

FY22 Budget Hearing #4 FinCom & Select Board Joint Meeting Feb 3 2021 Minutes

Present remotely: FinCom Chairperson Rob Hannemann, Eric Glasgow, Vicki Divoll, Susan Murphy, Bruce Golden *Marshall Carroll and Don Leopold were not present.* Select Board: Chairperson Bill Rossi, James Malkin and Warren Doty. Others: Tim Carroll, Melanie Becker, Ellen Biskis, Mark Friedman, Matthew D'Andrea, Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Holly Bellebuono, Kimberly Krik, Kris O'Brien, Mary Boyd, Richie Smith, Rick Mello, Sara Dingley, Suzanne Cioffi, Jeremy Light, Dhakir Warren and Diana DeBlase.

Rob Hannemann called the meeting to order on the Zoom platform at 5:02 PM.

ACE MV: Director of ACE MV (Adult Continuing Education of Martha's Vineyard) Holly Bellebuono spoke to this budget. Ms. Bellebuono spoke about the education being offered for Vineyard Wind project for equipment service job opportunities in the future. Ms. Bellebuono thanked for the continued support of this program from Chilmark and other 5 Island towns.

Shared Services / Superintendent Office:

School Superintendent Matt D'Andrea presented this budget with Mark Friedman who shared screen of data. This budget is up 8.67 % from last year.

Superintendent Matt D'Andrea said this budget encompasses all folks who work at the central office and the bridge program / autism and compass program for students with other challenges and Project Headway and the Strings program.

Superintendent Matt D'Andrea said a large piece of this increase is an accountant position. When Amy Tierney left she made it clear this was a position that needed support. Mark Friedman moved into the position in the interim. Mr. Friedman said we were out of compliance for reporting and need additional support. Mr. Friedman also pointed out the additional ELL Admin Support for an additional \$55,000.00.

Mr. Friedman said we have 5% health insurance premium built in this budget. Today we heard from the CCMHG of the lower rates. We will readjust with real rates.

UIRSD:

West Tisbury School Principal Donna Lowell-Bettencourt presented this Up Island Regional School District budget. Principal Lowell-Bettencourt said this budget has a 4.6% increase from last year. Principal Lowell-Bettencourt gave an outline of the Technology Phase III updates. Mr. Friedman said the transportation services to elementary schools are billed out from MVRHS to the elementary schools.

Chairperson Hannemann asked if the OPEB contributions are consistent with years past. Mr. Friedman said yes.

Principal Lowell-Bettencourt said the summary page is the breakdown of the 2 sites (West Tisbury & Chilmark schools) Mr. Hannemann asked for review of assessment sheet. Mr. Friedman screen shared the assessment and said we are using the regional formula. The formula has 6.10% of assessment (cost) to Chilmark.

Warrant Articles for UIRSD:

Mr. Freidman presented the list of 5 Annual Town Meeting warrant articles. Mr. Hannemann said the Chilmark School articles are in context with 9 years of repairs.

Chilmark School Principal Susan Stevens said this will be the last 32 windows final phase.

West Tisbury Principal Donna Lowell-Bettencourt said final roof replacement will be under warranty after completed for a very long time.

Principal Lowell-Bettencourt said the replacement of refrigerator/freezer outside of building the Board of Health recommends as this has had continued fails this year. Principal Lowell-Bettencourt said this was not on our Capital Project list but it is needed.

Principal Lowell-Bettencourt said this Lift Elevator from Gym floor to stage for people who can't walk upstairs to stage.

Mr. Doty started the override discussion with the school articles.

MVRHS:

MVRHS Principal Sara Dingley introduced Susan Cioffi and Rick Mello as part of team replacing Mark Freedman as the school finance/budget team.

Principal Dingley said we have a 2.01% increase from last year's budget and we have put warrant articles for transparency for community to vote.

Salary increase freeze this year but have included the increase for FY22.

Really worked to get the facilities lines to be actual.

At 6:00 PM Don Leopold joined the meeting.

MVRHS New lines:

- trainer to teach teachers Understanding by design \$7,000.00
- Career Pathways / Workforce Development \$41,000.0 MVY grant bridge with ACE MV partnership (3 groups funding 3 years) 16 to 24 year-olds resource guide and development.
- Vision fellowship - school base health center mental and physical onsite healthcare \$25,000.00
- Early childhood \$12,000 placement for infancy and toddlers teaching position
- ELL Bilingual support \$25,000.00 bicultural

52 students 215 now 171 students ELL

Mr. Hannemann said this is \$110,000.00 of new programs.

Warrant Articles:

- Tech Infrastructure Renovations \$656,552.90
- Re-Shingle Superintendent's office \$30,000.00
- OPEB increase for FY22 \$302,000.00 used actuary study for this figure

MVRHS Continued...

- Electric Buses (2) \$261,546.00 (State grant reimburse 70%) charging stations not included in these figures.

Presentation of Tech Network & Wiring needs assessment was given by Rick Mello:

Our system has been end of life for the past 10 years.

Ms. Divoll asked if this is an all or nothing project. Principal Dingley said don't have to but it is recommended.

- The network & wireless infrastructure \$199,978.20
- Voice infrastructure /PA enhanced 911 etc. Cost\$ 183,431.80
- Video Surveillance \$49,948.25
- Data cabling infrastructure \$110,288.00
- Total \$591,409.00 (island contingency about 10%)

Ms. Murphy asked these are estimates what if it costs more. Mr. Freidman said budgets are projections into the future they are estimates. This one pretty good 10 % added to the estimate.

Ms. Divoll said she has a warrant article process question. If warrant article is not spent it would be returned to town? Mr. Freidman said typical warrant articles, if not part of operating budget. Unspent warrant funds are returned to towns. Ms. Divoll said school field warrant was put into a line item.

Superintendent D'Andrea said pertaining to MVRHS & UIRSD when there was E&D (like town's free cash) I learned that was not the correct process. We must notify the towns to add \$ to that budget. This will be the practice going forward.

There was discussion about evaluation.

Chairperson Hannemann said he knows this is a controversial issue and the funding is also, but reminded folks present this is not part of FY22 budget. Ms. Divoll said we received a Letter to town of how the monies are spent. Superintendent D'Andrea said we will continue to do so. Kimberly Kirk said if you have questions come to school committee. Mr. Doty asked to view Chilmark's share of warrant articles. *Mr. Freidman screen shared MVRHS \$51,394.85 is Chilmark's portion of warrant articles.*

MVRHS assessment to Chilmark \$1,104,988.48 increase of \$76,000.00 (7% estimated increase) but we will revisit the health insurance line for decreases.

Chairperson Hannemann thanked the Education departments for their attending tonight's meeting.

At 7:00 meeting with no further items for discussion Mr. Hannemann asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Golden Moved to adjourn, Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. Voted unanimously to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 09/23/2021**