absence.*

Financial Report (Agenda Item # IV)

A. Expenditure Report (See documents on file.) – The FY10 Budget was in good shape.

A. Revenues (See documents on file.)

The Mass. Association of Regional Schools (MARS) had put forward legislation to roll Chapter 71 funds into Chapter 70 to make them more stable.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # IV.)

A. Susan Stevens – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

Prin. Stevens reviewed the report particularly noting the program to collect books signed by Island authors. The initial school library had been moved to the enrichment niche.

- The School Advisory Council (SAC) would meet at 6:00PM Thursday, November 19, 2009.

B. Michael Halt – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

WTS Prin. Michael Halt reviewed the report particularly noting awards:

- Apple Distinguished Educator Award to Sue Miller, Pat Kelley, Valerie Becker and the 5th Grade,
 - MASSCUE presenters Valerie Becker and Sue Miller.
 - The WTS Girls Field Hockey team was 18th out of 122 Mass. State schools.
- To help solve heat regulation problems electric controls were placed on the heating pumps to reduce pressure on the heating valve. There was a brief discussion on the need for expert support versus custodial general knowledge and temporary fixes.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # V.)

The UIRSC protested the waste of paper, time and energy on the required Official State Ethics Commission paperwork.

Old / New / Other Business (Agenda Item # VII.)

A. West Tisbury Building Issue

The request on window repair/replacement garnered widely disparate responses from Scanlon requesting drawings to a firm charging \$4,500 for the proposal itself. The UIRSC discussed the process briefly including the architects in question, funding sources, etc.

- It was suggested the WT Selectmen and Finance Committee be informed of the possible expense in case a place holding warrant article were needed.

B. Wind Turbine Update

The feasibility study was still waiting for the transportation report.

- Quotes on a noise study ranged from \$3,600 to \$7,000, however the least expensive did not include many sites or rounds. The more comprehensive studies were considered politically expedient. The UIRSC discussed other wind projects in process.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 11/16/09

UIRSD Expenditure July 1, 2009 to November 13, 2009

Chilmark School Principal's Report 11/16/09

Bell Tower Monthly Notes (3 p.) November 2009

November *Calendar*

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report (2 p.)

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 11/16/09

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UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Wednesday, December 9, 2009
West Tisbury School, 5:00PM

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Present: Acting Chair - Dan Cabot, Roxanne Ackerman,
Skipper J. Manter, Susan Parker,
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Susan Stevens,
Staff: Judy Boykin McCarthy, Kristie Fletcher, Arik Goff,
Jill Hansen, Molly Hitchings, Theresa Holmes, Carol Petkus.
Victoria Philipps, Sarah Vail,
Parents: Jeremy Berlin, Cynthia Bermudes, Elizabeth Bonneau,
Chantale Légaré – PTO, Richard Williams–SAC,
Susan Mercier - MVRHSC
Recorder: Marni Lipke

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Fiscal Year 2011 West Tisbury Budget Workshop

The meeting was called to order.

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- *SUSAN PARKER MOVED NOT TO CONSIDER OPTION 5 – I.E. CUTTING EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *SUSAN PARKER MOVED NOT TO CONSIDER OPTION 3 – I.E. CUTTING THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO CONSIDER OPTION 1 - I.E. CUTTING ONE DAYTIME CUSTODIAL POSITION AND SHIFTING TO A FOOD SERVICE: DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 1 NAY – ROXANNE ACKERMAN, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED ACCEPT OPTION 4 – I.E. CUTTING THE SPANISH PROGRAM; THERE WAS NO SECOND. The Spanish Program remained in the budget.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ADOPT OPTION 2 - I.E. CUTTING AN EARLY ELEMENTARY TEACHER: DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION FAILED: 2 AYES – DAN CABOT, SKIP MANTER, 2 NAYS – ROXANNE ACKERMAN, SUSAN PARKER.*

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MOTION TO ADJOURN DULY MADE AND SECONDED AT 7:28PM, PASSED BY CONSENSUS.

Documents on File:

Agenda/Posting

UIRSD FY'11 Budget Analysis of Draft #4

UIRSC FY2011 Assessment – Draft #4 12/9/09

UIRSD Based on initial guidance of the UIRSD....

Industrial Technology and Engineering: Status Report (3 p.)

*Actions: Prin. Halt estimate costs of summer custodians,
Amy Tierney estimate cost of Chartwell.*

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Wednesday, December 9, 2009
West Tisbury School, 5:00PM**

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Present: Acting Chair – Dan Cabot, Roxanne Ackerman,
Skipper J. Manter, Susan Parker

Others:

Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney

Principals: Michael Halt, Susan Stevens,

Staff: Lisa Banneaux , Jeremy Berlin,

Christie Fletcher, Eric Goff, Jill Hansen,

Molly Hitchins, Teresa Holmes, Judy McCarthy,

Carol Petkus, Victoria Philipps,

Parents/PTO: Cynthia Bermudes, Chantelle Regardet,
Sarah Vail

Chilmark SAC: Richard Williams

Recorder: Marni Lipke

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Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Workshop

- In a discussion on Excess & Deficiency (E & D) funds it was noted that unexpected cuts in Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) Mass. State revenues might require a draw down from the fund: at the same time continuing Chapter 70 reductions could mean smaller E & D balances.
- The new Industrial Arts teacher was taking the department in a new direction, aligning it with the Science/Technology frameworks and working with a number of regional and national institutional programs such as from the Boston Museum of Science and the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA). Projects included:
 - trust bridges and design,
 - weather monitoring,
 - rocketry challenge, and
 - Odyssey Of the Mind.
- Budget reductions were presented as a number of options (see documents on file) with the goal of a level funded budget retaining good quality education and fiscal economy:

Option1: Loss of Custodian – \$75,000

This would reduce one of the night custodians requiring a different rotation and some loss of service. It was also predicated on a shift from the current lunch program to a subcontractor lunch service (Chartwell). Issues were:

- pros and cons of shifting to a food service and possible hidden costs,
- lunch program alternatives,
- landscaping and summer duties,
- hiring of substitute custodians.

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Option 2: Loss of One Early Elementary Teacher - \$67,000

Due to the single year enrollment drop (see 5/19/08 Minutes p. 3 #IV B) the first and second grade sections could be combined with multi-age and regular sections. Trending showed an increase in the number and severity of special needs students. Issues were:

- all early education teachers were very high quality,
- loss of multi-age training, professional development and expertise,
- retention of paraprofessionals,
- early age crucial learning time and the advantages of smaller class sizes.
- the primary grades would probably need restructuring and/or rehiring by 2012.

Option 3: Loss of Industrial Technology Program - \$33,000

This would put extra pressure on the science (and math) staff (see above p.1). Issues were:

- engineering as fast growing career path,
- loss of alternate learning path for non-academic as well as gifted students,
- comparison with all other Island elementary/middle schools.

Option 4: Loss of Spanish Program - \$98,000

The loss of this program, already reduced to focus on Grades 6 through 8, would mean the Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD) would have no world language program. Issues were:

- lack of student follow through in High School,
- comparison with other Island towns,
- Spanish as a core subject on an elective schedule,
- reconfiguration of the program to reduce hours (only minimal savings),
- finding qualified staff and/or part-time qualified staff.

A general discussion considered other program losses, School Advisory Council recommendations, and which programs serviced the most students.

- Principal Michael Halt stated that he had not consulted parents or staff so as to minimize divisiveness and poor morale; and so that decisions would be based on educational philosophy rather than people and popularity.

Option 5: Loss of After-School/Out of School Extra Curricular Programs \$23,135

This option had been considered previously however the stringent economy now made it a more real option. Issues were:

- enrichment of student life including teamwork, spirit, world experience, alternative options.
- pay as you play policy impact on families in financial straits,
- important physical education components,
- number and costs of field trips.

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Members expressed their preferences in informal straw polls.

- *SUSAN PARKER MOVED NOT TO CONSIDER OPTION 5 – I.E. CUTTING EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *SUSAN PARKER MOVED NOT TO CONSIDER OPTION 3 – I.E. CUTTING THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
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- *SKIP MANTER MOVED ACCEPT OPTION 4 – I.E. CUTTING THE SPANISH PROGRAM; THERE WAS NO SECOND. The Spanish Program remained in the budget.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ADOPT OPTION 2 - I.E. CUTTING AN EARLY ELEMENTARY TEACHER: DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION FAILED: 2 AYES – DAN CABOT, SKIP MANTER, 2 NAYS – ROXANNE ACKERMAN, SUSAN PARKER. The Administration was asked to draft an analysis of summer custodian and Chartwell costs and configurations.*

Next meetings:

- Regular Meeting/Budget Certification - 5:00PM Monday, December 21, 2009 - Aquinnah.

Adjournment

- *MOTION TO ADJOURN DULY MADE AND SECONDED AND PASSED BY CONSENSUS AT 7:28PM.*

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Thursday, December 21, 2009
West Tisbury School, 5:00PM

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Present: Acting Chair – Marshall Segall, Dan Cabot,
Roxanne Ackerman, Skip J. Manter,
Susan Parker,
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Dan Seklecki, Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Bob Lane, Susan Stevens,
Staff: Manual Estrella, Sharon Estrella, Aric Goff,
Theresa Holmes, Jill Lane, Carol Petkus, Sander Shapiro,
Arina Vert
Parents: Cynthia Bermudes, Sarah Vail
WT Energy Com: Sandy Shapiro
Recorder: Marni Lipke *Late arrivals or early departures

Public Hearing (Agenda Item #II)

The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:10PM. Despite many members of the public there were no comments and the Public Hearing was closed at 5:15PM.

Call to Order (Agenda Item #I)

The regular meeting of the Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) was called to order at 5:15PM.

- Sandy Shapiro of the West Tisbury Energy Committee reported that the Wind Turbine did not pass the noise test (see 10/19/09 Minutes p. 1-2 #III and documents on file). An alternative location in front of the West Tisbury School (WTS) was not considered feasible and the Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) reluctantly agreed to put the project on hold for the time being.

Financial Report (See documents on file.) (Agenda Item #IV)

For discussion purposes *ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT ALL FIVE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET REDUCTIONS ITEMS; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION FAILED 1 AYE – SKIP MANTER, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS*. This was considered to be redundant (see 12/9/09 Minutes). Chartwell had not yet sent an estimate on lunch service costs.

It was proposed that private funding might be found for half the Drum Workshop if the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) could come up with other half. PTO President Cynthia Bermudes would present the matter to the membership but could not commit to anything without authorization. Members were reluctant to start piecemeal clipping special programs in each grade.

- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO ELIMINATE THE DRUM WORKSHOP FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET FOR A SAVINGS OF \$5,800; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION FAILED 2 AYES – DAN CABOT, SKIP MANTER; 3 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS*.

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- *SUSAN PARKER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REDUCTION OF ONE EARLY ELEMENTARY TEACHER; AT A SAVINGS OF \$66,629 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET; MOTION SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – MARSHALL SEGALL.* Reluctance centered around the class having a number of difficult students as well as around the high quality of all the WTS early education teachers. Administration could be flexible in shifting staff to fit needs.

The discussion on the Spanish program focused on:

- the design of the Islandwide World Language curriculum including student follow through at the MV Regional High School,

- other Island elementary school Spanish programs,

- the possibility of re-configuring class size, sections and frequency,

- *ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO REDUCE THE SPANISH PROGRAM TO .85 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION FAILED: 2 AYES – ROXANNE ACKERMAN, SKIP MANTER; 3 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Business Administrator Amy Tierney reported, and the UIRSC approved two reductions.

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO REDUCE THE ASSESSMENT TO THE DUKES COUNTY CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY \$16,862; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ELIMINATE THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTANT FOR A SAVINGS OF \$15,274 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTIONS – SUSAN PARKER.*

- This was a persistent recommendation of the Auditors (see 11/3/08 Minutes p. 2). Issues were:
 - budgetary stringency,
 - sufficient UIRSD financial scrutiny considering the cuts in the Supt. Office Budget.

The custodian position was discussed at length.

- technical logistics, day or night shift, first re-hire privileges, etc.

- WTS as the elementary school with the smallest enrollment and most custodians,

- volunteer fire chief duties/absences for the Head Custodian,

- sharing work at the Chilmark School,

- lack of information on the cost of a lunch service.

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO DELAY CERTIFICATION OF THE BUDGET UNTIL THIS ITEM COULD BE RECONSIDERED; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION FAILED: 1 AYE- SKIP MANTER, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO ELIMINATE ONE CUSTODIAN THEREBY REDUCING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET BY \$45,000; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION FAILED: 2 AYES – SUSAN PARKER, DAN CABOT; 2 NAYS – SKIP MANTER, ROXANNE ACKERMAN; 1 ABSTENTION – MARSHALL SEGALL.*

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The above votes represented a reduction of \$98,765 to the FY11 Budget bringing the assessment down to 3.54%.

• *DAN CABOT MOVED TO CERTIFY THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET AT \$8,270,369.34 TO BE ASSESSED AT \$8,114,950.34; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED.*

• Skip Manter objected to the budget because:

- Supt. Shared Services Budget added 2 people and a 2.5 % offset for non-union staff lack of steps;

- staff could be further reduced and class sizes increased;

- even more than previously school choice students meant increased staff;

- the need for so many paraprofessionals was unclear;

- the District had too many principals.

• He opposed cutting a custodian as he was suspicious of government cost saving proposals.

• Prin. Halt responded that :

- most School Choice students were from West Tisbury families who had moved to another town,

- all WTS class sections would be there with or without School Choice students.

A feeling that the budget was still too high re-opened a number of issues.

• WTS had the highest number of paraprofessionals among Island elementary schools. As SpEd specialists (rather than teacher assistants) they were well utilized; however budget challenges in this area would continue.

• Skip Manter again raised the issue of the Chilmark School as duplicating services and underutilizing their building.

• The UIRSC was concerned to learn that when a WTS custodian was sent to the Chilmark School (see 11/17/08 Minutes p.2 # V A) a substitute was hired.

- Concern was also raised over custodial overtime and continuing salary during time spent on volunteer fire dept. work.

- Such a cut would impact student education less than cuts in programs or teaching staff.

• The UIRSC explored parliamentary procedure on reconsidering motions. **THE VOTE WAS CALLED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING IT WOULD BE REVISITED AT THE NEXT UIRSC MEETING.**

• *MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY-SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

• *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO RATIFY THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT FORMULA ASSESSMENT METHOD FOR THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2011 BUDGET; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED; 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – SUSAN PARKER.*

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- The UIRSC, MV Regional High School and Superintendents Shared Services Office budgets would be reviewed the Chilmark Selectmen and FinCom at 6:00PM Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

Principal's Report (Agenda Item #V)

A. Susan Stevens – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

Work on the windows and doors (including a window/ceiling leak in the main room) was completed but turned out to be much more extensive than projected as many of the windows frames were rotted and infested with carpenter ants which had spread into the beams. Prin. Susan Stevens was putting together a punch list to stay ahead of the damage. She extended thanks to Amy Tierney for her help in providing school services.

- Student community service and fund raising included warm clothes collections to be donated to a Boston women's shelter.
- A WTS student won the Turkey Trot.

B. Michael Halt – West Tisbury

Prin. Halt apologized for any lack of tact in some of the previous heated budget discussions.

- Elementary students in various grades had participated in a number of exciting programs such as Lighthouses Around the World; a student written, directed and acted pilgrim presentation; a field trip to the Maritime Museum; and a very successful Thanksgiving turkey dinner drive.
- This week there would be student concerts, first Grades K to 4 and then Grades 5 to 8.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item #VI)

- Earlier in the meeting Student Support Director Dan Seklecki reported on stricter Mass. State enforcement of Special Education (SpEd) accommodations on the MCAS tests. For example, there was some allowance for a person to read the Reading Comprehension Test to certain special needs students; this evaluated comprehension but not reading comprehension. The bulk of the MV Public Schools (MVPS) accommodations were for scribing.
- The updated October 1, 2009 school census was distributed (see documents on file).
- It was time for the UIRSC annual review of Indian Policies and Procedures (see 3/9/09 Minutes p. 2 and documents on file) as one of the requirements to receive Impact Aid.
- The U.S. Dept. of Education was initiating a new grant cycle Race to the Top for 15 states (see documents on file). The Massachusetts application proposed four areas of focus work:
 - with local districts for teacher and administrator excellence as evaluated by student performance
 - to ensure every classroom had a effective teachers and principals,
 - with schools to rectify and avoid Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) failures
 - with schools across the Commonwealth to use data to improve instruction.

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The signatures of the Supt. UIRSC Chair, and the Head of the Teachers Association would demonstrate community readiness to participate in the program. The UIRSC discussed:

- consultation with teachers and possible political implications,
 - coming changes linking professional development with student performance, and
 - steep reporting, restrictions and rules tied to Federal grants.
- *ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE RACE TO THE TOP APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE; DAN CABOT AND SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY - SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Old/New/Other Business (Agenda Item #VII)

- The next All Island School Committee meeting was scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, January 11, 2010 at the MV Regional High School.
- The next UIRSC meeting was scheduled for 6:00PM, Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the West Tisbury School.

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN DULY MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:20AM.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 12/21/09
- UIRSD Expenditure July 1, 2009 to December 21, 2009
- Acoustic Study of the UIRSD Wind Turbine (22 p.) 12/09
- UIRSD FY2011 Assessment – Draft #4 12/9/09
- W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 12/21/09
- Chilmark School Principal's Report 12/21/09
- Overview of Massachusetts Race to the Top Proposal and MOU (9 p.)
- Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Education Dept. and UIRSD Indian Policies and Procedures 2009-2010 (5 p.)
- October 1, 2009 Enrollment Census MVPS K-12 (11 p. including title p.) 11/18/09

These Minutes approved as written January 20, 2010.