

Mountain Views Supervisory Union
Mountain Views School District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
December 4, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
[Zoom recording](#)

Board Members Present:

Barnard:

Carin Park (virtual)

Bridgewater:

Lara Bowers

Killington:

Katie Reed (virtual)

Anne Karl (virtual)

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice (virtual)

Pomfret:

Bob Crean (virtual)

Lydia Locke (virtual)

Reading:

Anna Sessa (virtual)

Woodstock:

Keri Bristow

Ben Ford

John Williams

Matt Stout

Sam DiNatale

Marianne Ralph (virtual)

Superintendent: Sherry Sousa (virtual)

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 (virtual)

Director of Buildings and Grounds: Joe Rigoli

Principals/ Administration: Garon Smail (virtual), Maggie Mills, Mary Guggenberger (virtual), Brandon Hill, Melissa Zoerheide, Aaron Cinquemani

Student Representatives: Owen Courcey, Aidan Keough-Vella (virtual)

Student Council Representative: Tess Belisle

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop (virtual)

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: Remove the #9 executive session, as it was a mistake. Motion to approve amended agenda by Sam DiNatale, seconded by Ben Ford. All in favor.
3. Public Comment: Student Council Rep. Tess Belisle delivered an update to the board.
4. Reports: The full written reports can be found in the [board book](#). A brief narrative of the reports was given by the Superintendent and Directors. The Student Representatives shared their Student Reports.
5. Time Scheduled Discussion:
 - a. Appoint Owners Rep. for New Build: Motion by Ben Ford to appoint PCI (Project Consulting Inc.) as the Owners Rep. Seconded by John Williams. All in favor.
 - b. Set Limits on VT Public High School Choice: Motion by Ben Ford to set the incoming choice limit at ten (10). Seconded by Lara Bowers. All in favor. No change to not having an outgoing limit.
 - c. FY25 Budget Workshop: Jim Fenn shared the needs of the district, the recommendations that are being made, and the plans for expenditures for FY25.

- d. Accept Union Arena Director resignation: Jay Leiter has served for many years as a UA Director, and he has made the decision that it is time to step down. It is the school board's responsibility to appoint a replacement. No names for a replacement has been put forward at this time. Sam DiNatale asked about notifying Bob Coates of the vacancy. Ray Rice is also interested. Keri will put Ray's name forward to the other UA Directors.
6. Committees:
 - a. Finance- there is a need for a special full board meeting on the 18th during the regular committee time.
 - b. Policy-
 - i Adoption:

1-8. Motion by Elliot Rubin to adopt policies F4- Access Control and Visitor Management, C2- Student Drugs & Alcohol, C27- Student Distribution of Literature, A1- Board Member Conflict of Interest, B2- Volunteer and Work Study Students, B4- Drug & Alcohol Testing of Transportation Employees, B7- Tobacco Prohibition, and C3- Transportation. Seconded by Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
 - ii First Reading:

1-4. The board conducted their first reading of policies D4- Title I Comparability, D5- Animal Dissection, D6- Class Size, and F1- Travel Reimbursement as part of their 5-year review process. Changes are basically to formatting. Motion by Elliot Rubin to send all four policies for adoption at the next meeting. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
 - c. Buildings & Grounds- Matt Stout and Joe Rigoli shared project updates.
 - d. Negotiations- has made progress on updating the language, still have things to talk through, and settle on salary. Hoping to wrap up in December.
 - e. Working Groups – HSMS Working Group- Ben gave a brief update on the work of the group.
 7. Motion by Ben Ford on to approve the minutes from November 6, 2023. Seconded by John Williams. All in favor.
 8. Public Comment: Public comment was heard.
 9. Executive Session- Motion at 7:48 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter by Anna Sessa. Seconded by Lara Bowers. All in favor.
 10. Meeting reflection was heard from the board.
 11. Motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. by Anna Sessa. Seconded by Sam DiNatale. All in favor.