

**ALL-ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Edgartown School Committee
Oak Bluffs School Committee
Tisbury School Committee
Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Committee
Up-Island Regional School Committee
Monday, October 28, 2010 6:00PM
Edgartown School Library**

Present:

Up-Island	Chair - Dan Cabot, Roxanne Ackerman*, Skip Manter, Susan Parker, Marshall Segall
Edgartown	Les Baynes*, Susan Mercier*, David Rossi,
Oak Bluffs	Priscilla Sylvia
Tisbury	Colleen McAndrews

Others

Shared Prog. Of.	Supt. Jim Weiss Asst. Supt. Laurie Halt Business Administrator – Amy Tierney Dir. Student Support Services – Dan Seklecki
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Press:	Laura Edgar - MVT Janet Hefler - MV Times Remy Tumin - Vineyard Gazette

* Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda Item # I)

The meeting was called to order at 6:04PM

Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2010 Read and Approved (Agenda Item # II)

• *MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 14, 2010 MINUTES; MR. LES BAYNES SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTENTION – MS. COLLEEN MCANDREWS due to absence.*

Review and Action on FY12 Budget (Agenda Item # III) (See documents)

This draft of the Superintendent's Shared Services Office Fiscal Year 2012 (FY12) Budget was slightly changed from the previous presentation.

- Health Insurance shifts had raised the operating budget increase to ~\$36,700 (1.03%).
- The new Bridge II Program and the adjustment in Summer Program line to reflect actual spending accounted for another ~\$150,000 (4.19%).

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- These two increases came to 5.22%.
- The shift of the physical therapist from locals to the Shared Services Office accounted for another \$87,000 (2.43%) however there would attendant reductions in the local budgets resulting in a wash (or slight reduction) over the entire MV Public School (MVPS) system. The therapist had been transitioned into the office this year (FY11) but was being paid by billing to locals.
- The total of all the above came to ~\$273,000 (7.65%).
- The Office grant funding (mostly Federal and State Special Education (SpEd) reimbursement) was steadily decreasing so the total Office budget was about \$4,600,000 of which \$800,000 was grant funded. The Tower Foundation was also a contributor.
- Hiring grant writers/administrators had not been found to be worth the costs. A federal early education grant, formerly split between MVPS and MV Community Services (MVCS) had been reduced and shifted to the MVCS.
- Health Insurance increases had been tentatively projected at 10%.
- Two of the six paraprofessionals in the Headway program had moved on with their youngsters.
- There was a discussion over the summer school spending.
- It could be argued that it was not an increase in actual spending as the program had cost the same for the past several years; previously the overage had been covered by health insurance residuals, local pass-throughs and an account spend down.
- Mr. Manter protested:
 - the previous funding of the Summer Program through residuals,
 - the \$200,000 increase in this economic climate,
 - that the Office had not prioritized and cut staff when increasing programs.
- Ms. Susan Parker responded that paying for excellence in education was investment in responsible, productive citizens.
- Assessment levels to the local and regional districts were also noted.
- *MR. LES BAYNES MOVED TO APPROVED THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED SERVICES OFFICE BUDGET AS PROPOSED AT \$3,851,283.21; MR. MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED; 8 AYES, 1 NAY – MR. SKIPPER MANTER, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Discussion of Warrant Article on Superintendent's Office Feasibility Study

(See documents on file.)

(Agenda Item # IV)

This was a rough draft for discussion purposes with costs assessed by a complex formula based principally on enrollment in various configurations. The result seemed to place an undue burden on Oak Bluffs and there was a general feeling that this was both too complex and unfair.

- Previous Office costs and moves towards a new facility (in the late 1990's) had been included in the MV Regional High School (MVRHS) budget as the MVRHS owned the current building and would be the eventual bonding entity for construction costs.

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- The All Island School Committee (AISC) asked Supt. Weiss to work out other assessment methods for presentation at the next meeting, as follows:

- ° half the cost divided equally by town,
- ° half by enrollment counted either by MVRHS enrollment by town or by total town students in the MVPS system.

(Ms. Roxanne Ackerman stated Aquinnah was unlikely to accept the above formula.)

- The Office might be moved to the High School and costs included in improvements to the Rebecca Amos Institute and MVTV buildings.

- As the article would have to pass all six towns to be implemented, some concerns on one or another town rejecting the article prompted a suggestion the matter be included as spending in each school district's budgets. However it was also argued that this should be the start of educating the public on the issues and necessity of the project.

- All agreed that the current building, overcrowded and structurally inadequate was not acceptable, affording no confidentiality and reducing staff efficiency.

* Mr. Baynes (who had to leave the meeting for an appointment) saluted outgoing School Committee member Ms. Parker for her outstanding advocacy, dedication and leadership.

First Reading of Bullying, Cyber Bullying and Harassment Policies

(See documents on file.)

(Agenda Item # V)

These newly drafted Commonwealth mandated policies on bullying, cyber-bullying and harassment were presented and discussed (see documents on file).

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- The first paragraphs were added by the Administrative staff as introduction/explanation and were in keeping with the similar policies throughout the Cape and Islands.

- A previously approved Sexual Harassment policy was included in the packet as completing the configuration.

- Local and regional School Advisory Councils (SAC) were drafting individual district plans.

- The policies did not conflict with each other or with previous policies. or with the law.

- Supt. Weiss expected to present the second reading at each local school committee meeting for more extensive discussion.

- Plans and policy had to be in place by December 31, 2010.

• THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECESSED AT 7:04PM TO ALLOW THE LOCAL COMMITTEES TO VOTE,

• THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 7:10PM.

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Update on Goals for Race to the Top (See documents on file.) (Agenda Item # VI)

Assistant Supt. Laurie Halt reviewed the proposal and answered questions. The funds were distributed roughly following Title One guidelines so that \$118,000 would be distributed to the MVPS over a four year period. The planning timeline was tight, allowing only 90 days.

- Three of the MVPS districts had already met their goals to improve MCAS scores by 15% over Academic Year (AY) 2009-10.

- In addition the MVPS were already working on a number of the targets: educator evaluation structure, aligning the curriculum to common core standards, use of data to improve instruction, and the mentorship program.

Executive Session - Negotiations

(Agenda Item # VII)

MR. SKIP MANTER MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:15PM (NOT TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION) UNDER MASS. GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 39 SECTION 23 B 3 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING STRATEGY FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS AND TO INVITE SUPERINTENDENT JAMES WEISS, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT LAURIE HALT, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AMY TIERNEY AND MR. RICHARD WILLIAMS TO BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT; MR. MARSHALL SEGALL SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: MR. SEGALL—AYE, MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA—AYE, MS. SUSAN PARKER—AYE, MS. SUSAN MERCIER—AYE, MR. DAN CABOT—AYE, MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN AYE, MR. DAVID ROSSI—AYE, MR. MANTER—NAY.

Adjournment

ON A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40PM; MR. SEGALL—AYE, MS. SYLVIA—AYE, MS. PARKER—AYE, MS. MERCIER—AYE, MR. CABOT—AYE, MS. ACKERMAN AYE, MR. ROSSI—AYE, MR. MANTER—AYE.

Documents on File:

- Agenda 10/28/10
- Supt. Weiss Memo re: FY12 Shared Services Budget 10/28/10
 - FY12 Shared Services Budget Analysis
 - MVPS Superintendent's Office and Shared Programs FY12 Proposed Budget – Draft #2.0 (6 p.) 10/28/10
 - Superintendent's Office and Shared Programs FY12 Proposed Budget Listed by School District (4 p.)
- Feasibility Study Warrant Article
- Asst. Supt. Halt Memo re: Race To the Top – Update (3 p.) 10/28/10
- Bullying Policy
 - Cyber Bullying Policy
 - Harassment Policy
 - Sexual Harassment Policy (4 p.)

Minutes Approved as Written December 1, 2010.

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- IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECESSED AT 7:04PM TO ALLOW THE LOCAL COMMITTEES TO VOTE,
- THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE (UIRSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04PM.
- *SKIP MANTER MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE:*
 - *MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLYING POLICY;*
 - *MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL CYBER BULLYING POLICY; AND*
 - *MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL HARASSMENT POLICY;**DAN CABOT SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE UIRSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.
- THE EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE (ESC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MR. DAVID ROSSI MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE:*
 - *MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLYING POLICY;*
 - *MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL CYBER BULLYING POLICY; AND*
 - *MARTHA'S VINEYARD PUBLIC SCHOOL HARASSMENT POLICY**MS. SUSAN MERCIER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- THE ESC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS.
- THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE (MVRHSC) WAS CALLED TO ORDER.
- *MS. PRISCILLA SYLVIA MOVED THE FIRST READING OF THE:*
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- THE MVRHSC ADJOURNED BY CONSENSUS AT 7:08PM.
- THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 7:10PM.

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