

Mountain Views Supervisory Union
Mountain Views School District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
January 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
[Zoom recording](#)

Board Members Present:

Barnard:

Bryce Sammel (virtual)

Bridgewater:

Lara Bowers

Ryan Townsend

Killington:

Anne Karl

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin

Josh Linton

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice (virtual)

Pomfret:

Bob Crean

Lydia Locke

Reading:

Anna Sessa

Adam Ameele

Woodstock:

Keri Bristow

Ben Ford

John Williams

Matt Stout (virtual)

Sam DiNatale

Marianne Ralph

Director of Finance and Operations: Jim Fenn

Director of Instructional Technology: Raphael Adamek

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Jennifer Stainton

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

Student Representatives: Owen Courcey, Aidan Keough-Vella

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: None.
3. Public Comment: Misha McNabb addressed the board, introducing herself as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Specialist from the VT Department of Health.
4. Reports: The full written reports can be found in the [board book](#). A brief narrative of the reports was given by Directors and the Student Representatives.
5. Time Scheduled Discussion:
 - a. Continuous Improvement for Literacy and Mathematics: [Presentation](#) delivered by Raphael Adamek, Julie Brown, Audrey Richardson, and Jen Stainton.
 - b. Mountain Biking Request: Motion by Matt Stout to change from club status to varsity. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
 - c. Appoint Union Arena and Potwin Trust board member: Motion by Anna Sessa to appoint Ray Rice. Seconded by Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
 - d. Adopt Projected FY25 Budget to Present to Voters: Presentation by Ben Ford and James Fenn. Motion by Bob Crean to adopt the proposed budget of \$30,429,153.00 with a LTW Eq. Pupil cost of \$17,043. Seconded by Adam Ameele. Verbal vote taken followed by roll call: Ayes- Matt Stout, Bryce Sammel, Ben Ford, Sam DiNatale, John Williams, Anna Sessa, Elliot Rubin, Adam Ameele,

Marianne Ralph, Lara Bowers, Anne Karl, Lydia Locke, Bob Crean, Keri Bristow; nays- Ryan Townsend, Josh Linton. The motion passed.

- e. Adopt Resolution of Necessity for Capital Construction Project: Motion by Adam Ameele to adopt the Resolution of Necessity for Capital Construction Project. Seconded by Anna Sessa. Discussion ensued. Verbal vote taken followed by roll call: Ayes- Matt Stout, Bryce Sammel, Ben Ford, Sam DiNatale, John Williams, Anna Sessa, Elliot Rubin, Adam Ameele, Marianne Ralph, Ryan Townsend, Lara Bowers, Anne Karl, Lydia Locke, Bob Crean, Keri Bristow; nay- Josh Linton. The motion passed.
 - f. Adopt Form of Warning for Capital Construction Bond Issue: Motion by Bob Crean to adopt the Form of Warning for Capital Construction Bond Issue. Seconded by Adam Ameele. All in favor.
 - g. Adopt Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse: Motion by Anna Sessa to adopt Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from Proceeds of Indebtedness. Seconded by Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
 - h. Adopt Warning for Public Information Hearing: Motion by Ben Ford to adopt the Warning for Public Information Hearing. Seconded by Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
 - i. Adopt Warning for District Annual Meeting: Motion by Anna Sessa to adopt the Warning for District Annual Meeting. Seconded by Bob Crean All in favor.
6. Committees:
- a. Finance- brief update by Ben Ford.
 - b. Policy-
 - i Adoption:
 - 1-4. Motion by Adam Ameele to adopt policies D4- Title I Comparability, C2- Student Drugs & Alcohol, D5- Animal Dissection, D6- Class Size, and F1- Travel Reimbursement. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
 - c. Buildings & Grounds- Matt Stout shared project updates.
 - d. Negotiations- brief update by Bryce Sammel.
 - e. Working Groups – HSMS Working Group- Ben gave a brief update on the work of the group.
7. Motion by Anna Sessa to approve the minutes from December 4 & 18, 2023. Seconded by Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
8. Public Comment: Public comment was heard.
9. Executive Session- The Board entered executive session to discuss a contractual matter at 8:21 p.m. No action taken.
10. Meeting reflection was heard from the board.
11. Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. by Anna Sessa. Seconded by Sam DiNatale. All in favor.