



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023 – 5:30 pm
Edgartown School Library**

AGENDA

Please note: Some business will consist of a discussion and possible vote to take action

- I. Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2023 and August 11, 2023**
- II. PTA Report**
- III. Finance Report**
 - A. PTA Book Donation
 - B. Discussion of Community Preservation Committee Application for Phase II of the Outdoor Learning Campus Project
- IV. Superintendent's Report**
 - C. General Update
 - D. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod
- V. Principal's Report**
 - A. Opening of School
 - B. Enrollment
 - C. Upcoming Events
 - D. Personnel
 1. New Hires
 2. Resignations
 3. Leave of Absence
- VI. DESE Approved Policies – 2nd reading**
 - A. Physical Restraint Policies and Procedures pursuant to 603 CMR 46.00
 - B. Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Student Conduct and Discipline
 - C. MVPS Proposed Bullying Policy
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. New/Old Business**
- IX. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- X. Adjournment**

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Present: Chair, Louis Paciello and member Kelly Scott

Others: Supt. Dr. Richie Smith, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator, Hope MacLeod Student Services Director, Brooke Leahy, PTA President, Deb Grant Kindergarten Teacher, Gina deBettencourt Food Services Director, Nancy Cole School Librarian, Reporter: MaryAnn Bartlett Assistant Principal

The meeting was called to order by Louis Paciello at 5:35 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes from June 7, 2023 and August 11, 2023

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 7, 2023, and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

II. PTA Report - Brooke Leahy PTA President reported that the PTA had their first meeting Tuesday September 12 and some new people attended. They are looking forward to doing more fun community building activities. They will accept recommendations. They now meet on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 17 at 2:45 p.m. Members can Venmo their dues to Brooke Leahy to renew their membership.

III. Finance Report -

A. PTA Book Donation-Shelley Einbinder and Nancy Cole talked about a guest author, Candace Flemming, who will be here on Tuesday, September 19. The PTA purchased a book for every class. Nancy Cole asked for the school committee to accept the donation of books from the PTA which is valued at about \$500.

Kelly Scott made a motion to accept the book donation and Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

Shelley Einbinder reported that the application for the Community funds for Phase 2 of the playground project will be submitted this month. Marc Friedman also reported that this is a continuation of the project plans that were started last year when Phase 1 was brought before the town. The FinCom asked for the application to the Community Preservation Committee. The school committee was asked to approve the submission of

this application for funds. There was some discussion about the process and timing of the town and the school's budget processes in order to best coordinate going forward.

Marc Friedman also reported that the project needs an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) since it is over a 1.5 million dollar project and all the logistics that are intensive. The town of Edgartown does not have an OPM under contract. The School Committee needs to vote to allow the superintendent to negotiate a contract with the firm chosen CHA Associates, to be the OPM. This outcome was due to a procurement that has already taken place for other school projects. It is recommended by legal counsel. This is an "on-call contract" that does not require payment at this time and can be for unspecified projects. It is a procurement that is put in place before the project begins to have a negotiated agreement.

Louis Paciello made a motion to authorize the superintendent to negotiate a contract with master OPM, CHA Associates, specifically for the outdoor learning campus and Kelly Scott seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

Louis Paciello made a motion to approve the submission of the application for Community Preservation funds and Kelly Scott seconded.

The discussion is below, there were no changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

A similar process for selecting an on-call architect firm and approval was asked for negotiating a contract with them.

Louis Paciello made a motion to authorize the superintendent to negotiate a contract with Tappe Architects, the chosen architect firm, and Kelly Scott seconded.

The comment is below, there were no changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

The contracts will be written with input from the town of Edgartown.

IV. Superintendent's Report - Richie Smith thanked the committee for participating in the All Island School Committee.

An embargoed release of MCAS data has just come out. All the schools will be looking at the raw data. The data will be released to the public in two weeks. The data is based on 4-year increments. The current growth data will be based on the change from 2022-2023.

Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod reported on the DESE Assessment of Student Support Services. This is a multi-year process that is cyclical. Last year DESE visited the schools and announced that MVYPS met all ten special education items on the review list and 11 of the seventeen items on the civil rights items. Of those not met, all 6 received a rating of “partially met” and there is already work being done to update policies, letters, and trainings in order to fully remedy those items.

A survey was conducted regarding special education practices specific to the Edgartown School and Hope will get that information to the school committee in October.

The Shared Services department is fully staffed including speech and language teachers.

V. Principal’s Report - Shelley Einbinder reported that the school opening went smoothly.

The enrollment is down. There are currently 379 students.

A question was asked about how many students school-choiced out and the answer was that the information will be sent to the school committee. A request was made to create a comparison between all the schools. Dr. Smith said he could do that and include Charter, private school, and homeschool students. Those numbers are available after an October 1 report becomes available from the state.

Upcoming Events - Open House on Wednesday September 12, 2023. On Tuesday September 19 a guest author visiting the whole school. There will be 3 anti-bullying assemblies for students and 1 for parents on Thursday, September 28.

1. Personnel - New Hires

Sara Smested - Kindergarten (OYO)

Emilia Giordano - Health Teacher

Soraya Miri - 6th grade Math and Science

Anne Caldwell - Computers (OYO)

Justin Kane - 6th grade Social Studies and ELA

Allison Hunt-5th grade Science and Math (OYO)

Melanie Brown - 6th-8th grade Literacy Specialist

Kevin Huelsman - full time band director

Jessica Whitely - ELD teacher

Dawn Butkowski -7th Grade Social Studies Teacher (OYO .5)

Marcia Borges - ESP Interpreter

Gabriella Sampaio - Kindergarten ESP

Amanda Cardoso Cray- Special Education ESP

Hannah Marini is the new Speech and Language Pathologist
Mary Yancey is a part time PT for Kindergarten
Jennfier Lyonnaise is a part time Speech and Language Pathologist
Olivia Knight, ESP Bridge Program
Lisa Nickowal ESP Bridge Program
La-Moi James, ESP Bridge Program

2. Resignations

Sarah Knight took a position in another school and Emilia Giordano resigned from her ESP position in order to take the Health Teacher position.

Kelly Scott made a motion to accept the resignations and Louis Paciello seconded.
The comment is below, there were no changes.
The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

3. Leave of Absence

Bridget Mello requested a leave from September 11-mid October and Nichole Miranda requested a leave from September 28 for 6-12 weeks.

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the leave of absences and Louis Paciello seconded.
The comment is below, there were no changes.
The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

Alicia Knight received a mini-grant from Martha's Vineyard Savings bank valued at \$475.
Marck Friedman reminded the committee that this was already accepted at the AISC.

VI. DESE Approved Policies – 2nd reading

- Physical Restraint Policies and Procedures pursuant to 603 CMR 46.00
- Martha's Vineyard Public Schools Student Conduct and Discipline
- MVPS Proposed Bullying Policy

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the second reading of the three policies and Louis Paciello seconded.

The discussion is below, there were no changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

VII. Public Comment

A question was raised about the School Committee and if the numbers had dropped to two. The answer is that the committee still consists of 3 members.

A question was raised about the temperature threshold for when school would be closed. The answer was that at 85 degrees Dr. Smith begins to monitor for temperature.

A question was raised if a half day needs to be made up and the answer is no, half days count as full days.

VIII. New/Old Business

IX. Schedule Next Meeting ;Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

X. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.