

Mountain Views Supervisory Union
Mountain Views School District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
February 5, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
[Zoom recording](#)

Board Members Present:

Barnard:

Bridgewater:

Lara Bowers
Ryan Townsend (7:30 p.m.)

Killington:

Anne Karl
Katie Reed

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin
Josh Linton

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice (virtual)

Pomfret:

Bob Crean
Lydia Locke

Reading:

Anna Sessa
Adam Ameele

Woodstock:

Ben Ford
Sam DiNatale
Matt Stout (virtual)

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 (virtual), Maggie Mills, Mary Guggenberger (virtual), Brandon Hill, Melissa Zoerheide, Aaron Cinquemani

Student Representatives: Owen Courcey, Aidan Keough-Vella

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop

1. Ben Ford called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: Remove Executive Session (agenda item #9) as it is not needed. Motion by Anna Sessa, seconded by Lara Bowers. All in favor. Add a Time Scheduled Appointment (agenda item 5.f.) for Accept Resignations/Retirements. Motion by Anna Sessa, seconded by Josh Linton. All in favor.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Reports: The full written reports can be found in the [board book](#). A brief narrative of the reports was given by the Superintendent, the Directors, and the Student Representatives.
5. Time Scheduled Discussion:
 - a. Woodstock Community Food Shelf Presentation: Caroline Shepard delivered a presentation on the Woodstock Community Food Shelf's food support program and the Backpack Program. Food shelf volunteers shop, bag, and send food home on weekends for children who are experiencing food insecurity. Caroline discussed the increase in the number of children and families they serve.
 - b. Draft Strategic Plan: Superintendent Sousa delivered a presentation on the proposed 2024-2029 Strategic Plan goals and objectives. Presentation link: [Proposed Strategic Plan Goals 2024](#)

- c. Recognition of Retiring Board Members: With some school board terms expiring in March, two of the members will not be returning to their positions. Marianne Ralph will leave a Woodstock representative seat, and Bryce Sammel will leave a Barnard representative seat. Both will be missed and we wish them all the best and thank them for their service.
 - d. Union Arena Trust/Trustees: Updating documents for purposes of investment management. Motion by Sam DiNatale to adopt the UA Declaration of Trust, seconded by Ryan Townsend. All in favor. Motion by Ryan Townsend to adopt the UA Investment Objective Profile, seconded by Josh Linton. All in favor.
 - e. Approve HVAC grant: Motion by Anna Sessa to accept the grant funding for HVAC upgrades at the Reading Elementary School and the Killington Elementary School; seconded by Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
 - f. Accept Resignations/Retirements: Motion to accept with regret the retirement of Tim Brennan, WUHS Science Teacher, and the resignation of Michael Lannon, BA Elementary Teacher, by Josh Linton and seconded by Ryan Townsend. All in favor.
6. Committees:
- a. Finance- no update.
 - b. Policy- no update.
 - c. Buildings & Grounds- no update.
 - d. Negotiations- no update.
 - e. Working Groups – HSMS Working Group has been very busy!
7. Motion by Sam DiNatale to approve the minutes from January 8, 2024. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
8. Public Comment: Public comment was heard.
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9. Executive Session- Motion by Josh Linton to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor. The board exited executive session at 8:34 p.m.
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Motion by Anna Sessa to endorse the separation agreement negotiated by Superintendent Sousa. Seconded by Ryan Townsend. The ayes have it with Josh Linton abstaining.
10. Meeting reflection was heard from the board.
11. Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. by Sam DiNatale. Seconded by Ryan Townsend. All in favor.