



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

**Monday, January 8, 2024 – 5:30 pm
Edgartown School Library**

AGENDA

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

- I. Vote MVRHS Committee Member**
- II. Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2023 and November 29, 2023**
- III. PTA Report**
- IV. Finance Report**
 - A. Establishment of Donation Fund for Outdoor Learning Campus Project – Phase 2
 - B. Donations
- V. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. General Update
 - B. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod
- VI. Principal's Report**
 - A. FY25 Budget Presentation
 - B. 2023-2024 School Improvement Plan
 - C. Enrollment
 - D. Personnel
 - 1. Resignations
 - 2. Leave of Absence
 - 3. New Hires
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. New/Old Business**
- IX. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
- X. Adjournment**



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Minutes

Present: Chair, Louis Paciello and member Kelly Scott

Others: Supt. Dr. Richie Smith, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator, Brooke Leahy PTA President, Nedine Cunningham 8th grade social studies teacher, Deb Grant Kindergarten teacher, James Hagerty Town Administrator, Members of the Edgartown Selectboard, Members of the Finance Advisory Committee.

The meeting was called to order by Louis Paciello at 5:36 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes from November 8, 2023 and November 29, 2023

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the Minutes from November 8, 2023 and November 29, 2023

Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

II. PTA Report -Brooke Leahy reported that Pizza Bingo in November was a success. They might want to do it again in the spring - biannually - On Friday December 22 the PTA supplied coffee and pastries to the staff. They hope to do a whole-school assembly and are planning with Shelley.

The next meeting will be January 16, Tuesday at 2:45 in the conference room

III. Finance Report - Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator,reported

A. Establishment of Donation Fund for Outdoor Learning Campus Project – Phase 2 B.
Donations - Donations would be collected and presented to the school committee for approval. There are no donations yet.

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the Establishment of Donation Fund for Outdoor Learning Campus Project – Phase 2 B

Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

Dr. Shelley Einbinder reported that the 8th grade raised \$571.00 towards their 8th grade trip with the Christmas in Edgartown event.

Kelly Scott made a motion to accept the donations for the 8th grade trip totalling \$571.00

Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. General Update

The Chilmark / West Tisbury School Up Island Regional Schools and Oak Bluff School voted on their budgets and the Tisbury School is scheduled to vote January 9. The Edgartown and MVRHS budgets are being voted on Jan 8.

B. Special Education Update – Hope MacLeod was absent so there was none.

V. Principal's Report

A. FY25 Budget Presentation - Dr. Shelley Einbinder presented a slideshow:

Shelley - do you want this included or just leave it as “presented a slideshow”

Enrollment: 375 students with 1 pending enrollment

Special Education Student percentage is now 22%

75 students are in the EL program currently - 19.8%

Just over 50% of families qualify for free or reduced lunch

The current NESDEC projection of student enrollment is now under 400 students for the next 10 years. This is a recent change from what was projected in the past and an addition in information to the slides presented

The average class size is 17

3 students are being homeschooled

17 students are in other schools through School Choice

2 students are in Edgartown through School Choice

34 students are in the Charter School

2 students are in the Falmouth Academy

7 students are in Vineyard Montessori

0 student are in residential schools

Version 3 of the budget was presented: Mark Friedman explained that the Version 3 of the Budget represents a 7.18% increase. A portion of that percentage was influenced by the increase in the shared services budget. The state of Massachusetts supplements some of the special education costs through funds from the Student Opportunity Act. These are relatively new funds and will increase over the next 3-5 years.

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the budget.

Louis Paciello seconded.

There was no discussion, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 2 Ayes, 0 Nays

B. 2023-2024 School Improvement Plan Tabled for the next meeting.

C. Enrollment Tabled for the next meeting.

D. Personnel Tabled for the next meeting.

1. Resignations

2. Leave of Absence

3. New Hires

VI. Public Comment - One commenter said they worried about how all the attention given to students with many needs might detract from the education of the other students. Louis Paciello said this topic will be on a future school committee agenda.

VII. New/Old Business - there was none

VIII. Schedule Next Meeting(s) Monday January 22 at 5:30 p.m.

IX. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 6:39