



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Monday, May 15, 2023 – 5:00 pm
VIA ZOOM**

- I. Vote Chairperson**
Vote MVRHS Committee Member
- II. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2023**
- III. PTA Report**
- IV. Finance Report**
 - A. General Fund Expenditures
 - B. Fund Balance Report
 - C. Donations
- V. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod
- VI. Principal's Report**
 - A. Updates & New Initiatives
 - Computer Lab- 3D Printing – Gail Gardner, Michael Waters, & Judah Levy
 - Ambassador 351 – Madelyn Crowell
 - HVAC Feasibility Study Update
 - Wellness Policy – 2nd Reading
 - Northeast Food for Schools Grant Award
 - Upcoming Events
 - B. Enrollment
 - C. Personnel
 - New Hires
 - Request for Approval to Increase FTE
 - Request for Reduction in Assignment
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. New/Old Business**
- VIII. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- IX. Adjournment**

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Minutes

Present: Chair, Louis Paciello and members Laura Seguin and Kelly Scott
Others: Supt. Dr. Richie Smith, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Hope MacLeod Director of Student Services, Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator, Brooke Leahy, PTA President, Nedine Cunningham 7/8 Social Studies Teacher, Jennifer Fournier 2nd Grade Teacher, Gail Gardner Technology Teacher, Mary Ellen Guyther 6th Grade Math Teacher, Kate Curelli School Nurse, Kerry Branca Bridge Teacher, Justen Foster 7th/8th Grade Science Teacher, Deb Grant Kindergarten Teacher, Nichole Shank Art Teacher, Gina deBettencourt Food Services Director, Claire Crowell parent, Judah Levy 8th Grade Student, Reporter: MaryAnn Bartlett Assistant Principal

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Richie Smith at 5:03

The first order of business was to nominate a chair of the school committee which Dr. Smith led.

Vote to elect a School Committee Chair

Laura Seguin made a motion to nominate Louis Paciello as the Edgartown School Committee Chair and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

I. Vote Chairperson

The Vote to Reappoint Louis Paciello to the MVRHS School Committee

Laura Seguin made a motion to reappoint Louis Paciello to the MVRHS School Committee and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

Louis Paciello made a motion to nominate Laura Seguin as the second MVRHS School Committee member from Edgartown and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

II. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2023

Laura Seguin made a motion to approve the Minutes from April 2, 2023, and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

III. Principal's Report *-(In order to go earlier in the order this was moved up to item #3.)*

A. Updates & New Initiatives

- Computer Lab- 3D Printing – Gail Gardner Technology Teacher and Judah Levy 8th grade student shared information about projects they have completed using the new 3D printer which can carve wood and engrave metal.
- Ambassador 351 – Dr. Einbinder announced that Madelyn Crowell, an 8th grade student, is the representative chosen from the Edgartown School to this student organization. She led a clothing drive recently as part of her participation.
- HVAC Feasibility Study Update - this study will give the Edgartown School many suggestions for improvements in years to come.
- Wellness Policy – 2nd Reading

Laura Seguin made a motion to approve the second reading of the Wellness Policy and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

- Northeast Food for Schools Grant Award Dr. Einbinder announced that the school received a \$3,119.00 grant to buy local produce.

Louis Paciello made a motion to accept the grant and Laura Seguin seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

- Upcoming Events - Dr. Einbinder updated on the events coming up.

B. Enrollment - currently 414 students with 2 students pending.

C. Personnel

- New Hires: 2 ESPs were hired: Kylie Hathaway and Olivia Knight
- Request for Approval to Increase FTE - This would increase the combined Literacy / Math specialist position to two separate 1.0 positions of which one is already in the budget. The additional position can be paid for through the savings with retirements and new hires combined with ESSER III funds.

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the increase in FTE and Laura Seguin seconded.
There was no discussion, comments or changes.
The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

- Request for Reduction in Assignment - Nedine Cunningham submitted a request to be reduced from full time (1.0) to half time (.5) next year to complete her fieldwork which is required for her masters degree.

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the request for a reduction in assignment and Laura Seguin seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.
The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

IV. PTA Report Brooke Leahy reported on the Staff Appreciation Card My Yard sign, Luncheon and Gift of Bookmarks. She thanked all the local businesses who donated to make the day special for the staff. The PTA is renting a dunk tank for Field Day on June 9. They are also providing field day t-shirts for students and staff.

The next, and last meeting of the year, is scheduled for Tuesday June 13, 2:45 p.m. at the school.

V. Finance Report - Mark Friedman presented

A. General Fund Expenditures - The Circuit Breaker funds will be drawn down by the end of the fiscal year, Revolving Fund for school lunch is still in the positive, Edgartown will continue in the CEP program which qualifies the school for free lunches to continue next year, The School Choice Fund also has a positive balance.

B. Fund Balance Report - there were no questions and Mr. Friedman discussed the Expense Report, he discussed areas of savings.

C. Donations - Dr. Einbinder explained that there is a community member who wants to donate manpower, time, and grass seed in order to improve the field. There was discussion about learning what the school's responsibilities are in regards to caring for the field. A plan was made to schedule a time for Louis Paciello to meet with Dr. Einbinder and Dwight Kaeka Head Custodian to view and discuss the field.

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. General Update - Dorothy Presser of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees will be presenting to school committee members in-person at the MVRHS and on Zoom from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24th. She will present the Ethics and Responsibilities portion of the course for school committee members.

The MVRHS Evening of the Arts will be held on the same night, Wednesday, May 24th.

B. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod - Hope did not present for the sake of brevity.

VI. Public Comment

Laura Seguin publicly thanked Kimberly Kirk for all she has done for the Edgartown School and Louis Paciello also thanked her.

Gina deBettencourt publicly thanked the Police Department for the breakfast they made for the staff last week during Teacher Appreciation day. She also thanked Louis Paciello and Great Harbor.

VII. New/Old Business

Congratulations to the Edgartown Volleyball team for winning the volleyball championship.

Deb Grant and Ken DeBettencourt received awards from Martha's Vineyard Insurance.

Louis Paciello thanked everyone for their patience as he is learning how to lead the meetings.

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:00

IX. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 6:03