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**Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS)
School Building Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 30, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Zoom**

The Full Committee:

Richard M. Smith, Ed.D. – Superintendent, Sara Dingley – Principal, Mark Friedman – Finance Officer/MVYPS, Emma Green-Beach – Select Board (SB) Oak Bluffs, Warren Doty, – SB/Chilmark, Skipper Manter – SB/West Tisbury, Arthur Smadbeck – SB/Edgartown, James Hagerty – Town Administrator (TA) Edgartown, Deb Potter – TA/Oak Bluffs, Louis Paciello – School Committee/MVRHS, Mike Taus – Facilities Director/MVRHS, Walter Meinelt – Retired Educator, Dhakir Warren – Director/Boys and Girls Club MV, Sally Rizzo – Freelance Education & Government Consultant, Allen Rugg – Chair Finance Advisory Committee (FINCOM)/Aquinnah, Dion Alley – FINCOM/ Oak Bluffs, Matt Coffey – Architect/South Mountain Company, James Mahoney – Builder & Planning Board/Aquinnah, Elsbeth Todd – Representative/ MV Educators Association, Grace Robinson – Treasurer/National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP/MV), Luciana Fuller – Student Affairs Council and Owner Fullers Cleaning, Tracey Overbeck-Stead – Chair, Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO), Amira Madison – Councilwoman, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head, Aquinnah, Geoghan Coogan – Edmond G Coogan Law

PRESENT: Richard M. Smith, Sara Dingley, Sally Rizzo, Walter Meinelt, Warren Doty, Amira Madison, Emma Green-Beach, Elsbeth Todd, Grace Robinson, Skipper Manter, James Hagerty, James Mahoney, Mark Friedman, Matt Coffey, Dhakir Warren

MVRHS Staff/Others:

Coordinator of Pathways and Special Projects – Samuel Hart, Finance Director – Suzanne Cioffi, Asst. Superintendent of Operations, Facilities & School Projects – John Stevens (MVYPS), Roxanne Ackerman – MVRHSC Member, Andy Italiano – Martha's Vineyard Diversity Coalition (MVDC)

Recorder: Teresa Kruszewski (*Recorder's Note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.*)

Welcome: (Agenda Item #I)

Samuel Hart welcomed everyone at 6:03 PM; he indicated the Committee would go into break-out rooms to discuss strategies to inform and encourage voters.

Annual Town Meetings: (Agenda Item #II)

Mr. Hart reviewed the dates for each of the Town Meetings and how each vote/r would impact the overall progress of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) process; he reviewed the permissible actions for appointed officials as it related to ballot questions and warrant articles.

Members discussed how to approach signing the op-ed letter that would be published in each of the local papers; they discussed what was appropriate for elected officials to express their opinions versus appointed members.

Mr. Hart said he would get clarification from legal counsel to ensure the process would be appropriate; he would share the letter for all Members to review and make edits; he asked for this to be done quickly to meet the deadlines for the MV Times and Vineyard Gazette.

JAMES HAGERTY MOVED TO APPROVE THE LETTER AS IS, SIGNED BY ELECTED OFFICIALS CONTINGENT UPON THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE OR COUNSEL FOR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE IMPROVEMENT; MARK FRIEDMAN SECONDED. THE COMMITTEE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

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Other Topics/Questions: (Agenda Item #III)

Upon return from the break-out rooms, Members reviewed suggestions and approaches [by town] for the warrant articles that would be voted and/or discussed at each of the Town Meetings. Everyone agreed the approach was appropriate; all felt positive.

Adjournment: (Agenda Item #IV)

The meeting concluded at 7:00 PM.

Documents on File:

1. School Building Committee Agenda 3.30.23
2. FAQ 2023