

MOUNTAIN VIEWS SUPERVISORY UNION



MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

November 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

MVSU Conference Room
and
ZOOM video-conferencing

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Agenda

START THE ZOOM RECORDING

1. Call to order
2. Amendments to the Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Reports:
 - a. Superintendent
 - b. Directors
 - c. Students
5. Time Scheduled Appointments
 - a. Principal Presentation on Bus Transportation
 - b. Fall Data Presentation
 - c. First Draft FY25 District Calendar
 - d. Set FY25 Tuition Rates
 - e. FY25 Expense Budget- Initial Discussion
6. Committees
 - a. Finance Committee
 - b. Policy Committee
 - i. Second Reading-
 1. F4 Access Control and Visitor Management [markup](#) and [clean](#)
 2. C2 Student Drugs & Alcohol [markup](#) and [clean](#)
 3. C27 Student Distribution of Literature [markup](#) and [clean](#)
 - ii. First Reading of VSBA Revisions-
 1. A1- Board Member Conflict of Interest: [current/markup/clean](#)
 2. B2- Volunteer and Work Study Students: [current policy](#), [procedure/markup/clean](#)
 3. B4- Drug & Alcohol Testing Transportation Employees: [current/markup/clean](#)
 4. B7- Tobacco Prohibition: [current policy](#), [procedure/markup/clean](#)
 5. C3- Transportation:VSBA/ [current/markup/clean](#)
 - c. Buildings & Grounds Committee
 - d. Negotiations, Hiring, & Retention Committee
 - e. Working Groups
7. Approve Minutes
8. Public Comment
9. Executive Session
10. Reflection
 - a. What did we do well?
 - b. What could we do better?
11. Adjourn

AGENDA ITEM #1**Call to Order****PURPOSE:**

To begin the meeting, the Chair will determine if a quorum is present, then call the meeting to order.

WHO:

Chair: "I call this meeting to order at _____ p.m."

MOTION REQUIRED?

No

AGENDA ITEM #2**Amendments to the Agenda****PURPOSE:**

To add or delete items to the agenda. This is the only point in the meeting the agenda may be amended.

Amendments added cannot include items that statutorily require a warning to the general public, and should not include items that have a significant impact that ethically should be warned to the public. **Amendments should be the exception, not the rule.**

NOTE: Reorganizing existing items on the agenda is not the same as amending it; items can be reorganized at any point in the meeting.

WHO:

Chair

MOTION REQUIRED?

Yes, **after** the amendments are announced or after it is determined that there are no amendments.

- "Motion to adopt the agenda." Requires a second and a vote.

PURPOSE:

All meetings of the body are meetings in the public, not of the public. Members of the public shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to express opinions, so long as order is maintained.

A public body is within its rights under Open Meeting Law to limit public comment to only those items listed on its meeting agenda. However, the MVSU/SD board feels this creates a barrier preventing the public from bringing to their attention issues that are of importance to them. Thus, the board chooses to be responsive to the needs and concerns of their communities by allowing opportunities for public comment beyond just those items listed on its agenda..

WHO:

Chair

- Comments by the public or members of the body **must be addressed to the Chair or to the body as a whole**, and not to any individual member of the body or public.

MOTION REQUIRED?

No

Board Rules:**→ Public in-person meetings:**

- ◆ Persons wishing to speak must place their name and town of residence on the sign-in sheet;
- ◆ person must be acknowledged by Chair before speaking;
- ◆ speaker stands and addresses Chair or board as a whole;
- ◆ time limit of two (2) minutes per person.

→ Digital meetings:

- ◆ [Digitally raise your hand](#),
- ◆ wait to be acknowledged by the Chair,
- ◆ clearly state your name and town of residence for the minutes,
- ◆ address the Chair or the board as a whole

- If a member of the public has already spoken on a topic, they may not be recognized again until others have first been given the opportunity to comment.
- Order and decorum shall be observed by all persons present at the meeting. Neither members of the body, nor the members of the public, shall delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the meeting or interrupt or disturb any member while speaking. Members of the body and members of the public are prohibited from making personal, impertinent, threatening, or profane remarks.
- Members of the body and members of the public shall obey the orders of the chair or other presiding member.

From the Superintendent

Recently, Keri and Ben presented me with my Annual Superintendent's evaluation. I wanted to thank everyone for their feedback and guidance on my performance as your Superintendent. Now that I am in the fourth year, it is extremely helpful to have specific actions that I can take to do better in this role. I also value the positive support I have received from this group. I am always open to suggestions and would welcome a meeting with anyone who would like to discuss the recommendations further.

In their October meeting, the Strategic Plan Design Team moved into the next phase of their work. By looking at the district's identified strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, they established the primary goal areas for the new plan. It was impressive to see how closely aligned each of the four groups were in describing the needs of our students, staff and schools. Most conversations focused on addressing issues at the earliest signs of need which speaks to strengths of the current programs and the confidence that change can be made. The input of the Design Team will be reviewed by the Writing Team of Raph Adamek, Jen Stainton, Shayna Kalnitsky and myself, and potential goals and possible objectives will be drafted for the new plan.

On October 5th, World Teachers Day, each teacher and staff member who has served 10, 20 or 30 years in this district received a marble or brass apple. Inscribed on the apple was a recognition of their years of work, and in the case of 20 plus years employees, the award also included their name and years of service. We have six team members who have been with us for more than 30 years. They are Jamie Gidney (BA), Jenny Hewitt (BA), Sharon Groblicki (BA), Lisa Kaija (RES), Tim Brennan (WUHS) and William Chamberlain (WUHS/MS). It was great to celebrate with the students these amazing teachers and staff members, and to finally recognize their contributions formally.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

	BA	KES	RES	TPVS	WES	WUHSMS	Totals
Pre K 3	4	10	4		12		30
Pre K 4	7	12	4		31		54
K	10	13	4		54		81
Grade 1	8	10	7		24		49
Grade 2	4	15	4		38		61
Grade 3	8	8	5		48		69
Grade 4	15	20	6		46		87
Grade 5	5	13		34			52
Grade 6	10	11		42			63
Grade 7						65	65
Grade 8						65	65
Grade 9						84	84
Grade 10						80	80
Grade 11						75	75
Grade 12						85	85
Total Pre K	11	22	8		43		84
Total K-12	60	90	26	76	210	454	916
Total by School	71	112	34	76	253	454	1000 District Total
Change since Previous Month	0	-1 (-0.8%)	0	0	1 (+0.4%)	-1 (-0.2%)	-1 (-0.1%) District Change
							-14 (-1.4%) District Change from 1 year ago 2022-23

	October 31, 2023
Tuition Funding Source = "Operating School District"	909
Tuition Funding Source = "Other" (i.e., Exchange Students)	2
Tuition Funding Source = "Other VT School District"	89
Tuition Funding Source = "VT State Agency"	0
Tuition Funding Source = "Sponsored by Operating District"	0
Total	1,000

Mountain Views Supervisory Union enrollment by town (as of 10-31-23)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17uRCLQz1koo5NWWoQAdZLmWTOT2cH-j-1cHlQ_TUFEI/edit?usp=sharing

Mountain Views Supervisory Union enrollment by school and town (as of 10-31-23)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tWmS76jpNOJThYpCInez2DxGlsj0XoSv1dCsWHKjVEk/edit?usp=sharing>

From the Director of Technology and Innovation

The Tech Department continues to work to improve our cybersecurity practices. On Friday, October 27th members of the Tech Department attended a Cybersecurity training jointly hosted by the Vermont Agency of Education and Vermont National Guard. The training discussed a number of best practices in Cybersecurity and intrusion detection. Additionally, members of the Tech Department attended a training hosted by Google around Safer Digital Learning on Wednesday, October 25th. These training sessions are helping us identify tools and processes to improve our cybersecurity practices in a variety of ways.

This school year students at the WUHSMS have been accessing their assignments and grades in Alma (our Student Information System). Quarter 1 report cards for 12th graders were generated in Alma and have been shared with families. We continue to refine our processes and procedures to make the communication more efficient and grades easier to understand. Many thanks to Sarah Cook for all of her work overseeing this transition, to Garon Smail for his work articulating the grading procedures, and for all of the teachers for their work learning these new systems.

From the Director of Student Support Services

- weekly meetings with new staff to support their work with students
- invited to be one of 10 participating districts in the state to take a team to an NEA grant sponsored conference in Burlington to support paraeducators, develop a mentorship program and build capacity and professionalism of our staff

- working on more cross training and sharing of support staff within and across buildings to better support students as well as respond to staff absences and lack of substitutes
- support staff participating in late start sessions that focus on equitable experiences and access to learning through focused work sessions with the special educators as well as offerings on restorative practices organized by our MS/HS SEL team's Tom Emery and Laurie Smith

[From the Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment](#)

MS/HS Earns a Silver Recognition on the College Board's AP Honor Roll: The metrics for the AP Honor roll include ratings in three categories:

- College Culture: Silver rating due to 53% of Woodstock students taking an AP exam at any point in high school.
- College Credit: Gold rating due to 46% of students scoring a 3 or above on at least 1 AP exam, increasing their ability to secure college credit and making college more affordable.
- College Optimization: Platinum rating due to 23% of students taking 5 or more AP exams in high school, with at least one exam in the 9th or 10th grade.

Support from the school board in the form of 1 free AP exam per student has been helpful in securing this recognition. Thank you!

Middle Level Survey for Families: The Middle School is engaging in a self-review process in conjunction with the Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE). The first step in the process is securing feedback from families, students, and educators through the Successful Middle School Assessment. If you are a parent or caregiver of a grade 7, 8 or 9 student who attends (or attended) WUMS, please provide feedback on your middle school experience by filling out [THIS SURVEY](#) by November 17. Thank you for helping with our district's continual improvement efforts.

K-12 Professional Development Launch: In-house district professional development is underway. Teachers of grades PreK-4 are engaging in Math Pact work with Patty Kelly this school year. The goal of this work is to develop districtwide common agreements around mathematics instruction using a core resource titled "[The Math Pact.](#)" Meanwhile teachers of grades 5-12 are working with Julie Brown on adolescent literacy instructional practices for the course of this year. Anyone new to the district or in a new elementary position is being trained in LETRS with both Julie Brown and Kristen Hubbell. All of these training pathways are funded through ESSER.

[From the Student Representatives](#)

Aidan:

The past month has been very busy and thrilling for WUHSMS students. The Student Council held their annual Spirit Week from October 2 to October 7, where students showed their school spirit by dressing up in accordance to the theme of each day. The themes included Sports Day, Barbie v.s. Oppenheimer Day, Western Day,

Color Wars Day, and PJ Day, which brought about very creative outfits and friendly competitions amongst students. The Student Council also held their first Best Wednesday assembly on the Thursday of that week (since Wednesday was a two-hour delay), where students participated in and witnessed raffles, class competitions, and band and individual performances. The Homecoming dance (also organized and hosted by the Student Council) took place on Saturday, October 14 - another exciting and thrilling event amongst high school students. Sophomores and Juniors took the PSAT (which is now online for the first time) on Tuesday, October 17 and Wednesday, October 18, which went well for most students. Athletes continue to excel in competitions, including senior nights, playoffs, and season-concluding competitions. The WUHSMS student body wishes the best of luck to the Varsity Cross Country runners advancing to New England, the Varsity Football team as they advance to the semi-finals, and the Varsity Field Hockey team as they advance to the state championship!

Owen:

Our third Student Leadership Summit went really well on 10/11. We had about 80 WUHS students and 10 each from White River Valley and Hartford. We did some whole-group presentations, listened to Middlebury College's VP for Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity give an amazing talk and worked in breakout sessions during the afternoon. Major shoutouts to Ms. Sousa, the staff+faculty who chaperoned and the HS team that planned the day. Also major thanks to Ray Rice for attending and giving a MVSU perspective! I think I forget which acronym Pittsfield is a part of!





5.A.	Presentation on Bus Transportation
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WHO:

MVSD Principals

PURPOSE:

To share information and data on transportation.

5.B.	Fall Data Presentation
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WHO:

Raphael Adamek, Director of Technology and Innovation
Jen Stainton, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

PURPOSE:

To review the data from the fall assessment window.

[Link to District Assessment Calendar](#)

[Link to Data](#)

5.C.	First Draft FY25 District Calendar
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WHO:

Sherry Sousa, Superintendent

PURPOSE:

To take a first look at the draft 2024/2025 school-year calendar.

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2024-2025 School Year Calendar

August (3)				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
Aug. 22 New Teacher Orientation Aug. 23 All District Staff In-Service Day (No Classes) Aug. 26/27 In-Service Days (No Classes) Aug. 28 First Student Day of Classes				

September (20)				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				
Sept. 2 Labor Day (Schools Closed)				

October (21)				
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	
Oct. 2 2 Hour Delayed Start for students Oct. 14 Indigenous People's Day (Schools Closed) Oct. 15 In-Service Day (No Classes)				

November (16)				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29
Nov. 6 2 Hour Delayed Start for students Nov. 11 Veterans' Day (Schools Closed) Nov. 12 In-Service Day (No Classes) Nov. 27-29 Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)				

December (15)				
M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
28	29			
Dec. 4 2 Hour Delayed Start for students Dec. 23-31 Holiday Recess (Schools Closed)				

January (19)				
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31
Jan. 1-3 Holiday Recess (Schools Closed) Jan. 8 2 Hour Delayed Start for students Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Schools Closed)				

February (15)				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
Feb. 5 2 Hour Delayed Start for students Feb. 17-24 Winter Recess (Schools Closed)				

March (21)				
M	T	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				
Mar. 5 2 Hour Delayed Start for students				

April (17)				
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		
Apr. 2 2 Hour Delayed Start for students Apr. 14-18 Spring Recess (Schools Closed)				

May (21)				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30
May 7 2 Hour Delayed Start for students May 26 Memorial Day (Schools Closed)				

June (12)				
M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				
June 13 High School Graduation June 17 Last student day includes 5 snow days ** June 18 In-Service Day (No Classes)**				

Key:

- First Student Day
- New Teacher Orientation
- In-Service Days (No Classes)
- 2 Hour Delayed Start for students
- Holidays & Breaks
- Last student day
- WUHS Graduation

** Calendar includes 5 snow days; last student day & in-service day subject to change for +/- snow days.
 (180 calendar days - 5 snow days = 175 student days)

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5.D.	Set FY25 Tuition Rates
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WHO:

Jim Fenn, Director of Finance & Operations
Ben Ford, Finance Committee Chair

PURPOSE:

To establish the 2024/2025 school-year tuition amounts for:

- Grades 7 - 12 (currently \$19,649)
- Grades K - 6 (currently \$17,000)
- Prekindergarten (currently \$9250; has not been changed since 2018)

Annually the board “announces” the tuition rate for the following year. This tuition rate should reflect the cost of educating a student from out of district in our buildings. This year, when the Finance Committee reviewed elementary and middle/high school tuition rates, we increased these tuition rates based on the national Consumer Price Index increase for the prior budget year. The National CPI-U from the period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 increased by 3.178%. The recommended tuitions for school year 2025 are:

Elementary \$17,227, Middle/High School \$20,273.

Pre-K tuition has not increased since the District merged. Our current Pre-K tuition is \$9,250. We are recommending a Pre-K tuition rate for FY25 of \$10,250 as a one time increase then following the same practice as we are for other tuition rates in future years.

[FY25 Proposed tuition rates](#)

WHO:

Jim Fenn, Director of Finance and Operations

PURPOSE:

First look at contributing factors to the FY25 expense budget.

The School Leadership Team had their first look at the proposed budget on Thursday 11/02/23. Some of the challenges of this budget include:

Reduced funding on Title I, Title II, Title IV and IDEA federal grants. This is causing us to move critical positions that have been historically funded through these grants into our budget. For FY25 we are moving a total of 2.0 FTEs from these grants to the general fund budget for a total impact of \$239,397.

At the Prosper Valley School we have a local gift that funded two positions in the current budget. One of those positions was only gift funded for one year. To keep this position in our school for FY25 the total budget impact is \$96,249.

ESSER funding is ending at the end of this school year. As a district we have been really good about not funding positions using ESSER funds. In the current year we have 2.3 FTE positions currently funded using ESSER funds. One of these is partial funding of the assistant principal position at WES that the board added after the budget was approved by the voter. The budget impact for FY25 from moving these positions into the general fund budget is \$237,175.

Our health Insurance carrier has announced an increase of 16.4% for FY25. This increase is projected to cost the District \$735,388.

The State of Vermont has adopted a new employer payroll tax that will become effective on July 1, 2025. This new Child Care Tax is projected to cost the District \$54,560 in FY25.

New staffing positions are proposed throughout the District to support an additional Pre-K classroom at WES, a part-time custodian, an additional tech team member, small increases in interventionist and counseling time in elementary schools and an additional para position for a kindergarten classroom. The total impact from these proposed positions is \$426,356.

The board is currently in the process of negotiating with the teacher union. As we do not anticipate those negotiations will be complete before the board adopts the budget for FY25 an allowance has been included in the proposed budget to try to cover the majority of any new contract costs.

PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the work of Committees and Working Groups.

WHO:

1) Finance Committee

- a) There will be a special Finance Committee meeting on November 13, 2023 to review the first draft of the proposed budget and to provide guidance to the school leadership team.

2) Policy Committee

a) Second Reading-

- i) F4 Access Control and Visitor Management [markup](#) and [clean](#)
- ii) C2 Student Drugs & Alcohol [markup](#) and [clean](#)
- iii) C27 Student Distribution of Literature [markup](#) and [clean](#)

b) First Reading of VSBA Revisions-

- i) A1- Board Member Conflict of Interest: [current/markup/clean](#)
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- iii) B4- Drug & Alcohol Testing Transportation Employees: [current /markup/clean](#)
- iv) B7- Tobacco Prohibition: current [policy, procedure/markup/clean](#)
- v) C3- Transportation:VSBA/ [current/markup/clean](#)

3) Buildings & Grounds Committee

4) Negotiations, Hiring, & Retention Committee

5) Working Groups

Mountain Views Supervisory Union
 Mountain Views School District
 Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
 October 2, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

[Zoom recording](#)

Board Members Present:

Barnard:

Carin Park (virtual)
 Bryce Sammel (virtual)

Bridgewater:

Lara Bowers (virtual)
 Ryan Townsend (7:15 p.m.)

Killington:

Katie Reed (virtual)

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin
 Josh Linton (7:15 p.m.)

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice (virtual)

Pomfret:

Bob Crean (virtual)
 Lydia Locke (virtual)

Reading:

Adam Ameele (virtual)
 Anna Sessa (virtual)

Woodstock:

Keri Bristow
 Ben Ford
 John Williams
 Sam DiNatale (virtual)
 Matt Stout

Superintendent: Sherry Sousa

Director of Instructional Technology: Raphael Adamek

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment: Jennifer Stainton

Director of Finance and Operations: Jim Fenn

Director of Buildings and Grounds: Joe Rigoli

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

Student Representatives: Owen Courcey

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop (virtual)

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: Addition of a report and vote on a construction manager, as indicated would be needed from the September board meeting. Motion to approve agenda as amended by Ben Ford, seconded by John Williams. All in favor.
3. Public Comment: Adam Ameele suggested that an update on busing go out due to the recent issues.
4. Reports: The full written reports can be found in the [board book](#). A brief narrative of the reports was given, as well as a more detailed enrollment report given by Raphael Adamek.
5. Time Scheduled Discussion:
 - a. FY24 Budget Priorities and Assumptions: Ben Ford and Jim Fenn shared a budget presentation, forecasting through FY28. They discussed what drives budget increases, and other impacts on taxes and budgets. A timeline for the budget process was shared.
 - b. Bob Crean discussed the logo and what versions will be provided.
 - c. General obligation note- The signature page of the general obligation note that the board approved at a previous meeting needs signatures again, as the original seems to have been misplaced.

- d. Construction Manager- Jim Fenn and Joe Rigoli did a deep review of the three bids that were opened at the last board meeting. The lowest bid, being from DEW Construction, was missing a component of the bid. Motion by Ben Ford to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter. Seconded by Ryan Townsend. All in favor.
The board exited executive session. Motion by Matt Stout that the board disqualify the DEW Construction bid due to being nonconforming and nonresponsive. Seconded by Ben Ford. All in favor. Motion by Matt Stout to award the Construction Manager bid to PC Construction, being the lowest of the two remaining bids, in the amount of \$8,931,131.00. Seconded by Josh Linton. All in favor.
6. Committees:
- a. Finance- no further update.
 - b. Policy-
 - i Adoption: Motion by Bryce Sammel to adopt policy F3- Fire and Emergency Preparedness. Seconded: Anna Sessa. All in favor.
 - ii First Reading:
 - 1. Motion by Ryan Townsend to move to a second reading policy F4- Access Control and Visitor Management at the next meeting. Seconded: Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
 - 2. Motion by John Williams to move to a second reading policy C2- Student Drugs & Alcohol at the next meeting. Seconded: Josh Linton. All in favor.
 - 3. All in favor of moving policy C27- Student Distribution of Literature to a second reading at the next meeting.
 - c. Buildings & Grounds- Matt Stout and Joe Rigoli shared project updates.
 - d. Negotiations- no updates at this time, however the negotiations process will begin soon.
 - e. Working Groups –
 - i Configuration and Enrollment Growth Working Group- Keri stated that the group will be meeting in October.
 - ii HSMS Working Group- Ben discussed the work of the New Build (sic) group: Market on the Green activities, positive press, and building tours.
 - iii Communication Working Group- Sam discussed different communication tools that can be used to share information for the HSMS Working Group.
7. Motion by Anna Sessa to approve the minutes from September 11, 2023. Seconded: Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
8. Public Comment: Sam DiNatale shared information she received from parents around the Drivers Education program. Matt Stout requested that the Policy Committee work on the sports policy.
9. Executive Session- Motion to enter executive session for a legal matter by Anna Sessa. The board invited Jim Fenn and Raphael Adamek to remain. No action taken upon exit.
10. Executive Session- Motion to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter by Ben Ford. Seconded by John Williams. After exiting, Ben Ford moved that the employment separation agreement as presented is accepted, and the board chair and vice chair are authorized to execute it on behalf of the board. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
11. Meeting reflection was heard from the board.
12. Motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. by Adam Ameele. Seconded by John Williams. All in favor.

Mountain Views School District
Board of Directors Special Meeting
September 25, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Barnard:

Carin Park (virtual)
Bryce Sammel (virtual)

Bridgewater:

Ryan Townsend
Lara Bowers

Killington:

Katie Reed (virtual)

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin (virtual)
Josh Linton

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice (virtual)

Pomfret:

Bob Crean (virtual)
Lydia Locke (virtual)

Reading:

Adam Ameele (virtual)
Anna Sessa (virtual)

Woodstock:

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

Superintendent: Sherry Sousa

Visitors of Record: Dina Atwood, Esq. (virtual)

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.
2. Public Comment: None.
3. Executive Session – under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(4); Dina Atwood, Esq. invited to attend. No action taken upon exit.
4. Adjourn.

AGENDA ITEM #8

Public Comment 10 minutes

PURPOSE:

To hear input, concerns, etc. from the attending public.

WHO:

Chair

MOTION REQUIRED?

No

Board Rules: Public sign-in sheet (when in-person meetings are resumed). Person stands and announces name; time limit of two (2) minutes per person.

Digital meetings: Digitally raise your hand, wait to be acknowledged by the Chair, please identify yourself for the record, then address the board.

AGENDA ITEM #9**Executive Session****WHO:**

Chair calls for a member to make the motion.

MOTION REQUIRED?

Yes. Motion required that states the statutory exemption from public session.

Chair makes the specific finding that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or person involved at a substantial disadvantage.

“Motion to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(1)(E).”

Requires a second and a vote to enter the session.

For the record, Chair states any invitees to the executive session outside of board members.

Must exit session (no motion to exit, as motions cannot be made in an executive session), and a new motion made to enter the next executive session. Only one topic per executive session can be discussed.

AGENDA ITEM #10**Reflection****PURPOSE:**

This is a time to process board self-evaluation and implement recommendations for improvement.

WHO:

Full board

MOTION REQUIRED?

No.

AGENDA ITEM #11**Adjourn****PURPOSE:**

Ends the meeting

WHO:

Chair calls for a member to make the motion to adjourn and notes the time.

MOTION REQUIRED?

Yes. Needs a second and vote.