



## **EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – 5:30 pm  
Edgartown School Library and Via Zoom**

### **AGENDA**

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

**I. Vote for MVRHS Representative and Edgartown Chair**

**II. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2024**

**III. PTA Report**

**IV. Finance Report**

- A. Expenditure Report and Fund Balance
- B. Revise Vote on Use of FY24 School Choice Funds

**V. Superintendent's Report**

- A. School Choice
- B. General Update
  - a. Personnel Admin

**VI. Principal's Report**

- A. Outdoor Learning Campus Update
- B. Enrollment
- C. Personnel
- D. Upcoming Events

**VII. Public Comment**

**VIII. New/Old Business**

**IX. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**

**X. Adjournment**

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**Minutes**

**Present:** Chair, Kelly Scott and members Sarah Murphy and Kristin Brown

Others: Supt. Dr. Richie Smith, Assistant Superintendent John Stevens, Principal Dr. Shelley Einbinder, Hope MacLeod Student Services Director, Mark Friedman, School Business Administrator, Nedine Cunningham 8th grade social studies teacher, Deb Grant Kindergarten teacher, Gina deBetencourt Food Services Director, Deb DeBettencourt School Counselor, Brooke Leahy PTA President, Darren Belisle Technology Administrator,

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

### **I. Vote for MVRHS Representative and Edgartown Chair**

Kelly Scott made a motion to elect herself chair of the Edgartown School Committee and Sarah Murphy Seconded.

There were no discussions, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

Kelly Scott made a motion to elect Sarah Murphy the MVRHS Representative of the Edgartown School Committee and Kristin Brown Seconded.

There were no discussions, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

### **II. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2024**

Kelly Scott made a motion to approve the minutes and Sarah Murphy seconded.

There were no discussions, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 1 Aye, 0 Nays, and 2 abstentions

### **III. PTA Report**

Brooke Leahy reported on the Teacher Appreciation Card My Yard and Luncheon that the PTA put on and will be including snacks for the rest of the week. The dunk tank for Field Day on June 17 has been ordered and the PTA is looking for volunteers to get dunked. The PTA hopes to get sponsors for the t-shirts the PTA will order. The PTA awarded 4 scholarships to high school graduates. On May 24 on the day of the Fun Run, Community Meeting, and March to the Sea the PTA will host a coffee for any Edgartown retirees in

order to connect them with the community. The next meeting is on Tuesday May 21 at 2:45 at school.

#### **IV. Finance Report - Mark Friedman reported on the following:**

##### **A. Expenditure Report and Fund Balance**

B. Mark Friedmand discussed the need to revise the Vote on Use of FY24 School Choice Funds. The proposal is to retroactively change the funding source for two FY24 positions that had been designated as School Choice funded positions: a third Kindergarten teacher and ESP (budgeted due to Kindergarten enrollment numbers). The School Choice Fund has been depleted faster than it has been increased. In addition there is a possibility that a student would be going to a residential setting which would further deplete School Choice funds. If the positions are paid out of the general fund now the school will have monies in the general fund to pay for them.

Kelly Scott made a motion to retroactively change the funding source for two FY24 positions from School Choice to the General Fund and Sarah Murphy seconded.

There were no discussions, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays

#### **V. Superintendent's Report**

##### **A. General Update**

Personnel Admin Richie Smith reported on the School Climate survey that is being sent out to parents and staff. Richie Smith thanked Shelley Einbinder and MaryAnn Bartlett John Stevens will be the interim principal and Deb DeBettencourt will be the assistant principal in the 2024-2025 school year.

##### **B. School Choice**

The limit of 18 for each classroom that is in the Edgartown School Choice policy should be kept in place. Richie Smith asked the School Committee to vote to maintain the School Choice policy for the 2024-2025 school year.

Kelly Scott made a motion to maintain the School Choice policy for the 2024-2025 school year and Sarah Murphy seconded.

There were no discussions, comments or changes.

The motion passed: 3 Ayes, 0 Nays,

#### **VI. Principal's Report**

A. Outdoor Learning Campus Update - this section was moved to the beginning of the meeting in order to accommodate the presenters.

Michael Owen, Project Manager, and David Warner from Warner Larsen presented progress on the playground initiative and showed slides of architectural renderings of the plans. There was a discussion about the two project timeline options - to complete one phase at a time or to complete both phases simultaneously.

B. Enrollment - 377 students

C. Personnel - nothing to report

D. Upcoming Events - Dr. Einbinder reported on May and June events.

**VII. Public Comment** The PTA and the Patrolmen's Association were thanked for all their contributions to the Edgartown Staff for Teacher Appreciation Week

Sarah and Kristen both expressed gratitude for being able to join the School Committee and work with the community.

**VIII. New/Old Business**

**IX. Schedule Next Meeting(s):**

A special meeting for the School Committee to discuss the two options on the playground timeline was made for Monday, May, 13 at 8:30 a.m. via Zoom.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 10, 2024 at 5:30.

**X. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:06.