

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.