

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, January 8, 2007, 9:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School**

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Present: Chair - Roxanne Ackerman, Susan Parker,
Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney
Principals: Bob Lane,
Staff: Victoria Phillips,
Press: Rachel Rohr - ,Vineyard Gazette,
Janet Hefler – MV Times
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)
The meeting was called to order at 9:11PM.

Discussion of West Tisbury Principal and Marine Lt. Colonel Michael Halt's Deployment and Action Plan (Agenda Item # II.)

As previously informed and also reported in the press Lt. Col. Michael Halt has been called up for a tour of duty in Iraq for from 12 to 24 months. As stipulated by law all proper letters of request had been received and Prin. Halt would be offered the same or a similar position on his return. He had formally requested vacation pay to cover his initial few days. Supt. Weiss recommended the Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) grant the military leave as requested and required.

• SUSAN PARKER MOVED TO GRANT MILITARY LEAVE TO WEST TISBURY PRINCIPAL LIEUTENANT COLONEL MICHAEL HALT WITH BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE RETURN; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED.

Marshall Segall while conveying his best wishes to Prin. Halt and feeling great personal angst over the situation expressed reservations of conscience over participating in a foreign policy which currently was involving the United States in a civil war and inter-religious conflict. He apologized for the intensity of his reaction. The discussion covered the principal's contract, UIRSC options, and U.S. Code of Law Title 38, Section 4317 and 4316D.

• SUSAN PARKER AND MARSHALL SEGALL WITHDREW THE MOTION.

- *MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED THAT THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE ABIDE BY US. UNIFORM EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT ACT TITLE 38 SECTIONS 4301 TO 4333, ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED THAT IT WAS THE SENSE OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE THAT WE WANT MICHAEL HALT TO UNDERSTAND HE HAS OUR BEST WISHES AND HOPES FOR SAFE AND SPEEDY RETURN; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Action on Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2005 (Agenda Item # III.)

Mass. State Law Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003 were modified after 9/11 to grant military reserve personnel the difference between their military pay and what they were earning in their civilian jobs – now Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2005.

This law took effect in those municipalities voting to approve it. In view of the current political climate in West Tisbury in regards to its budget the UIRSC discussed financial and educational implications. It was strongly felt that to refuse would not be a good lesson to anybody whether citizens or students. The difference amounted to \$1,385 per month or \$16,620 per year.

- *SUSAN PARKER MOVED TO ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 77 OF THE ACTS OF 2005; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

In terms of an interim replacement for Prin. Halt Supt. Weiss considered two alternatives.

- Chilmark Principal Diane Gandy would become the Supervising Principal of the UIRSD with Assistant Principal Bob Lane in West Tisbury and another Assistant Principal hired for the Chilmark School.
- A retired principal, of which there were several on the Island, would be hired for the W. Tisbury School.

Because the first option – consolidation - could not be implemented Supt. Weiss was considering a retired principal to complete the leadership team in the West Tisbury School which was considered to be too large for a single administrator.

Executive Session (Agenda Item # IV.)

SUSAN PARKER MOVED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:16PM TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION UNDER MASS. GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 39, SECTION 23B, NO. 1 PERTAINING TO PERSONNEL ISSUES—PERSONNEL HAVING BEEN NOTIFIED AND CHOOSING NOT TO ATTEND; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SUSAN PARKER AYE, MARSHALL SEGALL AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN AYE,.

SUSAN PARKER MOVED TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:53PM; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: SUSAN PARKER AYE, MARSHALL SEGALL AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN AYE.

After doing battle with various bureaucracies Supt. Weiss will finalize arrangements with a retired principal tomorrow January 9th; the initial contract to run until June 30, 2007.

Chair Roxanne Ackerman was excited at the prospect of a UIRSD principal. She expressed her confidence that Asst. Prin. Bob Lane would take good care of things as part of the W. Tisb. Sch. administrative team and thanked him for his presence.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:56PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda/Posting 1/8/07

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, January 22, 2007
West Tisbury School, 5:00 PM**

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Present: Chair - Roxanne Ackerman, Dan Cabot
Skipper J. Manter, Susan Parker, Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney
Principals: Diane Gandy, Ed Jerome, Bob Lane,
*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item # I.)

The meeting was called to order.

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

A. Annual Report – Chair's Report

The report was discussed and amended.

- A paragraph on contract negotiations was reduced.
- The names of the School Advisory Counsel should be included as well as the name of the consultant hired by the West Tisbury Finance Committee (FinCom).
- The Superintendent's Goals should be included.

School Committee Reorganization (Agenda item # II.)

Roxanne Ackerman opened nominations for Chair.

- *SUSAN PARKER NOMINATED MARSHALL SEGALL FOR CHAIR; THERE WAS NO SECOND.*
- Skip Manter protested that the Chair always rotated among the members and that it was his turn, however it was suggested that as Selectman, FinCom representative, MVRHSC representative and policeman he was already wearing too many hats.
- Dan Cabot maintained that as new members neither he nor Marshall Segall should serve as Chair.
- The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) reaching a temporary block agreed to postpone the matter until the end of the meeting and at the end of the meeting agreed to take the matter up at the next meeting.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # III.)

The UIRSC amended the December 18, 2006 minutes and postponed approval pending a corrected version.

- *MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 8, 2007 MINUTES; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION - SKIP MANTER due to absence.*

Financial Report (Agenda Item # IV.)

A. Expenditure Report

- West Tisbury Principal Michael Halt military paid salary was released. Interim Principal Ed Jerome had been hired for 90 days at \$42,500.
- The Audit was completed and the Auditor would report to the UIRSC Monday, February 5, 2007 at 5:00PM.
- The UIRSC reviewed the Impact Aid application which was submitted January 17, 2007 (see documents on file).
- The Treasurer's Report (see documents on file) was reviewed and explained for the new members.

C. Warrant Articles

The Towns had given their recommendations on the proposed warrant articles to amend the Capital Costs apportionment of the UIRSD Regional Agreement (see 12/18/06 Minutes p.4 #6).

- The Aquinnah Selectmen preferred the 80/x/x % (proportional) warrant as did the West Tisbury Selectmen and FinCom.
- The Chilmark Selectmen were satisfied with either the proportional or the 80/10/ 10% article.
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO SUBMIT WARRANT ARTICLES TO AMEND THE CAPITAL COSTS SECTION OF THE UP ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT REGIONAL AGREEMENT TO REFLECT APPORTIONMENT BY 80% TO THE TOWN OF OWNERSHIP AND X% BY ENROLLMENT PROPORTION BY THE OTHER REGIONAL TOWNS; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Principal's Report (Agenda item # V.)

A. Diane Gandy (See documents on file.)

The cost of the flashing light signal was \$2,819.34.

B. Ed Jerome (See documents on file.)

Interim Principal Ed Jerome explained that his reports would cover student activities and status and professional development for staff. Skip Manter asked that Assistant Principal Bob Lane have the burglar alarms inspected and repaired at the same time the fire alarm/smoke detectors were examined and repaired.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item #VI.)

A. Coordinated Program Review (CPR)

The CPR was a Mass. State Dept. of Education six year cycle exhaustive audit of all MV Public Schools Special Education, English Language Learners and Civil Rights programs and their attendant documentation. All data would be submitted in mid-March and the on site visit would be the second week in May.

Supt. Weiss distributed and reviewed the New England School Development Council (NESDC) enrollment data and trends projections (see documents on file).

Policy (Agenda Item # VI.)

A. Wellness Policy – 2nd Reading

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SECOND READING OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICY; DAN CABOT SECONDED; READING ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS.

Changes were discussed for the final reading.

- The Vineyard Smiles student dental program should be added.
- To prepare the school communities for the changes to the school lunch program in Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09), Susan Parker suggested a cooperative or collaborative food service that would utilize summer restaurant staff to work winters in the schools.

B. School Choice Policy Discussion on Transportation

DAN CABOT MOVED TO ADOPT THE FIRST READING OF THE TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENT TO THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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

B. Borrowing on Bus Purchase

MARSHALL SEGAL MOVED TO RESCIND THE VOTE ON BORROWING TO PURCHASE BUSES; THERE WAS NO SECOND.

DAN CABOT MOVED TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION UNTIL AFTER THE BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Financial Report (Agenda Item # IV.)

B. Discussion of FY08 Budget / FinCom Meeting

After the meeting with the West Tisbury FinCom the Administration would be looking at recommending cuts in services to reduce the FY08 Budget.

- The UIRSC also considered using further E & D funds to offset the Budget.
- The UIRSC decided to leave the \$140,000 E & D offset for bus purchases.

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

B. Borrowing on Bus Purchase

DAN CABOT MOVED TO UNTABLE THE DISCUSSION ON BORROWING FOR BUS PURCHASES; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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• *MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE UIRSD TO BOND FOR UP TO \$300,000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW BUSES; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.* Skip Manter objected to other towns using UIRSD buses (see 8/8/05 Minutes p.2).

Supt. Weiss expected Ed Jerome to serve as Principal until June 30, 2007 after which date another plan would be implemented. He emphasized the need to remain flexible pending Prin. Michael Halt's return.

The next meeting was scheduled for 5:00PM, Monday, February 20, 2007 at the West Tisbury School.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

Documents on File:

Agenda 1/22/07

Expenditure Report General Fund – FY 2006-2007 (11 p.) 1/22/07

Treasurer's Report 1/22/07

Chilmark School Principal's Report 1/22/07

Chilmark Times (12 p.) Fall and Winter 2006

Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.) January 07

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report 1/18/07

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 1/22/07

U.S. Dept. of Ed. Application for Impact Aid – Section 8003 (12 p.) 1/17/07

NESDEC UIRSD Historical Enrollments by Grade (6 p.) 1/8/07

NESDEC West Tisbury Historical Enrollments by Grade (6 p.) 1/4/07

NESDEC Chilmark Historical Enrollments by Grade (6 p.) 1/4/07

UIRSD School Choice Policy Amended: 12.18.06 (2 p.) 5/16/05

UIRSD Wellness Policy (4 p.)

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, February 5, 2007 5:00 PM
Martha's Vineyard High School Library Conference Room**

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Present: Chair – Roxanne Ackerman
Dan Cabot, Susan Parker,
Marshall Segal,
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney
Principals: Bob Lane,
Treasurer – Mary Lee Schroeder
Auditor – Chris Rogers
Press – Rachel Rohr
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item # I.)

The meeting was called to order.

Discussion with Auditor on FY06 Audit Report (Agenda Item # II.)

Chris Rogers thanked the Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) for inviting him to speak and expected to see them at the normal time next year – audit in July and report in October/November. He considered that the audit (which was similar to a corporate audit) went well and he reviewed the main points (see documents on file).

- The Auditor's Opinion was unqualified, the best possible opinion.
- The Report was set up in using the full accrual method with fixed assets booked which was entirely different from the way the UIRSD usually reported finances.
- He noted Excess & Deficiency (E & D) withdrawals that were dedicated to the general fund and to such things as the bus purchase and roof repair in the budgets. E & D was at its 5% maximum of about \$400,000.
- The Budgetary Statement showed finances as originally voted and the amended final budget and the actual expenditures.
- The mechanism of voting E & D funds into the operating budget and then reducing assessments resulted in a \$34,000 deficit. Actual revenues were higher and actual expenditures lower than budgeted. Surpluses included transportation, charter school and employee benefits.
- The previous bus purchase debt had been paid off but Chris Rogers acknowledged the imminent major new bus purchase.
- For the record Supt. Weiss confirmed that there were \$63,366 in transportation savings.
- The UIRSC briefly discussed the issue of consistent returns to the Towns – in this case \$249,000.

- Although the West Tisbury Finance Committee (FinCom) constantly asserted that E & D funds were not being used Chris Rogers again stressed that 5% reserves was minimal insurance for emergencies and that the Government Finance Offices Association mandated 10% for most corporations.
- The residual from the Ala Carte lunch program was transferred to a scholarship fund (see 5/16/05 Minutes p.3-4 # V B) which had not yet been utilized.

Chris Rogers then explained the five comments in the Management Letter (see documents on file). There were no reportable conditions or material weaknesses so these comments were designed solely to enhance fiscal security some had been recommended in last year's Management Letter (see 11/7/05 Minutes p. 3).

1. Accounting standards would require that all post employment benefits – currently paid as required – have bi-annual actuary projected liability audits. At this point this was for informational purposes, funding was allowed but not mandated. The UIRSD currently paid \$85,000 to 12 retirees.

- The Dukes County Retirement Board and Treasurer Noreen Flanders had coordinated the regional school districts, towns, County, water districts, Land Bank, waste districts, etc. for a joint audit (see 11/13/06 Minutes p. 3 #III A).

2. Rogers & Sullivan recommended consistent line item transfers to better track budgeting and reduce mistakes. Chris Rogers recommended transfers be made and approved quarterly until April and then monthly till the end of the Fiscal Year (FY). If small transfers became an administrative burden the UIRSC could set a floor, e.g. report all transfers over \$1,000.

3. The individual schools sometimes did not pass Purchase Orders through the Regional Accountant in the Supt. Office. For proper compliance and control the Accountant should always be involved.

4. The FY06 capital assets inventory had not been updated or depreciated (see 11/7/05 Minutes p.3 #I and 12/2/00 p.1). The new Software program could do this task and all data had been entered but the process should now be initiated and results reported.

5. A regular risk evaluation was recommended to pinpoint where the financial system was susceptible to asset misappropriation.

Chris Rogers thanked the UIRSC. The Audit and Management Letter would be taken under consideration for a vote at the next meeting. Sullivan & Rogers would continue to work with management to implement the recommendations. He noted that this good report reflected well on the UIRSD financial staff Amy Tierney, Janet Sylvia, Donna Michalski, Shelley Gosson, Mary Lee Schroeder, etc.

Policy (Agenda Item # III.)

A. School Choice Policy – 2nd Reading

The UIRSC discussed the latest draft and deleted a sentence that was a procedural rather than a policy matter.

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO ACCEPT THE SECOND READING OF AMENDED SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY.

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

W. Tisbury Assistant Principal Bob Lane reported on the recent Fire Alarm problem. Simplex will repair and upgrade the system during the February break (estimate - \$22,961). The new panels will indicate which smoke detector triggered the system and could also transmit this information to the Fire station if they also upgraded their panels. As an emergency repair this was an E & D expense but E & D was not yet certified. The UIRSC discussed other sources.

MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO AUTHORIZE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL BOB LANE TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH SIMPLEX FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR AND UPGRADE OF THE FIRE ALARM WITH FUNDS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL SPECIAL MAINTENANCE LINE ITEM; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:53PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 2/5/07

UIRSD Independent Auditor's Report on Basic Financial Statements and Required Supplementary Information for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006, (33 p. & covers) 12/21/06

UIRSD Management Letter June 30, 2006, (8 p. and covers)12/21/06

UIRSD School Choice Policy Amended 12.18.06 (2 p.) 1/22/07

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, February 20, 2007
West Tisbury School, 5:00PM**

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Present: Chair - Susan Parker, Dan Cabot
Skipper J. Manter, Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney
Principals: Diane Gandy, Ed Jerome
Staff: Victoria Phillips,
Selectman: Chilmark – Riggs Parker,
W. Tisbury – Glenn Hearn,
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order

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

A. Request of Chilmark Selectmen re: Warrant Article**

**** The Chilmark Selectmen have requested an opportunity to discuss the proposed warrant article on capital assessments. The Committee may wish to accommodate them and move this item to the beginning of the meeting.**

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) and Selectman Riggs Parker clarified the Warrant Article language; the example situation for assessments being: If Chilmark School were to incur \$100 in capital costs with the following enrollments the assessments would be:

- Chilmark - 80 students, Aquinnah – 15, W. Tisbury - 5
Chilmark - \$80, Aquinnah - \$15, W. Tisbury \$5.
- Chilmark - 80 students, Aquinnah – 0, W. Tisbury - 20
Chilmark - \$80, Aquinnah - \$0, W. Tisbury \$20.
- Chilmark - 60 students, Aquinnah – 1, W. Tisbury - 2
Chilmark - \$80, Aquinnah - \$6.67, W. Tisbury \$13.33
(1/3 of \$20), (2/3 of \$20).

The UIRSC agreed to reword and re-approve the warrant at the February 22nd meeting and to have examples on the warrant as explanation.

School Committee Reorganization (Agenda item # I.)

MARSHALL SEGALL NOMINATED SKIP MANTER AS CHAIR; DAN CABOT SECONDED. (See 1/22/07 Minutes p. 1 #2.)

- Members again noted Skip Manter's many other responsibilities.
- Skip Manter stated he would not run again for W. Tisbury Finance Committee.
- The issue of his proposed motion for West Tisbury to withdraw from the UIRSD was raised. Skip Manter explained that 4 or 5 years previously West Tisbury had rejected the UIRSD budget and had then had to re-vote it after Chilmark and Aquinnah passed it.

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He considered that in not revising the budget the UIRSC showed insensitivity to W. Tisbury concerns (see 3/8/01 Minutes and 4/30/01 Minutes p.4-7 #VIII a). As usual he reminded the UIRSC that it would take two votes for a town to withdraw from the region. He also suggested that in view of his vote against the UIRSD budget another UIRSC member could be designated as spokesperson at the Annual Town Meeting

- Although valuing his ideas as a UIRSC member the other UIRSC members expressed grave concerns.

DAN CABOT CALLED THE QUESTION: NOMINATION FAILED: 1 AYE – SKIP MANTER; 2 NAYS – DAN CABOT, SUSAN PARKER; 1 ABSTENTION – MARSHALL SEGALL.

- Susan Parker informed the UIRSC of her family obligations, her duties as MV Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) Chair and her unpredictable schedule. There was a brief discussion on whether Marshall Segall as a new member could be chair.

DAN CABOT NOMINATED SUSAN PARKER TO A THREE MONTH TERM AS CHAIR; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; NOMINATION PASSED; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS; 1 ABSTENTION – SUSAN PARKER.

DAN CABOT NOMINATED MARSHALL SEGALL TO A THREE MONTH TERM AS VICE CHAIR; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; NOMINATION PASSED; 3 AYES, 0 NAYS; 1 ABSTENTION – MARSHALL SEGALL.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # I.)

DAN CABOT MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 5, 2007 MINUTES AS AMENDED; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION - SKIP MANTER due to absence.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # II.)

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

The Chilmark School Advisory Council (SAC) met (with Skip Manter representing the UIRSC) and discussed the UIRSD Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08) Budget. Chilmark Prin. Gandy also met with W. Tisb. Prin. Jerome and Supt. Weiss for the same purpose (see below). The UIRSC apologized for their scant attendance asked to be reminded of all SAC meetings.

- There was a break-in this month and Police found two minors in the building. Police presence will be increased and the door jams replaced during the February break for greater door security.

B. Ed Jerome – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

The staff has been great during the transition.

- Phys Ed teacher Michelle Pikor was subbing during Holly Pennington's maternity leave.
- Melissa Breeze has been replaced by Art teacher Kathleen Cameron.
- The next W. Tisbury SAC meeting will be March 6th at 3:00PM.

- Prin. Jerome praised the Parent Teacher Organization for their International day, Valentines Dance and Country Store preparations.
- He urged everyone to attend the school play, Bugsy Malone, the 4th grade Vineyard Playhouse project, and the Spelling Bee.
- The Parent Advocacy group raised the issue of hot lunches which the UIRSC briefly noted as difficult to institute with the present W. Tisbury School kitchen.
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE TO ATTEND THE ALTON JONES INSTITUTE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND OUTDOOR PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2007; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Financial Report (Agenda Item # III.)

A. Expenditure Report

- Salary Increment lines in both UIRSD sites were in deficit due to an unbudgeted paraprofessional as well as to maternity and medical leaves.
- Revenues received included:
 - the first of three School Choice payments for \$60,884, and
 - \$16,262.30 in Impact Aid which was usually voted to Aquinnah as Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for Tribal housing. The UIRSC commended Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Affairs Amy Tierney for her work on the application. Amy Tierney commended Aquinnah resident Peter Temple for his preparation of the application.

B. Discussion of Revised FY08 Budget (See documents on file.)

In response to the protests of the W. Tisbury FinCom the Administrators met to draft a ~\$109,000 reduction 'supposal' for the FY08 Budget bringing Parts A, B and C down to 4.6% rise.

- The Chilmark Site budget could be reduced by:
 - capping the one on one SpEd teacher at the MA 9 level,
 - foregoing the reading teacher, and
 - cutting the General Maintenance line from \$6,000 to \$3,000
- The West Tisbury site could be reduced by:
 - reducing SpEd staffing by .5 and capping new hire levels,
 - cutting computer supplies, and
 - capping the new 4th Grade teacher hire at M6.

The Administrators felt this was the most that could be cut without seriously effecting instruction.

- W. Tisbury teacher Victoria Phillips spoke of the difficult SpEd issues facing the kindergarten population particularly in Math.
- The UIRSC considered going out to bond for the entire bus purchase and dedicating the extra Excess and Deficiency money to reducing the budget however they hesitated over the budget implications this would cause in FY09.
- Skip Manter had no comment.

- It was noted that if the budget were to be reduced as the FinCom recommended, i.e. the total expenditure of Parts A, B and C of the FY08 Budget to match the total of Parts A, B and C of the FY07 Budget about \$450,000 would have to be cut.
- This was a difficult year with the bus purchase, the insurance rise, the contract negotiations, the residential placement expense, and the new assessment formula.
- W. Tisbury Selectmen Glenn Hearn spoke of the growing restiveness of the W. Tisbury vote in regards to constantly rising school budgets and dropping class sizes.
- The UIRSC emphasized that the budget goal was to protect children's education and not to protect staff jobs, and further that service cuts were likely to have serious instructional consequences such as dropping MCAS scores.
- The paraprofessionals have been reduced by attrition over the last two years.
- It was suggested the Administration and UIRSC make a list of cuts to show what the FinCom recommended budget might look like.
- *DAN CABOT MOVED TO RECONSIDER THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL FY08 BUDGET CERTIFICATION; SKIP MANTER AND MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO CERTIFY THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL FY08 BUDGET AT \$8,195,644.31; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- The UIRSC thanked its Administrators for all their hard work. The amended budget would be taken to the W. Tisbury FinCom in good faith.

D. Accept FY06 Audit for Filing

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO FILE THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL FISCAL YEAR 2006 AUDIT AND MANAGEMENT LETTER; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS 0 ABSTENTIONS.* The UIRSC requested that Amy Tierney report to them on measures taken in response to the Management Letter.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # IV.)

A. All Island Selectmen's Discussion (See documents on file.)

Financial Report (Agenda Item # III.)

C. Discussion of Assessment Formula to be Used (See documents on file.)

The Mass. State Department of Education (DOE) approved the Statutory (or Aggregate Wealth) formula and regulations at their January 23, 2007 meeting (see 8/21/06 Minutes). There were now two methods of assessment.

- The Mass. State Statutory method (which was the law unless unanimously voted otherwise – see below) would apply only to the net school spending portion of the UIRSD budget as determined by the Commissioner of Education. A budget using this formula would require approval by two towns.
- The Regional Agreement method which would always apply to transportation, debt and that portion of the UIRSD above net school spending. However this method could be applied to the entire budget if unanimously voted by the towns.

- Supt. Weiss reported on a meeting of all the Island Selectmen and some related personnel and officials about the formula. There was great frustration with the fact that Mass. State was using outdated census data (1993) and further that only three Mass. State people (who were apparently incommunicado) understood the formula.
- In any case if the Regional assessment were chosen the fate of the FY08 UIRSD Budget would not be known until the Aquinnah Town Meeting in May.
- He recommended and it was agreed that any decision be postponed until the State budget figures were known.

Policy (Agenda Item # VI.)

A. Wellness Policy – 3rd Reading (See documents on file.)

DAN CABOT MOVED TO ADOPT THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WELLNESS POLICY; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

B. School Choice Policy – 3rd Reading (See documents on file.)

MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO ADOPT THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENT TO THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

- Susan Parker pointed out that although the W. Tisbury School 7th grade had two school choice students, without school choice the seven UIRSD pupils in other Island schools would have to return so that the class was actually smaller due to this policy.
- Skip Manter asked how school choice students were counted in regards to the Supt. Office and Shared Programs Office assessment. This was paid by the attending school district rather than the sending school in accordance with the fiscal agency agreement worked out by the Towns before school choice was a policy. There was a general sense that this should be rectified and the sending districts should pay.

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

A. Establish Meeting with Tribe

In the spirit of diversity and education and in accordance with Impact Aid requirements the UIRSC asked to meet with the Tribe in the near future.

The next UIRSC Meeting will be 5:00PM March 12, 2007 at the Chilmark School.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by de facto consensus at 7:30PM.

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Documents on File:

Agenda 2/20/07

Draft UIRSD FY'08 Budget Analysis 2/12/07

UIRSD FY08 Budget Review (2 p.)

UIRSD FY 2008 Assessment Section Draft (2 p.) 2/12/07

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report (2 p.) 2/14/07

Chilmark School Principal's Report 2/20/07

 Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.) 2/07

UIRSD School Choice Policy (2 p.) 2/5/07

UIRSD Wellness Policy (4 p.) 1/22/07

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Edgartown School Committee
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Tisbury School Committee
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee
Up-Island Regional School Committee
Wednesday, February 22, 2007 7:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room

Present: Edgartown Chair - David Rossi, Les Baynes, Susan Mercier,
Up-Island Dan Cabot, Skip Manter, Susan Parker Marshall Segall,
Oak Bluffs David Morris, Judi O'Donoghue, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury John Bacheller, Bob Tankard, Maura Valley
Others Recorder – Marni Lipke
Supt./Shared Prog. Supt. Jim Weiss
Asst. to the Supt. for Bus. Affairs – Amy Tierney
* Late arrivals or early

departures

Policies – 2nd Reading (Agenda Item # VI).
A. Title One Parental Involvement (See documents on file.)
B. Family and Medical Leave (See documents on file.)
The policies were reviewed and edited for typos.

- *THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:18PM.*
- *MS. JUDI O'DONOGHUE MOVED THE SECOND READING OF*
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MR. DAVID MORRIS SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
- *THE OBSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.*

- *THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ESC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.*
- *MS. SUSAN MERCIER MOVED THE ESC SECOND READING OF*
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MR. LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
- *THE ESC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.*

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- *THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (TSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.*
- *MR. BOB TANKARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TSC SECOND READING OF*
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MS. MAURA VALLEY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0
NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
- *THE TSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.*

- *THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MVRHSC)*
WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MS. LES BAYNES MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MVRHSC SECOND READING OF*
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MR. SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0
NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.
- *THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:23PM.*

- *THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE*
(UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. SKIP MANTER MOVED THE UIRSC SECOND READING OF*
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MR. MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES,
0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

- The UIRSC edited the proposed Capital Improvement Warrant Article for clarity:
"based upon each of the other two town's share of their combined enrollment."
There was a discussion as to whether this contradicted other language in the UIRSD
Regional Agreement. The matter would be researched and counsel consulted.

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- *MR. MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF ANY CONFLICTS WITH OTHER UIRSD AGREEMENT WORDING; MR. CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:32PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 2/22/07

MVPS Policy for Title I Parental Involvement (2 p.) 1/8/07

MVPS Family and Medical Leave Policy (2 p.) 1/8/07

 MVPS Family and Medical Leave Request Form

 MVPS Certification of Physician or Practitioner (2 p.)

UIRSC proposed warrant article

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, March 12, 2007
Chilmark School, 5:00 PM**

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Present: Chair – Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman*
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter,
Marshall Segal

Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney
Principals: Ed Jerome, Diane Gandy
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

The meeting was called to order. 5:13PM

The next meetings were scheduled for:

- 6:30PM April 3, 2007 at W. Tisbury
- April 26, 2007 at Aquinnah:
 - 3:30PM with the Wampanoag Tribe, and
 - 4:30PM regular UIRSC meeting.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # I.)

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF

- *DECEMBER 18, 2006, AND JANUARY 22, 2007, AS AMENDED; AND*
- *FEBRUARY 20, 2007 AND FEBRUARY 22, 2007 AS WRITTEN;*

DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # II.)

B. Diane Gandy.

Chilmark School Principal Diane Gandy reviewed the Principal's Report (see documents on file) including:

- facility issues around gutter estimates and the boiler computer,
- curriculum work on North American dioramas, fables, and
- the continued Windermere project,
- another national energy award for students,
- MCAS tests begin this week, and
- the ink cartridge and cell phone re cycling fund raising drive continues.
- Students are also involved in a book drive to raise money to buy seeds for the Farm Institute which they will then get to plant.

A. Ed Jerome

- All were invited to the next West. Tisbury School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting at 3:00 March 13, 2007 (usually the first Tuesday of each month.)
- New teacher Professional Development on Guided Principles for Literacy and the Responsive Classroom training went well. There was also a workshop on the new eighth grade Algebra program at the MV Regional High School (MVRHS).

- The parent group continued to meet with teacher representatives to develop plans to resolve issues. The plans will be a public document which the Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) can review.
- In anticipation of graduation to High School there was a generally a noted drop in student attention in the second half of the eighth grade year. Administration instituted a review of student work every two weeks to promote better concentration.
- W. Tisb. student Mary Harrington won the Island spelling bee.
- The seventh grade ski trip went well.
- Parents of the 2007-2008 kindergarten students will meet April 24th.
- School play Bugsy Malone was a success with good attendance.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda item # III.)

A. Meeting with Tribe

A meeting was scheduled of April 26, 2007 at 3:30PM to discuss, Impact Aid, educational issues and possibly the political situation in Aquinnah.

Financial Report (Agenda item # IV.)

The Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) budget was unchanged, with no outstanding concerns.

- There was a discussion on when and how to cover the \$8-10,000 deficit in Chilmark site salaries. It was decided to wait for the end of FY07 when any residuals could be applied. Otherwise the amount would have to be drawn from Excess and Deficiency (E & D).
- To save paper and paperwork, the UIRSC asked that only two Expense Reports be printed, one for the record and one to pass around during each month's meeting. Multiple copies need only be printed quarterly or if there was a substantial issue to discuss.
- The Treasurer's report was reconciled (see documents on file).
- E & D was capped at \$399, 965.04 with \$164, 482.96 returned to the Towns to reduce their fourth quarter assessment in the same proportion as the FY06 assessment (see documents on file). Skip Manter again raised the issue of also returning a substantial portion of E & D funds but others again argued:
 - Auditor recommendations of at least a 5% reserve,
 - the advantages of an increased bond rating,
 - the unreliable revenue stream, and
 - the commitment of \$140,000 to the bus purchase.

B. Impact Aid Discussion

• SKIP MANTER MOVED TO REDUCE THE AQUINNAH ASSESSMENT BY \$16,262.30 IN IMPACT AID; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES – SKIP MANTER, SUSAN PARKER, MARSHALL SEGALL; 1 NAY – ROXANNE ACKERMAN, 1 ABSTENTION – DAN CABOT.

A. Response to FY06 Audit

The UIRSC received a good audit with no material weaknesses (see 2/5/07 Minutes)

- There was a discussion on the recommendation to decentralized purchasing,
 - It would be a difficult recommendation to implement and enforce, requiring more staff and more paperwork.- A cap should be put on non-centralized purchases.
 - Principals should review each purchase and there should be no reimbursement without the principal's signature.
 - Teachers could be encouraged to save whenever possible by going through the central office to purchase through the Barnstable County Purchasing Group.
 - Otherwise the present system seemed to work fairly well with only the occasional minor deficit or prior year's bill.
- The Dukes County floating bid fuel contract was explained.
- Martha Stackpole's training for multi-age classroom was briefly examined.
- It was suggested that any expenses for the Chilmark Italian Dinner Fundraiser be taken out of the funds it raised.
- Skip Manter questioned Prin. Gandy's mileage reimbursement for professional travel around the Island.
 - Prin. Gandy was entitled to it by contract, kept scrupulous records, did not charge for home to school transportation and never spent the entire line item. She noted that Chilmark's remote location required the most time and travel to meetings.
 - An alternative could be a flat amount per month eliminating the need for record keeping.
 - Skip Manter continued to protest it as unusual.

D. West Tisbury FinCom Letter

The W. Tisbury Finance Committee (FinCom) response to the further budget cuts was reviewed and Supt. Weiss reported on a conversation with FinCom Chair Al DeVito. A West Tisbury FinCom representative had been present at the Aquinnah Special Town Meeting to urge the Town to turn down the budget.

- School expense rises were noted: 3% teacher salaries, fuel costs, health insurance, an expensive residential placement and bus purchases; all of which were covered by a rise of about 2.45% – showing that the operating budgets had already been substantially cut.
- It was reported that health insurance costs would rise less than anticipated.
- On the other hand the Mass. State School Building Assistance Audit of the School had resulted in a reduction of its debt reimbursement by \$44,628 for the life of the loan.
- Dan Cabot read notes in response to the FinCom letter (see documents on file) maintaining that either the W. Tisbury FinCom did not believe their administrators or they expected school services to be reduced.
- Supt. Weiss emphasized that the W. Tisbury School budget presented no new staff, no new programs, no major new expenses and the Chilmark School showed only one new mandated staff person for a specific child. The main cost drivers were not easily within the control of the Administration and URISC: salaries, health insurance, fuel and inflation.

- Marshall Segall stressed that there would probably never be an exact correlation between budgeting and enrollment especially as smaller schools were more expensive.
- In general a careful examination of the school philosophy and configuration by the School Advisory Councils (SAC's) and the UIRSC would be needed to cut services to further reduce costs.
- The UIRSC then planned strategies to defend the UIRSD FY08 Budget at the West Tisbury Annual Town Meeting. The Budget would be discussed with other major educational issues: the new Statutory Regional Assessment formula, the warrant to withdraw from the UIRSD and the new Capital Costs assessment.

C. Regional Assessments

- The sense of the West Tisbury and Chilmark Boards of Selectmen was to stay with the MV Regional High School District (MVRHSD) and the UIRSD Regional enrollment assessment formulas however Aquinnah Town feeling was still unclear.
- There was a discussion on Mass State protocol and on the flawed figures used to calculate the formula. If the Regional assessment failed, special town meetings would have to be called in all three towns.
- *MARSHALL SEGAL MOVED TO ADVOCATE FOR THE REGIONAL ASSESSMENT AND IF NOT SUPPORTED TO WORK FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS: SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY; 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

New/Old/Other Business (Agenda item # V.)

A. Preparation of Town Meetings (See above.)

The next regular meeting were scheduled for April 26, 2007 at Aquinnah:

- 3:30PM with the Wampanoag Tribe, and
- 4:30PM regular UIRSC meeting.

B. Transportation Issues

The UIRSC discussed the efficacy of seat belts and security cameras on school buses, including studies, practice by other districts, capacity restriction and cost.

- The bus company noted three issues,
 - 1) The spacing of bus seats was different if seatbelts were installed and the number of students was limited to two per seat.
 - 2) Some safety was built into the design of the regular bus seats which would be different if they were designed for seat belt use. If the bus was designed for seat belt use and seat belts were not used by the children the danger of injury would be increased.
 - 3) The buses with seatbelts could only accommodate certain ages / sizes of children and ridership would be limited to elementary, middle or high school students as per bus.
- Three states have moved to seat belt use California, New Jersey, and New York.
- In Canada school bus seatbelts were advocated for all freeway driving.
- The National Transportation Safety Board advised against school bus seatbelts.
- Further research was requested.

- Security cameras were already in the bid.

C. Marci Klapper – ASCD Meeting

SKIP MANTER MOVED PERMISSION FOR MARCI KLAPPER TO ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SUPERVISION AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA ON MARCH 16-18, 2007; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda

Chilmark School Principal's Report 3/12/07

Chilmark Times (12 p.) Fall and Winter 2006

Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.) March 2007

Cape Light Compact Energy Education Program brochure

Expenditure Report General Fund – FY 2006-2007 (11 p.) 3/12/07

UIRSD Treasurer's Report 3/12/07

UIRSD Excess & Deficiency Analysis as of June 30, 2006

UIRSD An example of FY08 Assessments Using DOE Statutory Assessment Methodology (9 p.)

UIRSD U.S. Dept. of Education Impact Aid Voucher (2 p.) 1/22/07

W. Tisbury Finance Committee Letter re UIRSD FY2008 Budget (2 p.) 3/5/07

Notes for URISD re: FinCom meeting 3/8/07

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Wednesday, March 28, 2007 7:00PM
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room**

Present: Edgartown	Chair - David Rossi, Les Baynes*, Susan Mercier,
Up-Island	Roxanne Ackerman*, Dan Cabot, Skip Manter, Susan Parker
Oak Bluffs	David Morris, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	Bob Tankard, Maura Valley,
Others	Recorder - Marni Lipke
Supt./Shared Prog.	Supt. Jim Weiss Asst. to the Supt. for Bus. Affairs – Amy Tierney
Principals	West Tisbury –Bob Lane
FinComs/Negotiations	Edgartown – Fred Condon Tisbury – Don Amaral,
Press	MVTV – Larry Kiely
departures	

* Late arrivals or early

**Ratification of Tentative Agreement with Teacher's Association-
Negotiations Team** (Agenda Item # III)

MR. MANTER MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 23, 2007 WITH THE TEACHER'S BARGAINING UNIT; MR. TANKARD SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 11 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

- The All Island School Committee (AISC) recessed at 7:19PM and the local school committees convened to ratify the Agreement.
- THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:19PM.
- *MR. SKIP MANTER MOVED THAT THE UIRSC RATIFY THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 23, 2007 WITH THE TEACHERS BARGAINING UNIT; MR. DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE UIRSC RECESSED BY CONSENSUS.
- THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. DAVID MORRIS MOVED THAT THE OBSC RATIFY THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 23, 2007 WITH THE TEACHERS BARGAINING UNIT; PRISCILLA SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION FAILED: 1 AYE – MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA, 1 NAY – DAVID MORRIS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE OBSC RECESSED BY CONSENSUS.

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- THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ESC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. LES BAYNES MOVED RATIFY THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 23, 2007 WITH THE TEACHERS BARGAINING UNIT; MS. SUSAN MERCIER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE ESC RECESSED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (TSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. BOB TANKARD MOVED TO RATIFY THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 23, 2007 WITH THE TEACHERS BARGAINING UNIT; MS. MAURA VALLEY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE TSC RECESSED BY CONSENSUS.

- *MR. DON AMARAL MOVED THAT THE TISBURY TOWN GOVERNMENT RATIFY THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 23, 2007 WITH THE TEACHERS BARGAINING UNIT; MR. FRED CONDON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

- THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MVRHSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA MOVED TO RATIFY THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 23, 2007 WITH THE TEACHERS BARGAINING UNIT; MR. LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE MVRHSC RECESSED BY CONSENSUS.

- The AISC reconvened.

Policies – 3rd Reading (Agenda Item # VI).

A. Policy for Title One Parental Involvement Policy (See documents on file.)

B. Family and Medical Leave Policy (See documents on file.)

The policies were reviewed and edited for typos. The Family Medical Leave Policy had been re-formatted. The AISC recessed for the local school committees to reconvene to vote the policy readings.

- THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) RECONVENED AT 7:54PM.

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- *MR. DAN CABOT MOVED THE UIRSC THIRD READING OF
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MR. SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0
NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.
- THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) RECONVENED.
- *MR. DAVID MORRIS MOVED THE THIRD READING OF
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0
NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE OBSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.
- THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ESC) RECONVENED.
- *MR. LES BAYNES MOVED THE ESC THIRD READING OF
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MS. SUSAN MERCIER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0
NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE ESC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.
- THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (TSC) RECONVENED.
- *MR. BOB TANKARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TSC THIRD READING OF
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MS. MAURA VALLEY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0
NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE TSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.
- THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
(MVRHSC) RECONVENED.

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- *MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MVRHSC THIRD READING OF*
- THE POLICY ON TITLE ONE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, AND,
- THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY;
MR. LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 7 AYES, 0 NAYS,
0 ABSTENTIONS.
- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 7:57PM.

Documents on File:

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MVPS Family and Medical Leave Policy (2 p.) 2/22/07

MVPS Family and Medical Leave Request Form

MVPS Certification of Physician or Practitioner (2 p.)

Draft
**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Tuesday, April 3, 2007
West Tisbury School, 6:00 PM**

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Present: Vice Chair – Marshall Segall, Roxanne Ackerman*,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter,

Others: Superintendent's Office: James Weiss,
Principals: Diane Gandy, Ed Jerome,
Staff: Victoria Philipps
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

The meeting was called to order 6:32

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

Excess and Deficiency (E & D) has been certified at \$564,447 \$164,482 over the 5% cap of \$399,965; consequently the money would be returned to Aquinnah at \$13,356.94 to Chilmark at \$31,941.40 and to West Tisbury at \$119,183.66.

Impact Aid had been increased to \$18,750.14

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPLY THE REVISED IMPACT AID TOTAL OF \$18,750.14 TO THE AQUINNAH ASSESSMENT; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Preparation for Town Meeting (Agenda item # I.)

The W. Tisbury Finance Committee (FinCom) was distributing hand outs at the Post Office and Howes House advocating for severe cuts to the Up Island Regional School District (URISD) Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08) (see documents on file). The UIRSC reviewed the material and objected to a number of misleading statements.

- The “Harkins Kelley Report” validity had been questioned from its issue (see 4/10/06 Minutes p. 4 and 6/19/06 Minutes p. 4-5 # IV A) including by the W. Tisb. FinCom. In addition it was based on the closing of the Chilmark School and not on West Tisbury’s withdrawal from the region.
- The only known item that would result from the West Tisbury withdrawal from the UIRSD would be the loss to W. Tisbury of \$250,000 in transportation reimbursement. All other financial issues were subject to negotiation.
- FinCom Chair Al DeVito had approved the E & D withdrawal for bus purchases and agreed it would not be viewed as an assessment rise (see 11/16/06 Minutes p. 2).
- Research showed that the UIRSD per pupil cost was below the tuition of most private schools with the exception of Catholic Schools and a few schools who although tuition was less, charged fees for all extra activities: field trips, athletic participation, etc.
- In order to reduce the W. Tisbury assessment by the amount requested the UIRSD FY08 Budget would have to be reduced by \$380,000.

The UIRSC reviewed the material prepared for Town Meeting (see documents on file) and discussed the cuts needed to reduce the budget as requested.

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- Other schools around the Island were facing similar situations however the UIRSD FY08 budget showed the lowest rise at 2.82%. This rise covered a 3% salary rise (1.6% of the rise), a 4.8% health insurance rise, fuel/power/light increases and a residential placement.
- All possible cuts in services should be included so that W. Tisbury residents would understand the implications of the cuts.
- In cutting back programs incrementally there came a point where the programs were so diluted they might as well be cut.
- The school was not overstaffed. Other schools on the Island had similar class sizes. 70% of the paraprofessionals – often viewed as adjuncts to teachers — were mandated for special needs students (of which W. Tisbury had the highest number on the Island).
- W. Tisbury had 75% of the UIRSD students and paid 73% of the UIRSD costs.
- UIRSD placed first in Science and Technology on the Mass. State MCAS scores.
- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UIRSD THAT IN THE FUTURE FOUNDATION ENROLLMENT BE USED ROUTINELY AS THE MORE ACCURATE INDICATOR.**
- The rest of the Island schools were moving ahead with new programs, community service enrichment, etc. but the UIRSD schools showed no new operational costs including a lack of new textbooks in reading. This was partly due to the continual pressure to cut costs which made the Administration was less likely to request new programs or additional materials.
- Other Town department rises were noted.

The UIRSD discussed and planned the presentation of the budget at the West Tisbury Town Meeting.

- Dan Cabot, Skip Manter, and Marshall Segall were able to speak as town residents. All others could speak only at the discretion of the Moderator. Skip Manter agreed speak to the Moderator about recognizing Dan Cabot and the Administration and would give Town Counsel the UIRSD agreement.
- Skip Manter would present the Capital Costs Amendment to the UIRSD Regional Agreement. Aquinnah approved this article which would be implemented in FY09.
- Counsel would speak to the regional assessment formula protocol.
- Dan Cabot would advocate for the UIRSD Budget and to rejection of the withdrawal from the UIRSD.
- The UIRSD Regional Agreement was originally crafted to allow for other Island towns to join the region. Assessing the value of West Tisbury's membership in the UIRSD should not be based solely on financial reasons but more importantly on educational reasons.

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

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE \$1. PER HOUR RATE RISE FOR OFFICE ON CALL/ORDER OUT OF CHAOS; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

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The next UIRSC meetings will be Thursday, April 26, 2007 at the Wampanoag Tribal Administration Building:

- 3:30 with the Wampanoag Tribe and

- 4:30 for the regular UIRSC meeting.

Adjournment

*SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; MARSHALL SEGALL
SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Documents on File:

Agenda 4/3/07

Supt. Weiss letter to Chairman Al Devito and the W. Tisb. Finance Committee (2 p.)

W. Tisbury FinCom *flyer* – District School “Assessments up 42% (4 p.)

W. Tisbury FinCom *flyer* – Town of West Tisbury Proposed Budget for FY2008 (4 p.)

Recommendations of the Finance Committee 4/10/07 (3 p.)

Report of West Tisbury Annual Town Meeting 4/10/07 (School Committee) (3 p.)

West Tisbury Parents and Residents *flyer*

Chilmark School Bell Tower Monthly Notes (3 p.) April, 2007

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, April 26, 2007, 3:30 PM
Wampanoag Tribal Administration Building
Aquinnah**

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Present: Chair - Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman*,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter, Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney
Principals: Diane Gandy, Ed Jerome, Bob Lane
Wampanoag Tribe: Elder - June Manning,
Tribal Education Director - Marlene Panish,
Tribal Education Coordinator - Liz Bradley
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

The meeting was called to order.

Discussion with Tribal Elders (Agenda Item # I.)

It was hoped this would be the first of regular joint meetings on Wampanoag educational issues and policy to increase cultural understanding and as mandated by the Impact Aid regulations. Supt. Weiss apologized for the delay in implementation.

Review of Indian Education Policies (Agenda Item # II.)

The new Aquinnah Wampanoag Education Director and Coordinator who had only been at their jobs two or three months, introduced themselves and reviewed their current work on Tribal education programs.

- Ten Mashpee and Aquinnah Wampanoag students will join other Native American 9th, 10th, and 11th graders from across the country in attending this year's summer program at Harvard Medical School, encompassing a three week program in problem solving and case based learning. The students would be accompanied at all times by chaperones (who received a stipend of \$5,000 and college credit). Supt. Weiss will ask about MV Regional High School credit for students participating in this program. Tribal staff asked everyone to spread the word for applicants to chaperone.
- The Wampanoag Tribe had an extensive scholarship program for colleges and graduate schools.
- The Turtle project covered needs assessment and after school programs for tribal and non-tribal children aged 6 through 12.
- Tribal 8th graders hosted a Senior Citizen luncheon in May.

- Roxanne Ackerman brought up the lack of a Title 7 Grant program and spending this year. Title 7 provided \$150-\$200 per year per Tribal student for educational support. A discussion followed on:
 - Title 7 objectives including after school program subsidies, field trip subsidies, tutoring and guidance.
 - grant pass through history between the MV Public Schools and the Tribe,
 - the gap in Tribal Education Dept. staff in the last year, and
 - the dissolution of a parent group that directed and supported activities.
- It was decided that Supt. Weiss would explore if and how the Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) grant moneys might be spent in the remainder of the year.
- In addition the Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) hoped to meet more regularly with the Tribe to help monitor and coordinate such programs.
- It was suggested that there be an Administrative and staff level meeting with the Tribe at the beginning of each Academic Year.
- The Administration asked if the Tribal Education Dept. would provide a list of the number and location of Wampanoag students in the system.
- The Tribe invited everyone to their celebrations including the Spring Social (this Sunday April 29th) and Cranberry Day, as well as the Powwow weekend which has recently been revived by the young people in the Tribe.
- The Tribal Education Dept. agreed to send a brief report on their activities and email addresses were exchanged.
- Everyone congratulated the Tribe on sending its first full time undergraduate to Harvard since 1666.
- Elder June Manning introduced her grandchildren with pride. UIRSC thanked everyone and invited them to stay for the remainder of the meeting. Everyone expressed their excitement at working together and learning about the Wampanoag culture and contributions.
- At the end of the meeting June Manning corrected a misstatement of the Education Director and reviewed recent Tribal educators and their qualifications.

Discussion of Annual Town Meeting (Agenda Item # III.)

- All three District towns had now passed the Capital Costs Amendment to the Regional Agreement and it would next be submitted to the Mass. Dept of Education and/or the Dept. of Revenue.
- The UIRSD and the MVRHSD Alternate (enrollment) regional assessment formulas were approved by both West Tisbury and Chilmark and were now awaiting a vote by the Aquinnah Annual Town meeting.
 - Both Chilmark and W. Tisbury had to call Special Town Meetings to revote the MVRHSD assessment since the Alternate formula had been voted down by Oak Bluffs.
- The UIRSC discussed strategies with respect to advocating the Mass. Dept. of Education to rectify the Statutory formula data.

- The UIRSC planned their presence and actions at the Aquinnah Annual Town Meeting, May 8, 2007 at 7:00PM at the Aquinnah Town Hall.
- Chilmark Principal Diane Gandy would be away on medical leave during part of May.

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

- The Mass. Association of School Committees (MASC) was sponsoring a Legislative Day on the Hill in Boston on May 1st and a Leadership Workshop for old and new School Committee members on May 4th and 5th.
- The West Tisbury School gymnasium roof will be paid for in FY07 and repaired this summer.
- Of the 28 eligible kindergarten students in West Tisbury 23 have already been registered.
- Chilmark was expecting 12 families at their kindergarten open house.
- A tentative agreement had been reached with the paraprofessionals.
- Supt. Weiss had put the word out for a W. Tisbury School interim principal to serve from June 30, 2007, however the tenure could be very short as Prin. Michael Halt was slated to return in October 2007. Prin. Halt had called recently from Iraq to inquire after the School and the results of the Town Meetings.

The next UIRSC Meeting was scheduled for 5:00PM Monday, May 14, 2007 at the West Tisbury School.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:17PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 4/26/07

Wampanoag Tribe Draft of Indian Policies & Procedures (4 p.) 3/21/05

Native American High School Summer Program @ Harvard Medical School

Chilmark School Principal's Report 4/26/07

Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.)

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, May 14, 2007
West Tisbury School, 6:00 PM**

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Present: Chair – Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman
Skipper J. Manter, Dan Cabot, Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Marge Harris, Amy Tierney
Principals: Ed Jerome, Bob Lane, Diane Gandy
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order 6:12PM.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # II.)

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 12, 2007, APRIL 3, 2007 AND APRIL 26, 2007 MINUTES AS WRITTEN; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE ALL PAST EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES, TO WIT:*
 - *DECEMBER 9, 2003;*
 - *JANUARY 26, 2004; FEBRUARY 17, 2004; JUNE 9, 2004; JUNE 21, 2004; JULY 12, 2004;*
 - *JANUARY 23, 2006; OCTOBER 16, 2006; NOVEMBER 16, 2006;*
 - *JANUARY 8, 2007;*
- *ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.*
- *IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) TO RELEASE ALL PAST EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES APPROVED ABOVE.*

Financial Report (Agenda Item # III.)

A. Expenditure Report

The Chilmark Special Education (SpEd) deficits were likely to be covered by the Kindergarten grant, additional Chapter 70 reimbursements, and residuals such as health and dental insurance savings so the Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) site budget should balance.

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO GRATEFULLY ACCEPT \$62.71 FROM TARGET; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO GRATEFULLY ACCEPT \$63.20 FROM OUR ISLAND CLUB; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Principal's Report (Agenda item # V.)

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

Prin. Diane Gandy reviewed the SummerSkills program to help students keep their reading and math skills sharp over vacation. In addition Lillian Kellman had put out her usual end-of-the-year reading list.

B. Ed Jerome – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

- Prin. Ed Jerome emphasized the honor to the All Island Band for its high standing in the Mass. State competition. Congratulations would be sent to the West Tisbury leaders.
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED THAT THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) AUTHORIZE DAN CABOT TO THANK THE THREE TOWNS FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH A LETTER TO THE PRESS; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- There was a discussion on the new Houghton Mifflin reading instruction program which provided a range of texts and levels for all students and teachers.
- Chair Susan Parker thanked Prin. Ed Jerome for tackling the Wellness Policy. The Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) set the policy and the Administration was responsible for implementing it and the School Advisory Council (SAC) for applying it in an appropriate way. Chartwell had expressed their willingness to change their menus to suit the policy while staying within the contract parameters. The UIRSC asked Prin. Jerome to return to the UIRSC with any implementation expenses.
- The library will have its book sale in July and Summer School enrollment was about 40-50 students including the lower grades from Chilmark.
- The bids for repairing the roof and the boilers would be published Friday, May 18th. The annual summer work on room upgrades, carpets and painting would take place as usual.
- An integrated pest management system continued to be in place along with some preventative life style measures designed not to attract pests.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # VI.)

A. School Choice Notice

The annual school choice application notice was posted in the press. The Cabinet was coordinating and tightening the timeline.

- The UIRSC Annual School Choice Public Hearing should also be posted for the June meeting.

B. Grade 8 Honors Algebra Program

A 45 minutes placement test had been developed for entrance into the 8th grade honors algebra program (see 10/4/06 AISC Minutes p.) to enrich high level math

students, raise the bar for all math students and improve high school honors math curriculum. The placement test was also a good evaluation tool.

Another meeting on the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) assessment formula dispute was not productive. The Towns energy and frustration was focused on the State as the instigator, instead of on local solutions. The State had been resolutely silent on mediating the problem. The MVRHSD FY08 Budget with the Statutory Assessment Formula would now have to be approved by two Special Town Meetings to be valid. West Tisbury and Chilmark Board of Selectmen meeting schedules were reviewed for further advocacy. If this failed the MVRHSD would be given 1/12th of the flat FY07 budget each month until December 2007 at which time if there was still no agreement the Dept. of Education (DOE) Commissioner would set the FY08 budget.

Personnel (Agenda Item # VIII.)

A. Leave Request

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO GRANT HOLLY PENNINGTON A ONE YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR CHILD REARING AS RECOMMENDED; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

B. Replacement for Interim Principal

As Ed Jerome's contract only ran till the end of the school year Supt. Weiss had solicited applications for another interim principal. More creative solutions had not panned out. Supt. Weiss had consequently engaged Dan McCarthy a retired principal from off-Island as a good fit with the school. Asst. Principal Bob Lane would be a great asset and Mr. McCarthy would overlap with Mr. Jerome for a smooth transition.

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

A. Discussion of Annual Town Meetings

The UIRSC felt the Town meetings went well and with a good feeling for the region (see above p. 2).

B. Year End Schedules

- West Tisbury School graduation would be Thursday, June 14th at 10:00AM at the new Agricultural Hall.
- Chilmark School graduation would be Friday, June 15th at 6:00PM at the Chilmark School.
- Charter School graduation would be Saturday, June 2nd at 1:30PM at the Charter School.

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The next UIRSC meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday June 11, 2007 at 5:00 at the Chilmark School with the fall back date to be June 18, 2007.

- Recorder Marni Lipke reminded the UIRSC of the start of the summer season which would mean a delay in minutes.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 5/14/07

Expenditure Report General Fund – FY 2005-2006 (11 p.) 5/14/07

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report 5/10/07

Chilmark School Principal's Report 5/14/07

Brief Resume Daniel G. McCarthy

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, June 11, 2007
Chilmark School, 5:00 PM**

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Present: Chair - Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter, Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Marge Harris,
Principals: Ed Jerome, Dan McCarthy,
Staff: Martha Stackpole,

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order 5:07PM. As Marni Lipke the recorder was absent Supt. Jim Weiss volunteered to take the minutes.

Minutes Read and Approved (*if available*) (Agenda item # II.)

No action was taken.

Public Comment (Agenda item # III.)

Principal's Report (Agenda item # V.)

B. Ed Jerome – West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

Ed presented principal's report for WT and reviewed at length the proposed items for the school's SIP - focused upon the lunch room, bullying, transitions between Gr 5 & 6, and improved communication with parents

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

Marge distributed materials for Diane Gandy who was unable to attend

School Choice Hearing (Agenda item # VII.)

THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) MEETING RECESSED BY CONSENSUS AT 6:06PM AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS CALLED TO ORDER.

There was no public comment.

THE PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:08PM AND THE UIRSC MEETING RESUMED BY CONSENSUS.

Financial Report (Agenda Item # IV.)

A. Expenditure Report

The Superintendent reviewed the financial memo written by ASBA Tierney

B. Year-End Transfers

- *MARSHALL SEGAL MOVED TO APPROVE ALL BUDGET TRANSFERS AS DETAILED (SEE DOCUMENTS ON FILE); DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY – SKIP MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO TRANSFER \$100,000 TO THE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND FROM EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY (E & D) TO PAY FOR THE REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF THE BOILER(S); DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # VI.)

B. Transportation Update

The transportation budget was discussed – see memo

Policy (Agenda Item # VIII.)

A. School Choice Policy – 1st Reading

• IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) TO ACCEPT THE FIRST READING OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (UIRSD) SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY AMENDMENTS AS RECOMMENDED.

School Choice policy changes were reviewed – the policy was changed to reflect new procedures as drafted by the Cabinet.

Personnel (Agenda Item # IX.)

A. Resignations

• *ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATIONS OF DEB DUNN AND AMY HEWITT; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

B. Staffing for 07/08

• *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO GRANT ANN ROSSI A ONE YEAR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AS RECOMMENDED; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Superintendent Weiss reviewed open positions at both schools

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # VI.)

A. Salary Adjustments

• *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE A 3.5% SALARY INCREASE FOR DAVID CRAWFORD PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE EVALUATION; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

• *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE A 3.0% SALARY INCREASE FOR MICHAEL HALT, DIANE GANDY, AND BOB LANE PENDING THE COMPLETION OF EVALUATIONS; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 4 AYES, 1 NAY – ROXANNE ACKERMAN, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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

A. June 13th Meeting with FinCom and Selectmen

The UIRSC discussed June 13th joint meeting with West Tisbury Selectmen and Fincom

B. Discussion of School Improvement Plan

The UIRSC discussed at length the role of SAC's in budget development and a memo by Dan Cabot – no real conclusions

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The next UIRSC meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday July 23, 2007 at 5:00 at the West Tisbury School.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 6/11/07

Amy Tierney Report for June Meeting (2 p.) 6/11/07

Expenditure Report General Fund – FY 2005-2006 (11 p.) 6/10/07

Treasurer's Report 6/11/07

UIRSD Sullivan Rogers & Co. Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006,
(4 p. & covers) 3/20/07

UIRSD Invitation for Bids for Boiler Replacement W. Tisb. School (15 p.)

UIRSD Invitation for Bids for W. Tisb. School Gymnasium Roof (26 p.)

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report 6/11/07

Chilmark School Principal's Report 6/11/07

Chilmark Times Issue 18 Spring is the Thing (12 p.)

5th Grade Graduation Invitation 6/15/07

**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
Monday, July 18, 2007 7:30PM
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room**

Present: Edgartown	Chair – David Rossi, Les Baynes, Susan Mercier
Up-Island	Roxanne Ackerman, Dan Cabot, Skip Manter, Susan Parker,
Oak Bluffs	Lisa Regan, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	John Bacheller Bob Tankard, Maura Valley,
Others	
Supt. Of.	Supt. Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney, Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt,
Press	MVTV Jim Osmundsen
Recorder	Marni Lipke * Late arrivals or early departures

Computer technician 3.5% admin 3% contracts JW would like to handle. UIRSC last.

- THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:45PM.
- *MS. REAGAN MOVED*
- *THE SECOND READING OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICY ;*
- *THE THIRD READING OF THE STAFF CONDUCT POLICY;*
- *TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CUSTODIANS;*
- *TO ACCEPT SUPERINTENDENT WEISS'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NON-UNION NON-ADMINISTRATIVE PAY RAISES AT 3.5%, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RAISES AT 3%;*
- MS. SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *MS. REAGAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2007 AISC/OBSC MINUTES; MS. SYLVIA SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 1 AYE, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – MS. REAGAN* due to non-membership at that time.
- THE OBSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.

- THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE (TSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. BOB TANKARD MOVED THAT THE TSC*
- *ACCEPT THE THIRD READING OF THE STAFF CONDUCT POLICY;*
- *ACCEPT THE SECOND READING OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICY ;*
- *ACCEPT SUPERINTENDENT WEISS'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NON-UNION NON-ADMINISTRATIVE PAY RAISES AT 3.5%, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RAISES AT 3%;*

- *RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CUSTODIANS; AND*
 - *APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2007 AISC/TSC MINUTES;*
- MR. JOHN BACHELLER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 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.
- *SUSAN MERCIER MOVED THAT THE ESC:*
 - *ACCEPT THE THIRD READING OF THE STAFF CONDUCT POLICY;*
 - *ACCEPT THE SECOND READING OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICY ;*
 - *ACCEPT SUPERINTENDENT WEISS'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NON-UNION NON-ADMINISTRATIVE PAY RAISES AT 3.5%, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RAISES AT 3%;*
 - *RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CUSTODIANS; AND*
 - *APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2007 AISC/ESC MINUTES;*
- 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.
- Supt. Weiss recommended larger adjustments(see documents on file) for:
Technologist Richard Hammond as more appropriate to market scale;
Athletic Trainer Tania Laslovich to compensate for her original low hiring salary;
Rebecca Amos Institute Katherine Kavanaugh for additional duties.
- MS. SYLVIA MOVED TO*
 - *ACCEPT THE THIRD READING OF THE STAFF CONDUCT POLICY;*
 - *ACCEPT SUPERINTENDENT WEISS'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NON-UNION NON-ADMINISTRATIVE PAY RAISES AT 3.5%, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RAISES AT 3%, AS WELL AS FOR THE THREE ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENTS AS NOTED;*
 - *RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CUSTODIANS; AND*
 - *APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2007 AISC/MVRHSC MINUTES;*
- MR. MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 8:51PM.

- The AISC meeting resumed and adjourned at 8:51PM

- THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER 8:54PM.
- *MR. CABOT MOVED:*
 - *TO RATIFY THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CUSTODIANS;*
 - *THE THIRD READING OF THE STAFF CONDUCT POLICY;*
 - *THE SECOND READING OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING*

POLICY;

- AND TO APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2007 AISC/UIRSC MINUTES;

*MR. MANter SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0
ABSTENTIONS.*

**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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- Supt. Weiss would report back to the UIRSC on a new contract for Technologist David Crawford.
- There was a discussion on the raise for Prin. Michael Halt who had been on active military service for 10 months; it was suggested his raise be effective on the date of his return. Roxanne Ackerman commented that a 2% raise had been recommended across the board but that only exceptional work would gain a 3% raise, which Prin. Halt had not been present to do.
- All three principals contracts expired on June 30, 2007 and were not in active negotiations due to absence and leave issues. The salary raises were for FY08 only.
- *AS RECOMMENDED BY SUPT. WEISS MR. MANTER MOVED TO GRANT ADMINISTRATORS DIANE GANDY AND ROBERT LANE A 3% INCREASE AND NON-UNION, NON-ADMINISTRATIVE MARY LEE SCHROEDER, AND DAVID CRAWFORD A 3.5% INCREASE; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *MR. MANTER MOVED TO GRANT ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL HALT A 3% INCREASE EFFICTIVE DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY SUPT. WEISS; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS 9:10PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 7/18/07

Supt. Memo re: Superintendent's Office Salary Adjustments (2 p.) 7/11/07

Supt. Memo re: Oak Bluffs Salary Adjustments (2 p.) 7/11/07

Supt. Memo re: Tisbury Salary Adjustments (2 p.) 7/11/07

Supt. Memo re: Edgartown Salary Adjustments (2 p.) 7/11/07

Supt. Memo re: MVRHS and Superintendent's Office Salary Adjustments (4 p.) 7/11/07

Supt. Memo re: UIRSD Salary Adjustments (2 p.) 7/11/07

Negotiation Issues for Custodians (4 p.)

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, August 20, 2007
West Tisbury School, 7:00 PM**

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Present: Chair – Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman*
Skipper J. Manter, Dan Cabot, Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt, Amy Tierney
Principals: Dan McCarthy,
Staff: Terri Mellow – W. Tisb. Kindergarten.
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order 7:03PM.

Year End Financials (Agenda Item # III.)

Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) has been completed and audited. The budget turned out to be quite tight at the end of the year with \$216,000 remaining, of which \$208,211 was a transfer from School Choice moneys. These moneys were kept in a separate account until the year's end, an accounting quirk was discussed and explained at length.

- School choice money were kept in a separate fund which by law must be spent on education. The money was counted as income but not included in the general budget (i.e. not slated for expenditure during the budgeting process).

- Consequently, as recommended by the auditor, the general fund could be reduced each year by the estimated amount of school choice revenue and/or the school choice money could be designated and expended for a particular educational purpose, for example capital improvement of the facilities.

- It was expected that the school choice revenue would be included in the FY09 general fund budget process which would reduce town assessments accordingly.

- The Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) asked that the auditor further explain the situation.

- The Superintendent's Office received unofficial word that Mass. State "pot hole" money had been voted and awarded. Those towns whose Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) assessments were substantially increased by the new statutory formula received about 50% of the increase. This helped relieve the immediate situation but the issue of the MVRHSD assessment remained.

Update on Boilers and Roof Repair (Agenda item # IV.)

The W. Tisbury School roof repair was turning out to be much more complicated than expected. The original bid was for \$95,000 however the company found that the insulation was not up to state standards, the flashing and adhesion was improper and that there was rot in parts of the roof structure. Consequently two large change orders had to be signed, one for \$63,975 and the other for \$3,808. There were difficulties with the Steamship Authority on shipping the materials and with housing for the crew in the height of the summer tourist season. Nevertheless work was proceeding well and the job should be finished before school opened. An inspector from the rubber roof manufacturer will inspect and certify the roof. The costs could probably be covered by residual in the Special Maintenance line and the total was still under the price of the second bid. The project would have been better served by architectural specs.

A similar situation had developed around the replacement of the W. Tisbury School boilers. No bids were received on the Request For Proposal (RFP) because no engineering specs were provided. Mr. Dennis Gaudreau, an independent engineer from Cape Cod was hired and explained the flaws in the old system which were due to improper installation contrary to the manufacturers specs and guidelines. Mr. Gaudreau would write the specs for the next RFP and basic repairs should keep the boilers limping through the winter—at least the persistent leak could be solved.

The Chilmark Board of Health agent found the Chilmark School well water to have a very high copper count due to a lack of periodic flushing of the system. A gap in paperwork between Mass. State and the contractor had delayed the proper monitoring. The School now needed to contract or train someone to maintain a treated water system, add a PH monitor to the system and find a licensed inspector to certify it. As the only other Island school on well water there was now some concern as to West Tisbury School's water system.

- All this highlighted the need for a knowledgeable expert such as a facilities manager to oversee the increasingly complex systems, state regulations and buildings of the MV Public Schools (MVPS).

The Town of Chilmark submitted a 2004 electrical bill for \$2,084.24 to the UIRSD. The invoice was for work done after the frozen pipe damage which was covered by insurance. Business Affairs Amy Tierney had refused the bill and returned it to Chilmark for resubmission to the insurance or payment by the Town. The electrician was currently working on the Chilmark School and billing Prin. Gandy directly.

Approval of Out-of-State Travel – V. Becker (Agenda item # V.)

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE PERMISSION AND EXPENSES FOR VALERIE BECKER TO ATTEND THE APPLE DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR INSTITUTE IN CALIFORNIA IN JULY 20007; SUSAN PARKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

The UIRSC requested they be informed of the cost of conferences prior to approval.

Notification of Regional Agreement Change (Agenda item # VI.)

An official letter from the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education acknowledged the receipt of the Capital Cost Amendment to the Regional Agreement, not properly filed and in effect.

Personnel (Agenda item # VII.)

A. Resignation of V. Vento

MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF SPANISH TEACHER VANESSA VENTO AND PARAPROFESSIONALS ERIC GOFF AND ZACHARY WINDARALL; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED BY CONSENSUS. Foreign language teachers were in demand all over the Island.

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

A. Update School Choice

• IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) TO ACCEPT THE SECOND READING OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (UIRSD) SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY AMENDMENTS AS RECOMMENDED. The policy reflected the revisions by the Cabinet to streamline procedures used to fill school choice positions.

• Chilmark enrollment was unchanged at 48 students. West Tisbury School would welcome 35 new kindergartners and graduate 23 8th graders (the next 8th grade was 43 students).

• Prin. Gandy was slowly improving and hoped to be back for the first day of school. W. Tisb. Interim Prin. Dan McCarthy had worked to fill the open Chilmark positions so the School was now fully staffed.

B. Transportation Bus Update

The bus RFP was advertised in July and the deadline extended to August 31st to accommodate vendors' many questions. The UIRSC and MVRHSC would be asked to vote to award the contract after the bids were examined. Delivery date for the new fleet would be December 15th. Drivers would be trained and a few of the old bus fleet retained for emergencies. The UIRSC discussed hiring an independent expert to accompany Amy Tierney and Transportation Director Jimmy Maseda to the inspections of the new buses at the factory and dealership and/or to consult with one of the big commercial bus companies.

New Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt was very busy designing a new webpage with links to curriculum and instruction for each class and subject, to a curriculum calendar, to the Island Curriculum Committee and to professional development opportunities both on and off Island. In addition a new induction and mentoring committee was being formed and a monthly newsletter was going in all teacher and school committee boxes. Five years of writing prompts were being analyzed and tracked by class as they moved up. MCAS scores were also being reordered for more understandable and useful reports.

- W. Tisbury Principal Michael Halt (now on military leave) was scheduled to go to Kuwait to process out and then to California shortly. The UIRSC wished him a safe journey home.

The next UIRSC meeting was scheduled for Monday September 17, 2007 at 7:00 at the Chilmark School.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:41PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 8/20/07

UIRSD Fund Balance FY 2006-2007 8/20/07

Revenue Report – All Funds - FY 2006-2007 (2 p.) 8/7/07

Expenditure Report General Fund – FY 2006-2007 (11 p.) 8/7/07

W. Tisb. School Student Count by Grade as of 8/20/07

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 8/20/07

Chilmark Times Issue 19 – 2007 (16 p.)

UIRSD School Choice Policy (2 p.)

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, September 17, 2007
Chilmark School, 7:00 PM**

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Present: Chair – Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman,
Dan Cabot, Marshall Segall,
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Amy Tierney
Principals: Dan McCarthy, Bob Lane, Diane Gandy
Staff – Terri Mello, Stephanie Dreyer. Victoria Phillips
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item # I.)

The meeting was called to order. Skip Manter could not attend and requested that professionals be hired to oversee all large projects from the Request For Proposal (RFP) to completion.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # II.)

Ms. Lipke apologized for the backlog in minutes and hoped to begin to clear it soon.

Principal's Reports – New Staff and School Opening (Agenda item # III.)

B. West Tisbury (See documents on file.)

Staff preparation and the opening of school was successful. New staff was listed. The building looked good and would be passed on to Prin. Michael Halt who was expected to land in California tomorrow from his tour of duty in Iraq. There would be a staff reception for him Oct. 1st. Interim Prin. Dan McCarthy's enjoyed his stay and praised the staff. Enrollment was at 287 students with big kindergartens. Roxanne Ackerman raised the issue of dissatisfied parents of Special Education (SpEd) students and would confer with Supt. Weiss.

A. Chilmark (See documents on file.)

Prin. Diane Gandy's health was improving. All the summer work on the building was completed except the gutters which were turning out to be a bigger project than thought. There was some new staff and enrollment stood at 42 students.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda item # IV)

A. Healthcare Incentive Plan

37 people in Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD) switched to lower cost plans and there was an Islandwide savings of about \$106,000. As three of the bargaining unit contracts were late the MV Public Schools (MVPS) were negotiating for another open enrollment. Not all staff could participate because their Towns had not signed onto the program but the UIRSD towns and Oak Bluffs had lead the way. Those who had switched plans before the negotiations would unfortunately not get the incentive.

The West Tisbury Energy Committee was still working on erecting a wind tower on W. Tisb. School property and were expecting success and applying for a grant.

Valerie Becker attended the Apple Institute in Monterey, CA at a cost of \$1056.52.

Financial Report (Agenda item # V.)

The first quarter assessments and interest were in and the budget looked good. The UIRSC repeated that summaries were sufficient unless there was a problem to discuss. They requested one copy of the full budget report quarterly only. This did not include working drafts of the Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) budget.

- The RFP was received from the mechanical engineer and then published. It included a mailing fee and blueprint deposit. Responses would be reviewed and voted at a 9:00AM, Thursday, October 4, 2007 meeting at Howes House.

- Budget workshop meetings were scheduled:

Monday, 10/15 in Chilmark 5:00PM Budget –
6:00PM Regular.

Monday, 10/29 in W. Tisbury 5:00PM Budget,

Tuesday, 11/13 Chilmark 8:30AM Budget
9:30AM Regular

Monday, 11/26 in W. Tisbury - 5:00PM Budget (if necessary)

Monday, 12/17 in W. Tisbury - 5:00PM Regular meeting

5:30PM Public Hearing, then certification of FY09 Budget

Supt. Weiss, Business Affairs Amy Tierney, and the W. Tisbury School Administration watched the W. Tisbury School roof leak in last Monday's rain. Legal counsel was being consulted and the final payment withheld pending rectification and compensation for damages. The manufacturer's inspector had completed a satisfactory site visit but the warranties have not been delivered nor final completion accepted. Resolution would likely be negotiated between the contractor and the manufacturer. The roof design itself presented serious problems and the UIRSD might have been better served by asking an architect to design a holistic roof. In the future it would also be advisable to do the roof as a whole despite the financial cost. The School needed new gutters — a capital expense to consider for FY09.

After the experience with the roof and the boiler (see 8/20/07 Minutes) an off-Island engineer or expert would be asked to design and oversee the RFP process as unfortunately the local contractors lacked the certification and pay scale needed. All roof contracts would now include a clause stating that all final payments would be held pending weather testing.

Old/New/Other Business

(Agenda item # VIII.)

B. FY09 Budget Discussion

At the request of Diane Early the administration and some UIRSC members met with W. Tisbury FinCom Chair Al DeVito. He had a number of requests including that the UIRSD budget follow the MVRHRSD budget format because the FinCom could not understand the current format. Dan Cabot drafted a rough copy of what this might look like (see documents on file). There was a discussion on the time and staff needed to effect the change as well as various options:

- changing the way the budget was presented,
- adding a key to explain groupings,
- separate summary sheet to break it down as requested.

Some of the other FinCom requests focused on a political agenda to close the Chilmark School.

There was a discussion on the national rise in severely challenged Special Education (SpEd) students and the need to deal with the situation on an Islandwide basis; the cost would be catastrophic to individual schools or districts.

- There were objections to taking children out of the mainstream and their local schools.
- Currently SpEd students in local schools were isolated from their peers around the Island. The new program would include time in class at the local school and the goal was to eventually mainstream the students.
- Many SpEd students had successfully grown up in the mainstream.
- Special services and staff could be better provided in a regional program.
- Local schools would otherwise have to duplicate programs and compete for staff.

Diane Powers called a meeting of school committees, FinComs and selectmen to try to eliminate some of the friction surrounding the change in the regional assessments.

Personnel

(Agenda item # VI.)

A. Resignation

DAN CABOT MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF PAM LOGAN; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Policy

(Agenda item # VII.)

A. School Choice Policy – 3rd Reading

There were 11 new school choice student this year at the W. Tisbury School; no extra sections were created.

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (UIRSD) SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY AMENDMENTS DATED 9/17/07 AS RECOMMENDED; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS

Old/New/Other Business

(Agenda item # VIII.)

A. Transportation / Bus Update

The bus bids were opened August 31st. In consultation with the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) Amy Tierney was not satisfied with the low bid in regards to trade-in value of the old buses (which were in great shape) and the engine quality of the new ones. The Regions might buy the smaller SpEd buses which needed to be replaced immediately but put the other spec's out to bid again. The Administration spoke about State procurement law, bond rates and issues, and bureaucratic regulations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:14PM in time for the last two innings of the Red Sox game.

Documents on File:

Agenda 9/17/07

UIRSD School Committee Expenditure and Revenues 7/1/07 to 9/17/07

Budget format draft

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report 9/17/07

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report

Chilmark School Principal's Report 9/17/07

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
Wednesday, September 26, 2007 12:00N
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Library Conference Room

Present: Edgartown	Chair – David Rossi, Susan Mercier
Up-Island	Roxanne Ackerman, Susan Parker, Marshall Segall
Oak Bluffs	Lisa Regan, Judi O'Donoghue, Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	John Bacheller Maura Valley,
Others	
Supt. Of.	Supt. Jim Weiss, Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt,
Press	MVTV - Justin Zaiko
Recorder	Marni Lipke

* Late arrivals or early departures

Policy

(Agenda Item # V)

A. 3rd Reading Fiscal Accounting and Reporting Policy (Not MVRHS)

This policy was requested by the Auditors (see 6/6/07 Minutes p.1). A typo was corrected.

The All Island Regional School Committee recessed at 1:08PM so that the local school committees could convene for the final reading of the policy.

- *THE OAK BLUFFS SCHOOL COMMITTEE (OBSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:08PM.*
- *MS. SYLVIA N MOVED THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICY AS AMENDED; MS. REGAN 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. BACHELLER MOVED THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICY AS AMENDED; MS. VALLEY SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *THE TSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.*

- *THE UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.*
- *MR. SEGALL MOVED TO ADOPT THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICY AS AMENDED; MS. ACKERMAN SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *THE UIRSC 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
September 26, 2007**

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- *THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ESC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.*
- *MR. ROSSI MOVED THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF THE FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICY AS AMENDED; MS. MERCIER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *THE ESC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.*

The AISC meeting resumed at 1:10PM

Documents on File:

Agenda 9/26/07

Fiscal Accounting and Reporting 7/18/07

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, October 15, 2007
Chilmark School, 5:00 PM**

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Present: Chair – Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman*
Skipper J. Manter, Dan Cabot, Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Principals: Diane Gandy, Michael Halt, Bob Lane
Staff: Terry Mello – W. Tisb. Kindergarten.
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item #1)

The meeting was called to order. The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) welcomed back Principal Michael Halt on his safe return from his tour of duty and Principal Diane Gandy during her steady recovery.

Initial Budget Discussion (See documents on file.) (Agenda Item #II)

- If the Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) budget were to be level funded (the same as FY08) changes in the Capital Cost formula (see 1/22/07 p.2 #IV C) and in FY08 enrollment assessments would be as follows: Aquinnah down 15%, Chilmark up 21%, West Tisbury down 26%
- If there were no staff changes, salary and benefit increases from the new contract would increase the budget 4.9%.
- Present health plan costs were projected to rise 10%.
- The FY09 Superintendent's Office budget was expected to rise 20.36% due to:
 - a second Project Headway class,
 - a new shared program in Special Education (SpEd),
 - an Islandwide facilities manager, and
 - 8.8% for the new contract costs.
- Savings from shifting health insurance plans was \$116,000. It was suggested that health insurance forums include testimonies from staff who had already changed plans.
- Up-Island Regional School District (UIRSD) SpEd costs might drop due to the new shared SpEd program.
- Prin. Diane Gandy did not expect any significant increases at the Chilmark site and was hoping to manage with current funding levels.
- Prin. Halt explained that – with the exception of kindergarten and the library – all W. Tisbury School paraprofessionals were SpEd certified emphasizing that they worked for the students and not as assistants to the teachers.
- Business Affairs Amy Tierney was working on a new budget format (see 9/17/07 Minutes p. 2-3 #VIII B).
- The October 1 census had been taken.
10/1/07 Chilmark School – 42 West Tisbury School – 283
10/1/06 Chilmark School – 50 West Tisbury School – 273
Six children in the Chilmark preschool transferred to the W. Tisbury Kindergarten.

The UIRSC recessed at 5:45 and reconvened at 6:02.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # IV.)

DAN CABOT MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2007 MINUTES AS AMENDED; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – SKIP MANTER due to absence.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # V.)

B. Chilmark School (See documents on file.)

Windmill Discussion (Agenda item # III.)

South Mountain Co. notified the Chilmark School of a donation of funds to cover: an energy audit, analysis, implementation of improvements, and endowment for maintenance of the improvements (see documents on file). Everyone expressed their appreciation. Preparation for the audit and follow up consultation were explained. The UIRSC recommended that all documents be copied to the Town of Chilmark as the owner of the School.

A. West Tisbury School (See documents on file.)

Prin. Halt commended the staff and students for the excellent MCAS scores especially in English/Language Arts (E/LA) (see documents on file). The School more than made its aggregate goal. A failure to meet the Mass. State set Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goal in SpEd E/LA was probably due to the severity of the current students' challenges. A letter and explanation had been sent home to parents. The UIRSC discussed:

- the AYP computation which was predetermined to the failure of all schools, and
- the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act consequences of failure.
- Prin. Halt extended his own and his family's profound appreciation for the inspiring support given to them during his tour of duty in Iraq and especially the outpouring of warmth on his return.
- Later Bob Lane reported that Friday, October 19th the exchange guests from England would arrive and stay through following Sunday. The visit would include two trips to Boston and the traditional international soccer cup challenge between schools.

A. Update on Roof and Boiler

The Request For Proposal (RFP) on a new boiler was refused three times. The engineer had been called back and Asst. Prin. Bob Lane talked about the steps needed to keep the old system limping through the winter.

The roofers have been back several time to try to repair the roof leaks (in Bob Lane's office, the music instruction room and the back storage closet). Legal Counsel advised that the UIRSC pay one warrant but withhold a similar amount. Amy Tierney was negotiating with all parties. Skip Manter advocated for holding back all payment citing long term water damage. Susan Parker agreed. The unique nature of the W. Tisbury School roof was emphasized. The new facilities manager although not totally eliminating expert consultant costs would be able to replace some and coordinate projects to lower costs.

The cafeteria schedule, menu, tables and décor have been refurbished.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda item # VI.)

B. MCAS Discussion.

Supt. Weiss explained the MCAS and AYP process and implications, noting that the bar would be significantly raised in Academic Year 08/09 (AY08/09) and AY09/10. The NCLB Law mandated 100% success, an essentially unattainable goal for all practical purposes, and reviewed the penalties for failure. Current MCAS drawbacks included: problems with the validity of instrument, teaching to the test, and untenable underlying enforcement. It was important to consider the test in context as only one form of evaluation and equally important to advocate for a more realistic mechanism. The UIRSC requested the Administration and teachers not focus on MCAS scores to the detriment of other educational goals.

Personnel (Agenda item # VII.)

ROXANNE ACKERMAN MOVED TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH REGRET THE RETIREMENT OF ELAINE BARETT; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS. Library books would be dedicated for this and last year's retirees.

Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt talked about the professional development speaker from the Boston Public Library and the amazing educational website: BPL.org which included virtual rooms and live homework help. She recommended UIRSC members visit the site.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:01PM in time for the Red Sox play-off game.

Documents on File:

Agenda 10/15/07

UIRSD FY2009 Formula

UIRSD FY2009 Assessment – Enrollment Change Only

UIRSD Employee List 2008-2009 (4 p.)

Chilmark School Principal's Report (2 p.) 10/15/07

October 2007 *Calendar*

Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.) October 2007

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

Mass. DoE West Tisbury Elem. Test Results (2 p.) 10/15/07

W. Tisb. School Buildings & Grounds Report 10/15/07

A + (B or C) + D = AYP

Up-Island Regional – 2007 Preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) 9/24/07

Chilmark Elementary – 2007 Preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) 9/24/07

West Tisbury Elementary – 2007 Preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) 9/24/07

Barnett letter of retirement 9/26/07

South Mountain Co. letter re: donation on energy conservation 9/28/07

W. Tisbury Energy Committee letter re: UIRSC endorsement and update 9/11/07

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, October 29, 2007
West Tisbury School, 5:00 PM**

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Present: Chair – Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman*
Skipper J. Manter, Dan Cabot, Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney
Principals: Diane Gandy, Michael Halt, Bob Lane
Staff: Terry Mello, Victoria Phillips.
Sarah Vail, Cynthia Bermudes, Josh Sommers,
Karen McDonald, Chantal Legaré
Recorder: Marni Lipke*

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item #1)

The meeting was called to order late.

Initial Budget Discussion (See documents on file.) (Agenda Item #II)

The Chilmark School site budget was projected to be reduced by:

- 1.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Special Education (SpEd) staff (\$106,950), and possibly to be increased by:
 - the cost of a family health care package, and
 - a rise in water testing and quality costs.
- The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) discussed the SpEd reduction in terms of the new Shared Programs proposed in the Superintendent's Office budget and projected and current UIRSD SpEd population. Supt. Weiss noted:
 - that the Chilmark SpEd staff reduction was not dependent on the Supt. Office/Shared Program budget being approved,
 - that the Shared Program represented a cost reduction (rather than savings) in that a student of significant needs was projected to enter the UIRSD in the fall of 2008.
- This was a preliminary discussion which should look at the budget as a whole noting that the shock of the 20% rise in the Supt./Shared Programs Office budget might be offset by local savings.
- There was a long philosophical exchange regarding the configuration of the new Shared Program of severely challenged primary grade children.
 - Roxanne Ackerman strongly protested the isolation or containment of Special Needs students, advocating for main stream inclusion, SpEd training for all teachers, child centered spending, and more creativity in program design.
 - The program would be set up similarly to the current Social Skills Program where on a daily basis students were assigned a regular classroom and worked within that classroom as much as possible sometimes with the assistance of a paraprofessional. When extra

teaching was necessary or when the child reached a breaking point they went to the Social Skills classroom to work with more supervision, and to learn the social skills curriculum. The new program could provide the required special staff in occupational therapy (OT), physical therapy (PT), speech therapy, autism, behavior, etc. on a continuous basis not possible if the staff were moving from site to site. Supt. Weiss advocated for the program as the best educational choice for the students, the fact that it saved money being a side issue.

- Principal Halt thanked the parents and staff for their attendance and for their patience with understanding the budget process. He reviewed the history of his budgets for the W. Tisbury School budget including the reduction of staff in both the middle and lower schools. He promised to take a strong look at everything in the school budget without exception, expecting at this point to:

- reduce office secretary staff,
- re-configure principal and assistant principal services including possible teaching duties,
- and refine middle school electives.

Principal Halt was in full support of the Islandwide Shared Programs for Special Education and the Facilities Manager. He looked forward to having more time to concentrate on being an educational leader.

- The UIRSC debated the possible reconfiguration of the two schools. They reviewed the schools recent histories, the political will of the two towns, the possible class size cut offs, and regional flexibility and sharing.

- Dan Cabot urged that the UIRSC discuss various alternatives openly and consider census bench marks for a reconfiguration process to begin.
- It was the strongly expressed will of the Chilmark community that the school remain in the town for their younger children. The West Tisbury Finance Committee had also strongly expressed a wish to keep a strong separate West Tisbury School.
- The UIRSC would consider ways to keep the Chilmark School alive and thriving such as,
as an early childhood center with kindergarten / first grade for the entire district, or as a magnet school.
- Other solutions such as more regional flexibility and staff sharing would also be explored.

- The October 1 Census was distributed (see documents on file) showing the UIRSD student enrollment as fairly stable, as predicted by The New England School Development Education Counsel (NESDEC).

- The first draft of a possible Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Budget showed a bottom line of \$8,494,737 about a 3.5% rise over the FY08 budget. The draft included the following adjustments: health insurance, life insurance, debt, residential placement, Chilmark reductions. The school busses, were left in as the process might require more funding.
- In view of the above percentage Prin. Halt asked for direction as to how completely the W. Tisbury School budget should be examined considering staff morale and middle school electives. The UIRSC asked him to examine everything carefully as an exercise.
- Supt. Weiss, Business Affairs Amy Tierney, the School Advisory Councils (SACs) and the UIRSD principals would consult on the next draft of the budget.
- The principals and SACs would advise the UIRSC as to educational impact and Amy Tierney would advise them as to financial impact.
- Skip Manter reminded the UIRSC that due to a shift in enrollment the budget was likely to spike in one of the district towns.
- The 8th grade honors math program (see AISC 10/4/06 Minutes p.3) was going well but there was only one W. Tisbury School student participating; four students qualified but start up problems with transportation and timing had been discouraging.

The UIRSC December meeting and public hearing on the budget was rescheduled for December 13, 2007 at 7:00PM and 7:30PM at the West Tisbury School.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:53PM.

Documents on File:

Agenda 10/29/07

Combined Up-Island Pupil Enrollment Census – October 1, 2007 (2 p.) 10/29/07

UIRSD FY09 Proposed Budget Draft #1 (5 p.) 10/29/07

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Monday, November 13, 2007
Chilmark Public Library, 8:30AM**

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Present: Chair - Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter, Marshall Segall
Others: Superintendent's Office: Jim Weiss, Laurie Halt,
Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Diane Gandy
Staff: Terry Mello,
Parents: Jill Bernstein, Sara Vail,
WT PTO: Cynthia Bermudes
WT. SAC: Heather Rodrigues
WT, Energy Com: Sander Shapiro, Richard Knabel,
Sheldon Bank
W. Tisb. FinCom – Ann Nelson, (Sheldon Banks)
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item #1)

The meeting was called to order.

Budget Discussion (See documents on file.)

The third draft of the budget was presented incorporating all known changes and costs including the capital budget formula amendment (see 1/22/07 p.2 #C).

- The inclusion of school choice revenues in the general fund reduced the assessment (see 8/20/07 Minutes p.1 #III) and the Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) requested an appropriate explanation be added to the budget presentation.

- For convenience sake the revenue usually went to W. Tisbury site teachers salary as the largest line item but could be split proportionally if requested.

- Each town voted its own assessment which were shown here by the Regional Agreement formula. However no decision had been made as to which formula would be used, the Regional or the Mass. State Statutory (figures for which would not be available before late January 2008). It was suggested that the UIRSC certify the bottom line and consider assessment formulas at a later date (see below p. 5).

- Chilmark's assessment rose due to enrollment changes and a larger share of capital costs while Aquinnah's dropped for similar reasons.

- The UIRSC discussed its foundation enrollment of 357 - being those children educated at public expense (i.e. not counting those who were home schooled, in private school or school choice students from out of district (28)) (see documents on file). There were 297 in district schools plus those in the Charter School (43) and School Choice students from the UIRSD in other Island schools (17). There were no students in residential placement this year.

Principal Michael Halt spoke about the West Tisbury site budget.

- 96% of the budget was fixed expenses such as contractual salaries, Special Education (SpEd) and English Language Learners (ELL) mandates, the Islandwide Shared Services budget, and benefit costs.
- In recent years the W. Tisb. School had lost about 50 students and consequently had had level service or negative growth budgets, losing about 7 teachers.
- Prin. Halt could not in conscience reduce more teaching staff and was now considering administrative cuts. The cuts would reduce administrative time with students and strain remaining staff. If enrollment was more than projected, if the Shared Services budget was cut and/or this trial did not work out Prin. Halt might request the changes be amended.
 - Administrative salaries had not been decided but a holding number had been entered.
 - Office staff would be reduced by one secretary. A substitute line increase would cover secretary absences.
 - In anticipation of an Islandwide Facilities Manager, Asst. Principal Bob Lane would return to teaching industrial arts 30% of his time. Industrial Arts would be reduced as an elective and would only be taught in the middle school.
- The publishing house would be funded through other venues and the line divided between sports (which had a growing enrollment in the elementary grades), ELL translation and a stipend for a webmaster.
- Funds were also increased for curriculum improvement to work with staff on new changes and to see education from differing perspectives.
- An unexpected increase in Kindergarten enrollment would require a reexamination of the multi-age model.
- The new Islandwide SpEd program would allow the School to keep SpEd expenses stable for FY09.
- There was a discussion on the loss of a part-time technology teacher and statements in general on the depressing direction of the school, which at the urging of the UIRSC was continually being cut back without any exciting new programs. The political realities of Town Meeting and ways to emphasize the loss were considered. Further fundraising was not efficacious being time consuming and unpredictable.
- The reconfiguration of the budget presentation was still in process (see 9/17/07 Minutes 0.3 #VIII B).
- Chilmark Principal Diane Gandy presented a draft budget showing a 3.06% drop due to reduced benefits and SpEd enrollment.
- The only increase was in water testing. The UIRSC explored the possibility of the Wampanoag Laboratory getting certified to test potable water.

- An increase in reimbursement, as well as the shift of a late run to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) budget, drove a major reduction in transportation costs.
- Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Affairs Amy Tierney asked the UIRSC to consider whether to purchase the buses outright or bond for an additional \$300,000.
- In conclusion the UIRSD FY09 Budget was up 0.64% from FY08.
- The next budget meeting was set for 5:00PM, Monday, November 26, 2007 at the W. Tisb. School.
- The Budget meeting was closed and the regular UIRSC meeting called to order.

Discussion with Sheldon Bank of the WT Energy Committee (Agenda Item # III.)

Sheldon Bank of the West Tisbury Energy Committee presented a proposal for a 201 ft, 250 kilowatt wind turbine on W. Tisb. School grounds, to reduce the \$70,000 annual energy costs (see documents on file). Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations had been determined and financing roughed out. They reviewed the energy savings and revenues which were projected to cover the cost of construction in 5 to 9 years.

- The Energy Committee in partnership with the Mass. Energy Technology Collaborative would oversee the survey, zoning, construction and cradle to grave maintenance of the Tower but the applicant to all grants would have to be the user i.e. the UIRSD in partnership with the Town of West Tisbury. The District would also have to commit to partial design and construction costs (estimated at \$400,000 – the rest to be covered by grants).
- The first step would be a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a feasibility survey by a wind consultant (\$40-60,000) the best (and more expensive) results would require the construction of a test tower.
- The UIRSC discussed maintenance contract costs, administrative time and energy commitment, zoning and abutter reaction, tower life expectancy, noise pollution, Town interest, budget implications, and funding through separate Town warrants. If the matter was to proceed and be successful the UIRSC would have to show solid support.
- The UIRSC directed the Energy Committee to consult the Town of Tisbury as the owners of the property.
- Dan Cabot suggested the UIRSC explore geo-thermal energy which was decidedly less expensive, more reliable and less potentially controversial.
- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UIRSC THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CONFER WITH THE ENERGY COMMITTEE ON VARIOUS ISSUES AND REAL COSTS WITH AN EYE TO A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION TO TEST THE POLITICAL WILL OF THE WEST TISBURY TOWN RESIDENTS.**
- The UIRSC thanked the Energy Committee for their presentation.

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

C. Facilities Update – Boiler and Roof

- The roof was finished but still leaked. It had been inspected by the manufacturer and guaranteed for 15 years. Counsel Mat Tobin advised the UIRSD to make a claim against the warranty.
- The third boiler would be repaired with insurance money and the system husbanded through the winter. Replacement bids had exceeded the estimated \$10,000 by a factor of nine.

B. Bus Purchase Update

UIRSD will purchase six buses split between two fiscal years. The Committee considered putting money aside annually (possibly in a stabilization fund) for outright purchase to avoid bonding costs.

- In light of the above expensive draws the UIRSC discussed available Excess and Deficiency (E & D) resources in terms of previous and future offsets to the UIRSD budgets and emergency reserves.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item # II.)

MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 15, 2007 MINUTES AS WRITTEN AND THE OCTOBER 29, 2007 MINUTES AS AMENDED; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Principal's Report (Agenda item # V.)

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

Prin. Gandy highlighted Nan Doty's involvement in the School renewable energy program and the trip to Healthy Additions, South Mountain and Nelson Mechanicals.

- The Energy Improvement team were looking at the School (see 10/15/07 Minutes p.2 #V B). The Town had been consulted on donation acceptance and 30B.

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

- Ongoing Parent teacher conferences were well attended with good feedback.
- The annual winter concert will be the first week in December.
- The students were currently involved in a turkey drive.
- At the request of MVHRS 8th grade Civics will be replaced by US History I from Colonial times to the Civil War.
- Prin. Halt recommended the UIRSC see the 1st and 2nd grade hallway projects.
- The Principals asked for direction on what the UIRSC expected in their Principal's Reports.

- The Principals could assume their Reports had been read and need not be reiterated at meetings. Educational programs, projects and school events could be found in the Chilmark School Bell Tower and on the W. Tisbury School website.
- The UIRSC requested School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting schedules and minutes be included.
- Principals should highlight anything needing discussion or votes as well as any issues they considered particularly important.
- Otherwise the time could be spent on questions and answers.

Superintendent's Report (Agenda Item # VI.)

B. October 1 Census (See documents on file.)

Supt. Weiss reviewed the Census (see above p. 1) noting the interesting private school pattern.

A. Jeff Wulfson's Presentation

The Oct. 30th meeting with the Dept. of Education representative clarified the Statutory Assessment formula. However this formula would only impact 60-75% of the budget: transportation, debt and any spending above the foundation budget would be excluded. The UIRSC discussed the future viability of the Regional Assessment formulas.

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

A. Establish Meeting with SAC at Chilmark & West Tisbury

In accordance with policy (see 6/28/06 UIRSC/AISC Minutes p.2) joint UIRSC / School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings were scheduled:

- UIRSC/WTS SAC - 3:00PM, Tuesday, December 4 in the West Tisbury School Library,

- UIRSC/Chilm. SAC - 5:30PM, Thursday, December 13 at the Chilmark School.

A joint retreat on educational issues was suggested for the spring.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.

Documents on File:

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Sign In Sheet 11/13/07

UIRSD FY09 Proposed Budget Draft #2 (5 p.) 11/13/07

UIRSD Employee List 2008-2009 For FY09 Draft #3 (3 p.) 11/13/07

UIRSD FY2009 Assessment – Proposed Draft (2 p.) 11/13/07

Windmill fact sheet and map (11/13/07)

W. Tisb. School Principal's Report (3 p.) 11/13/07

UIRSD Expenditures July 1, 2007 to November 13, 2007 11/13/07

Chilmark School Principal's Report (2 p.) 11/13/07

Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.) 11/07

October 1, 2007 Enrollment Census, MVPS K-8 (9 p.) 10/25/07

October 1, 2007 Enrollment Census, MVPS 9-12 (2 p.) 10/25/07

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
5:00PM Monday, November 26, 2007
West Tisbury School**

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Present: Chair - Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman,
Dan Cabot, Skipper J. Manter,
Others: Superintendent's Office: Laurie Halt, Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Diane Gandy
Staff: Judy Boykin/McCarthy, Terry Mello, Victoria Phillips
WT PTO: Cynthia Bermudes
W. Tisb. FinCom – Ann Nelson,
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item #1)

The meeting was called to order.

Budget Discussion (See documents on file.)

- This draft reflected: the decision of a staff member not to resign, and various small corrections to lane changes and staff. It showed an increase of only 0.36% over Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08).
- The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) requested a Fund Balance sheet of all accounts and grants once a year.
- A lengthy discussion explored how the shift in School Choice funds from revenue into the budget (see 11/13/07 Minutes p.1) could be shown in the most accurate and understandable format.
- Assistant to the Superintendent for Business Affairs Amy Tierney was directed to confer with Supt. Weiss on how to best present the change.
- West Tisbury School Principal Michael Halt suggested that the UIRSD off-Island minivan be replaced by a sedan (as it was mostly used for staff professional development trips and Special Education student transport to medical appointments) and that the on-Island minivan was superfluous and could be eliminated.
 - The UIRSC debated: student transport regulations, annual skiing trip transportation alternatives, use of the off-Island vehicle by other districts, the MV Regional High School (MVRHS) minivans and the value of the used vans—which were likely to be declared surplus and sold.
 - IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE UIRSC THAT
 - THE TWO MINIVANS BE REPLACED WITH AN OFF-ISLAND HYBRID SEDAN FOR UIRSD USE ONLY,
 - AND THAT ANY INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE RESIDUALS IN THE REGIONAL PART OF THE BUDGET BE SHIFTED INTO A NEW LINE ITEM “TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT AND EXPENSES” SO THERE WOULD BE NO IMPAIRMENT OF TRAVEL FOR EITHER SITE.

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- \$162,000 in borrowing costs (half of the possible \$300,000 authorization) had been included in the FY09 budget for the remainder of the \$432,000 school bus purchase cost – \$250,000 had been earmarked from previous years' Excess and Deficiency (E & D).
- The UIRSC debated how to configure the cost of the buses focusing on E & D reserves and projections, balances needed for emergencies, Auditor recommendations, boiler costs, assessment rise, etc.
 - *DAN CABOT MOVED TO PUT \$208,000 FROM THE FY08 EXCESS & DEFICIENCY OFFSET IN THE FY09 UIRSD BUDGET TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF BUSES; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED;*
 - *SUSAN PARKER MOVED TO AMEND THE MOTION TO PUT \$158,000 FROM THE FY08 EXCESS & DEFICIENCY OFFSET IN THE FY09 UIRSD BUDGET TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF BUSES AND LEAVING \$50,000 TO BE BUDGETED FROM THE FY09 ASSESSMENT; ROXANNE ACKERMAN SECONDED; AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
 - *AMENDED MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- The above action would increase the UIRSD FY09 Budget bottom line but reduce the assessment.

- Skip Manter suggested West Tisbury School Assistant Principal Bob Lane be given two contracts next year: one as 70% Asst. Prin. and one as 30% teacher so that the assistant principal position was documented as part time.
 - Prin. Halt emphasized the experimental nature of the proposed change (see 11/13/07 Minutes p. 2) which was dependent on a number of factors including an Islandwide Facilities Manager.
 - Skip Manter expressed regret at phasing out an excellent teacher in the course of this shift and asked that alternatives be explored. The UIRSC noted the male/female teacher ratio, seniority and union issues, and the nature of an administrative teacher.

- Roxanne Ackerman suggested Supt. Weiss send a letter of congratulations to the new Wampanoag Tribal leadership.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:41PM.

Documents on File:

Posting 11/26/07

Sign In Sheet 11/26/07

UIRSD FY2009 Assessment – Proposed Draft 11/26/07

UIRSD FY2009 Formulas

UIRSD Employee List 2008-2009 For FY09 Draft #4 (3 p.) 11/26/07

UIRSD FY09 Proposed Budget Draft #3 (5 p.) 11/26/07

Chilmark Times Fall 2007 (8 p.)

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
Thursday, December 20, 2007
West Tisbury School, 7:00 PM**

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Present: Chair – Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman*,
Dan Cabot, Skip Manter, Marshall Segall.

Others: Superintendent's Office: Laurie Halt, Amy Tierney
Principals: Michael Halt, Diane Gandy, Bob Lane,
Staff – Valeri Becker, David Crawford,
Victoria Phillips, Judy Boykin-McCarthy,
Terri Mello,
Public – Cynthia Bermudes, Alexis Garcia
WT Energy – Sanders Shapiro, Richard Knabel (FinCom)
Chilmark: Selectman Warren Doty,
Recorder: Marni Lipke

*Late arrivals or early departures

The meeting was called to order 7:07PM

Minutes Read and Approved

SKIP MANTER MOVED TO APPROVE ALL BACK MINUTES BEING: MAY 14, 2007, AUGUST 20, 2007, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007, NOVEMBER 13, 2007 AND NOVEMBER 26, 2007; MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED WITH ABSTENTIONS AS ABSENT.

Financial Reports

Expenditure Report (See documents on file.)

All was well with both revenues and expenditures.

Excess & Deficiency (E & D) (See documents on file.)

The Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07) E & D analysis was sent in for certification. The balance came to \$266,276 well below the 5% cap of \$409,782. Consequently unless otherwise voted no money would be returned to the towns.

- Although health insurance costs had risen, the increase was reduced by the amount saved in shifts to more efficient plans.

Peter Temple from Aquinnah helped Amy Tierney complete the FY08 Impact Aid application. There was a brief discussion on the protocol for the annual Indian Policies and Procedures vote.

DAN CABOT MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PROVIDED THE WAMPANOAG TRIBE ALSO APPROVED; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS (see documents on file).

- The Up Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) asked the Supt. Weiss approach the Wampanoag Tribe for a joint meeting in early 2008.

Superintendent's Report

Projected Enrollment

(See documents on file.)

The UIRSC reviewed the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) projections noting the stabilizing enrollment numbers and the increased accuracy.

Public Hearing

Notice having been properly posted the Public Hearing on the Up Island Regional School District Fiscal Year 2007 Budget opened at 7:34PM.

- There were some changes from the last draft.
- The Dukes County Retirement Board informed the UIRSD its assessment had increased \$30,564.
- Due to more activity the UIRSD Mass. State Unemployment Insurance rate went from 0.2% to 0.5% (\$13,915).
- Since the bulk of David Crawford's time was spent in West Tisbury a .4 (2 day) technician was needed at the Chilmark School raising its Technology Line (see documents on file). The UIRSC discussed:
 - alternatives such as private contractors or town technicians,
 - the difficulties of finding such a person,
 - the amount of work, number of computers and servers,
 - the implications of Chilmark School's slow internet connection,
 - regional cooperation.
- This raised the FY09 Budget increase to 1.64% over last year with an assessment percentage increase of 3.65% due to the amended Capital Costs Formula and increased enrollment in Chilmark (with E & D fully funding buses, and voted into the Budget). The UIRSC thanked Amy Tierney for her presentation of the budget and the School Choice funds (see documents on file).
- Despite the large Islandwide contractual salary increase, the smallness of the UIRSD budget was mostly due to: school choice offset, transportation savings, reduced staff in both schools, no residential tuition, health care savings, and a decrease in student insurance.
- The UIRSC and public discussed various issues in the budget.
- There was concern over the loss of a part time Industrial Arts teacher at the West Tisbury School including the slow loss of Industrial Arts to the 4th and 5th grades and the configuration of teachers and administration,
- The Kindergartens in West Tisbury were at a larger than optimum enrollment (averaging 19 per section).
- There was disagreement on the advantages and disadvantages of the Supt.'s Shared Services proposed Islandwide Facilities Manager for the West Tisbury School.
- The Public Hearing was closed at 8:35PM.

- *MARSHALL SEGALL MOVED TO APPROVE THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET AS PROPOSED BOTH THE ASSESSEMENT (THROUGH THE REGIONAL FORMULA) AND THE BOTTOM LINE AT \$7,823,254.99; DAN CABOT SECONDED.*
- Skip Manter again protested that:
 - the Facilities Manager would also need staff, office, supplies, mileage, etc.

- other districts were not participating in the bus capital costs, however reimbursed,
- the administration was top heavy,
- the Chilmark School could not be justified,
- however low the percentage, operating expenses of the W. Tisbury School were still up \$285,000.

In addition he objected to:

- the Shared Services Special Education (SpEd) programs,
- the constant complaints regarding the bus service.

He suggested the Asst. Principal would always be distracted as a teacher by his administrative duties and therefore the better path would be to reduce the Asst. Principal to 50% and the rehire industrial arts teacher.

- Other members protested the Facilities Manager was a good idea if not completely thought through at the Supt. level and that the proposed positing was a positive impact on the West Tisbury budget.
- The SpEd programs were very obviously beneficial to both the UIRSD and the Island, as educationally sound, resource efficient and fiscally prudent.

New/Old /Other Business

Wind Turbine Discussion (See 11/13/07 Minutes p. 3)

There was a break in the discussion to accommodate the West Tisbury Energy Committee's report on the status of the wind turbine (see documents on file). The Administration and Committee met, the Town of West Tisbury had been consulted, and the Committee had been expanded to include a representative from Chilmark (Selectman Warren Doty) and Aquinnah (Selectman Jim Newman). The UIRSC reviewed the project briefly and it was stressed that the UIRSD would have to front all money pending grant reimbursements.

• DAN CABOT MOVED TO GO FORWARD WITH A FEASABILITY STUDY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE WEST TISBURY GROUP (INCLUDING THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHILMARK AND AQUINNAH) TO PROCEED ON BEHALF OF THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MARSHALL SEGALL CALLED THE QUESTION; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Thanks were exchanged.

- The budget debate continued particularly on:
 - the configuration of the West Tisbury Assistant Principal and the UIRSD administration as top heavy,
 - the inadequacy of an Islandwide Facilities Manager as a single individual.
- Skip Manter protested buying a new hybrid to replace the two vans because of the low mileage on the vans. W. Tisb. Principal Michael Halt testified that the 10 year old vans were unreliable transportation.
- Chair Susan Parker protested it was not the purview of the UIRSC to micro-manage the schools.
- The UIRSC requested Prin. Halt, Supt. Weiss and the School Advisory Council (SAC)

look for an internal way to restore the fifth grade shop class.

- *DAN CABOT CALLED THE BUDGET QUESTION.*

- *MOTION FAILED: 3 AYES – DAN CABOT, SUSAN PARKER, MARSHALL SEGALL; 2 NAYS – ROXANNE ACKERMAN, SKIP MANTER.*

- At the request of the other members Roxanne Ackerman outlined her objections.
 - She was very upset that through a failure of communications she had missed the All Island School Committee (AISC) meeting where the Supt. Shared Services budget was voted.
 - She considered the Facilities Manager to be fixing something that was not broken.
 - She had issues with the increase in the Supt. Shared Services staff salaries.
 - She did not agree with the new SpEd programs which were moving away from mainstreaming the children.
- After considerable debate both now and at the end of the meeting, a further meeting to resolve the stalemate was not deemed feasible before or on December 31, 2007 and the UIRSC agreed to schedule the next meeting for 12Noon, Wednesday, January 2, 2008 probably at the Chilmark Library.

Principal's Report

Diane Gandy – Chilmark (See documents on file.)

Chilmark Energy Update

The energy audit was considering wood pellets as an alternate fuel source for the School.

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

Due to the lateness of the hour and the seriousness of the situation Prin. Halt only gave a brief overview of the middle school schedule (see documents on file). Aside from the daily core curriculums, electives were offered for students to explore what they enjoyed or as resource time. Hard data showed how much difference elementary / middle school intervention made on scores and how students felt about themselves as learners.

- This was a great event week for students with concerts, science projects, and guest teachers.

Personnel

- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO GRANT MATERNITY LEAVE TO MARY BOYD FROM JANUARY 4, TO MARCH 31, 2008; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *Due to a miscalculation, SKIP MANTER MOVED TO RESCIND ELAINE BARNETT'S RETIREMENT; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH REGRET CAROL BALDWIN'S RESIGNATION FROM THE CHILMARK SCHOOL; DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

New/Old /Other Business

Reorganization,

Susan Parker stated she was stepping down as Chair immediately.

- *DAN CABOT NOMINATED MARSHALL SEGALL AS CHAIR; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; NOMINATIONS WERE CLOSED; NOMINATION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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- *ROXANNE ACKERMAN NOMINATED DAN CABOT AS VICE CHAIR; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; NOMINATION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- The Public and the UIRSC thanked Susan Parker for all her hard work.
- The UIRSC expressed their condolences to Supt. Weiss on the loss of his brother-in-law.

Adjournment

DAN CABOT MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 10:37PM; SKIP MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Documents on File:

Agenda 12/20/07

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UIRSD Expenditures July 1, 2007 to December 20, 2007

UIRSD Excess & Deficiency Analysis As of June 30, 2007

Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Ed. Dept. Draft Indian Policies and Procedures for the Application for Federal Impact Aid (5 p.) 3/21/05

(NESDEC) Enrollment Projections for MVPS UIRSD (19 p.) 11/29/07

UIRSD FY'09 Budget Analysis of Draft #4 12/20/07

UIRSD FY2009 Assessment – Proposed Draft 12/20/07

 UIRSD FY2009 Formulas

 UIRSD Employee List 2008-2009 For FY09 Draft #5 (3 p.) 12/20/07

 UIRSD FY09 Proposed Budget Draft #4 (5 p.) 12/20/07

West Tisbury Wind Turbine (2 p.)

UIRSD FY09 Comparison of School Choice Changes (3 p.) 12/20/07

State of Technology UIRSD (4 p.) 12/20/07

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

 6-1 Marsha's Homeroom – Rm 124 *schedule* (7 p.) 9/19/07

 Buildings and Grounds Report (2 p.) 12/13/07

Chilmark School Principal's Report 12/20/07

 Bell Tower Monthly Notes (2 p.) 12/07