

Mountain Views Supervisory Union ☁ Mountain Views School District
Board of Directors Special Meeting
December 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
[Zoom recording](#)

Zoom only meeting due to weather/road conditions/flooding.

Board Members Present on Zoom:

Barnard:

Carin Park
Bryce Sammel

Bridgewater:

Lara Bowers

Killington:

Katie Reed
Anne Karl

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice

Pomfret:

Bob Crean
Lydia Locke

Reading:

Anna Sessa

Woodstock:

Keri Bristow
Ben Ford
John Williams
Matt Stout
Sam DiNatale
Marianne Ralph

Superintendent: Sherry Sousa

Director of Finance and Operations: Jim Fenn

Director of Student Support Services: Shayna Kalnitsky

Director of Instructional Technology: Raphael Adamek

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Jennifer Stainton

Director of Buildings and Grounds: Joe Rigoli

Principals/ Administration: Garon Smail

Student Representatives: Owen Courcey

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: Motion to switch items 4 and 5 with each other by Ben Ford, seconded by Bryce Sammel. All in favor. Motion to add an executive session to discuss a contractual matter by Ben Ford, seconded by Bryce Sammel. All in favor.
3. Public Comment: none.
4. New Build Bond Article Review: Ben Ford delivered a New Build costing update. He discussed the project timeline, Project Costing & Value Engineering, and Soft Costs & Project Total. He shared items that had been eliminated to reduce costs and the reasoning behind those decisions. Ben discussed financial feasibility and shared data on tax rate projections.
5. FY25 Budget and Tax Rate Review: Ben Ford shared a presentation that delivered a VT Education funding overview, discussed the FY25 District budget drivers, gave an Act 127 review, gave FY25 Equalized Tax Rate Projections, and shared the draft budget articles and draft bond article.
6. Public Comment: Public comment was heard.
7. Executive Session- Motion at 7:52 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter by Ben Ford, seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
8. Reflection was heard.
9. Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. by Bob Crean, seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.