

MOUNTAIN VIEWS SUPERVISORY UNION

MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2024, 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. Continuous Improvement for Literacy and Mathematics
 - b. Mountain Biking Request
 - c. Appoint Union Arena & Potwin Trust Board Member
 - d. Adopt Projected FY25 Budget to Present to Voters
 - e. Adopt Resolution of Necessity for Capital Construction Project
 - f. Adopt Form of Warning for Capital Construction Bond Issue
 - g. Adopt Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from Proceeds of Indebtedness
 - h. Adopt Warning for Public Informational Hearing
 - i. Adopt Warning for District Annual Meeting
6. Committees
 - a. Finance Committee
 - b. Policy Committee
 - i. Adoption-
 1. D4 Title I Comparability
 2. D5 Animal Dissection
 3. D6 Class Size
 4. F1 Travel Reimbursement
 - c. Buildings & Grounds Committee
 - d. Negotiations, Hiring, & Retention Committee
 - e. Working Groups
7. Approve Minutes
8. Public Comment
9. Executive Session - if necessary
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: no

- ◆ [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 orh 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

In the short month of December, a great deal of work was accomplished. I want to share my appreciation for the individuals in the District who were passionately involved in the discussion of the right sizing and cost of the proposed new facility; including Jim Fenn, Joe Rigoli, Jen Stainton and Raph Adamek, as well as the Board, especially Vice Chair Ben Ford. These individuals advocated for a school that honors the work of our students and faculty while respecting the financial impact on our communities. I always felt prepared, supported and bolstered by the quality of the questions and discussion of this group.

The community input phase of the development of the new Strategic Plan is complete. The Design Team had their final meeting on December 13th. For those who were not able to attend due to rescheduling, access to core documents was provided so they too could offer feedback. The next phase of the work is for the Writing Team to incorporate the recommendations of the Faculty Advisory Council, the Parent Advisory Council, Leadership Team and Design Team so that a final version is presented to the Board at the February meeting. The Priority Areas, Goals and Strategies reflect the current district goals, the revised Portrait of a Graduate and the Design Teams considerations.

The work of providing faculty, staff and administration with training on emergency procedures continues in earnest. By mid December, all campuses completed their Emergency Egress, Relocation and Options Based Response (OBR) drills as required by the State. Our next steps are to reassess educators in their comfort with OBR practices, and to consider how students can be involved in these practice drills. Our intention is that an additional OBR drill will be completed by March 1st. In addition, our Emergency Operations Coordinator, Mark Donka, will provide an assessment of each campus with regards to emergency preparedness prior to the completion of his contract in March.

Thursday, December 21, 2023

| | BA | KES | RES | TPVS | WES | WUHSMS | Totals | |
|---|----------|----------|-----|------|-----|----------|-----------|--|
| Pre K 3 | 4 | 10 | 4 | | 12 | | 30 | |
| Pre K 4 | 8 | 13 | 4 | | 31 | | 56 | |
| K | 10 | 13 | 4 | | 54 | | 81 | |
| Grade 1 | 8 | 11 | 7 | | 24 | | 50 | |
| 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 | | | | | | 64 | 64 | |
| Grade 9 | | | | | | 85 | 85 | |
| Grade 10 | | | | | | 80 | 80 | |
| Grade 11 | | | | | | 75 | 75 | |
| Grade 12 | | | | | | 83 | 83 | |
| Total Pre K | 12 | 23 | 8 | | 43 | | 86 | |
| Total K-12 | 60 | 91 | 26 | 76 | 210 | 452 | 915 | |
| Total by School | 72 | 114 | 34 | 76 | 253 | 452 | 1001 | District Total |
| Percentage Change since Previous Month | 1 (1.3%) | 3 (2.7%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 (0.2%) | 5 (0.5%) | District Change |
| | | | | | | | -10 (-1%) | District Change from 1 year ago 2022-23 |

| | December 21, 2023 |
|--|-------------------|
| Tuition Funding Source = "Operating School District" | 908 |
| Tuition Funding Source = "Other" (i.e., Exchange Students) | 2 |
| Tuition Funding Source = "Other VT School District" | 91 |
| Tuition Funding Source = "VT State Agency" | 0 |
| Tuition Funding Source = "Sponsored by Operating District" | 0 |
| Total | 1001 |

Mountain Views Supervisory Union enrollment by town (as of 12-21-23)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yVOA4j-NClcsBm69Fqzqv-m10RRCbrOoC07CnOzqjAQ/edit?usp=sharing>

Mountain Views Supervisory Union enrollment by school and town (as of 12-21-23)

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WlMkII9i2glyHQ583Lnr00s-bK7WO1k5Eeml1Y-ZxE0/edit?usp=sharing>

[From the Director of Technology and Innovation](#)

I am excited to announce the formation of an Artificial Intelligence Workgroup in our district. A number of our educators have been exploring professional development opportunities to learn more about AI, so this workgroup will provide them an opportunity to share what they've learned with colleagues. Additionally, this workgroup will give educators a chance to discuss some of the challenges and opportunities that AI presents in the classroom. The AI workgroup had their first meeting at the end of December, but will be meeting monthly for the remainder of the school year. Many thanks to Luis Bango for helping to launch this workgroup.

The majority of our staff and educators have made the transition to using 2-Factor Authentication to access their district email and Google account. The next step in this process will be for remaining groups (including School Board Members) to make this transition in the coming weeks.

[From the Director of Student Support Services](#)

Nursing

- Communication amongst nursing team to cover absences across buildings
- Streamlining documentation and communication protocols
- Updating student health guidelines for parents
- Summer Soak nursing/programming
- Reviewing protocols across all schools
- Coordination of hearing and vision screenings
- Draft design for health website
- reconvene monthly meetings with counselors to support students and families

MTSS

- streamlining efforts across buildings to define and strengthen student supports and intervention processes and programs
- engaging in facilitated case studies on a regular basis with Janine Saragusa, school Psychologist, to dig deeply into student profiles and outcomes to design program design and implementation
- creating tool kits of strategies and resources for interventionists and classroom teachers
- Supporting classroom teachers in identifying student needs and planning universal instruction
- Collaborating with principals around MTSS practices

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

Literacy Training Grades 5-12: Teachers of literacy in grades 5-12 are halfway through a yearlong professional development series on how to build student reading comprehension and fluency skills. The professional learning includes concrete action items for classroom teachers. [Click here](#) to see the topics for each session this year.

Late Start Wednesday Professional Development: This month's LSW allowed teachers to learn from one another as they shared their learning to date with colleagues in their buildings. From restorative practices in the classroom, to tips & tricks on how to promote literacy in the classroom, this important cross-pollination of actionable ideas from colleagues allows for continuous growth and system improvements.

HS/MS NEASC Results: The [New England Association of Schools and Colleges](#) is the accreditation organization for the Middle & High School. A recap of the results of the December NEASC onsite visit and review will be shared by Principal Garon Smail.

[From the Director of Finance and Operations](#)

Our accounts payable associate left the District in early December. Because of our new software and the automation of processes we completed we have decided to move forward on a temporary basis with existing staff covering those duties. I will keep you posted as we see if this will work on a permanent basis or not.

I have attached a report of our year-to-date fund raising efforts. These are all current operations related and not associated with the new building. To date we have brought in \$326,030 not tax related funds to supplement and complement the programs funded with tax dollars.

[FY 24 Gifts - year-to-date](#)

From the Student Representatives

Aidan:

The past month at WUHSMS has been filled with academic and athletic accomplishments. Winter sports have started off with a bang, with a bunch of home games and wins from middle and high school teams. The Unified Basketball team has also begun practicing on Thursdays during ARE time, preparing for their games and competitions in the coming weeks. Yoh theater had an incredible, engaging, and creative performance of Robin Hood, where many middle and high school students sang, danced, and wove in and out of the audience. This performance started on Friday, December 15th and ran throughout that weekend. The CRAFT program has set up an exchange with students in the FOSBOS school in Ingolstadt, Germany. The exchange will focus on the cultural historical context of the food and forest systems in each other's region, and this exciting new partnership will expand students' international learning experiences in the future. Many classes and clubs have participated in field trips to expand their knowledge and experience on their respective subjects. This includes CRAFT students visiting Sterling College to learn about the school and their agricultural programs, 9th graders shopping for, cooking, and donating foods to the thompson Senior Center after learning about the complexity of food insecurity in the US, and Spanish students visiting the Orozco Mural in the Baker-Eddy Library at Dartmouth College to learn about how it depicts the making of the modern world.

Owen:

January is usually a crunch-month for students as they head toward the academic calendar's halfway mark... After school SAT prep classes are starting-up again and most courses have major deadlines in the next week. Some HS Seniors have now heard decisions from colleges if they applied early (special shoutout to Tess Belisle, Tulane class of '28!) Winter sports continue to have high rates of participation at the HSMS and Student Council has put-in some recent fun community events. In advisory sessions at the HS students reflected on 2023 prior to the winter holiday.

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park and Woodstock Union High School Partnership Update, Jan 2024

Submitted by: Kat Robbins, Place-Based Learning Coordinator

CRAFT Program Report

Janis Boulbol, Abbie Castriotta, and I are pleased to provide an update half-way through the second official year of the implementing the CRAFT educational pathway (*Climate and Community Resilience through Agriculture, Forestry, and Technology*). We currently: have **38 students** enrolled, **17 teachers** engaged, **2 international connections** (Bavaria and Italy), host **3 career panels/year**, **3 new courses** (Economics and the Environment, Data Science and Spanish 3), students presented at **2 state-wide educational conferences**, consulted with **4 other schools**, collaborated with **educational partners** such as VT State Parks, the NPS, Vermont Center for Ecostudies, Regeneration Corps, Green Mountain Club and Billings Farm and Museum. Faculty and students contributed to a **new student portfolio** that will guide reflection and documentation throughout a students' 4 years in CRAFT. Established **grade level advisory groups** to facilitate community and belonging. Brought 9 students on an overnight trip to **Sterling College** and the Northwoods Stewardship Center. Additionally, we are in official partnership with the **Vermont Land Trust** to develop the King Farm into a hub for sustainability education.



Educational Partnerships

Worked with these teachers and national park staff to develop and implement these highlighted curriculum-based experiences:

Advanced French (O'Connell) :

Established Goal: Students will deliver a tour of a portion of the history of Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP in French.

Learning Activities: Students toured and researched the MBRNHP story, chose an area of particular interest, and developed and delivered a tour in French to an authentic audience.



Seventh Grade (Fellows, McCormick, Kent, Lessard):

Established Goal: Students will begin the school year with an active team-building experience.

Learning Activities: Students learned basic map and compass and Avenza navigation skills that informed work as teams to collect 'letters' across the National Park to learn their team name: Pathfinders.

Ninth Grade: (Smith, DeCuollo, Cramer, Wolfe, & Justice):

Established Goal: Students will understand the reality of food access for our community. Understand the importance of old-growth forests. Also-build community and practice stewardship.

Learning Activities: Participate in the 3 Squares VT challenge and build a weekly menu within the constraints of this state food assistance program; purchase these menus and deliver to the Haven. Make soup and bread for members of the Thompson Senior Center. Engage in interdisciplinary activities at Gifford Woods State Park.



Additional projects included:

Agricultural Explorations, Food & Forest Systems, and Stewardship Action Projects (Boulbol & Castriotta): Students experienced horse logging in the National Park, created no-till beds in the school garden, completed flood clean-up and garden restoration, distributed micro-green shares, attended a career panel, conducted phenology citizen science data gathering, created insulated window inserts, collected native seeds for spring starts, and so much more!

AP Environmental Science (Cramer): Students collect data to contribute to an on-going effort to monitor and assess the health of our forest, water quality, and soils.

Physics (Brennan): Students consulted with clients (greenhouse manager) to design energy efficient and functional greenhouses.

EcoArt (Jimerson): Students collaborated with Sculpturefest to explore how the environment can inform art and vice versa, culminating with natural sculpture creation and installation at the King Farm.

English (Perkins): Students explored poetry of place, and carefully selected poems and the sites at which to install them along the Poet's Trail and the King Farm.

Additional Schools Supported: Reading Elementary (Collins-Stewardship Hike), Mill River (Robbins, Woodshop Class, Forest to Workshop).

Alumni Engaged: Casey Ellis (2011), Billings Farm and Museum Lead Gardener, facilitated a pollinator survey in the farm gardens. Elijah Lemieux (2006) represented the Vermont Rural Water Association on a water-themed career panel. Jenn Glover (2010) served as Youth Program Coordination Intern at MBRNHP.

STUDENT BASED INITIATIVES:

National Honor Society members offer peer tutoring assistance and have contributed over 500 hours of community service since June including activities like assisting at blood drives, coaching young athletes, packing food bags, and more. We are also in the initial stages of setting up a scholarship fund to support students with college application and testing fees. 18 new members were inducted in November.

Earth Beat led an idle-free campaign with drivers to reduce the amount of air pollution we experience at the end of the school day. We've also collected over 700 lbs of flexible plastic in partnership with NexTrex,



resulting in one bench installed at the top of the bowl, and well on our way to earning a 2nd! We are also planning a week of educational activities for Earth Day.

PARTNERSHIP BASED INITIATIVES:

- Managing **budget** for cooperative agreement, coordinating records with central office
- Engaged **13 campers** in the Mountains and Rivers Forever Summer Camp with Lisa Kaija including stewardship, backpacking, and paddling adventures.
- Oriented and provided leadership development for **18 National Park Interns** throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Including two WUHS students: **Edwin Lynds and Aubrey Seman**.
- Coordinating logistics for Education Fellows Abbie Castriotta and Janis Boulbol to increase citizen science monitoring and teacher professional development opportunities at the park.
- Supported a **4 week VYCC Natural Resource Crew (including Eleanor Williams, Chelsea McDermott, Riley O'Neal)** and 4 week Student Conservation Association Crew at the National Park
- Maintaining a **native tree nursery** at MBRNHP in partnership with Change the World Kids and the Regeneration Corps
- Participated in the **National Park for Every Classroom** professional development workshop in Estes Park, Colorado in July
- Re-establishing relationships with district elementary schools as we integrate new park education staff members
- Launched a year-long strategic planning session for MBRNHP Education

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Presented about CRAFT with students, Janis, and Abbie at the 2023 Rowland Conference, the Upper Valley Teaching Place Collaborative Conference, and the Northeast Farm to School Institute
- Facilitated monthly CRAFT teacher sessions, one full-day inservice in partnership with Shelburne Farms, and a two-day summer retreat with contributing faculty from the Bard Institute for Writing and Thinking
- Attended the Rowland Foundation Ladies Retreat
- Facilitated a Future's Protocol for new Rowland Fellows at a Shared Leadership Retreat
- Winter Ecology course through North Branch Nature Center
- Co-lead a session of the Forest For Every Classroom professional development cohort with Shelburne Farms



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| 5.A. | Continuous Improvement for Literacy and Mathematics |
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WHO:

Continuous Improvement Team: Raph Adamek, Julie Brown, Shayna Kalnitsky, Patty Kelly, Sherry Sousa, Jen Stainton

PURPOSE: How the Mountain Views system is moving forward with continuous improvement while monitoring and celebrating proficiency success.

[PRESENTATION LINK HERE](#)

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| 5.B. | Mountain Biking Request |
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PURPOSE:

To discuss and vote on a request submitted to the board regarding the Mountain Biking club.

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| 5.C. | Appoint UA and Potwin Trust Board Member |
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PURPOSE:

To appoint a person to serve on the Union Arena Board and the Potwin Trust Board.

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| 5.D. | Projected FY25 Budget |
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WHO:

James Fenn, Dir. of Finance & Operations
Ben Ford, Chair, Finance Committee

PURPOSE:

To present the proposed FY25 budget to the board and vote on the budget to put forth before the voters.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

RESOLVED, at a duly warned meeting of the Board of School Directors (“Board”) of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District (“District”) on January ___, 2024, it was determined that it is in the public interest and that necessity demands that the District construct a new Union Middle/High School on the site of the existing Woodstock Union High School and Middle School in Woodstock, Vermont, and to construct or install athletic fields and related outbuildings and structures, and to demolish, remove and dispose of the existing Woodstock Union High School and Middle School (the “Project”) at an estimated total project cost of Ninety-Nine Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000,000.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the costs of the Project are too great to be paid out of the annual revenue and available resources of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no state school construction aid funding is presently available or expected to be available to finance any portion of the Project costs and the District will therefore be responsible for 100% of the Project costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a proposal for the issuance of general obligation notes or bonds of the District in a principal amount not to exceed Ninety-Nine Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000,000.00), subject to reduction by State and federal funds available to fund such improvements, if any, to pay for the Project should be submitted to the legal voters of the District at the Annual Meeting of the District to be duly called, warned and held on March 5, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board will hold a public information meeting on the Project and the proposition of issuing general obligation debt in support of the Project on February 29, 2024 beginning at six thirty o’clock in the afternoon (6:30 PM) at Woodstock Union Middle and High School Teagle Library and via Zoom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts relating to the proposition of incurring bonded indebtedness and the issuance of general obligation notes or bonds of the District for the purpose of funding the Project be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 53 of Title 24, and Chapters 9, 11 and 123 of Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Warning and form of Ballot are specifically adopted and approved for use in connection with consideration of the above-stated proposition of making said public improvements and incurring general obligation indebtedness therefor.

Dated: January ___, 2024

**FORM OF WARNING FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BOND ISSUE
ANNUAL MEETING WARNING
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
a/k/a MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 5, 2024**

[INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS AND ARTICLES OF BUSINESS]

Article 7: Shall general obligation notes or bonds of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District in a principal amount not to exceed Ninety-Nine Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000,000.00) be issued to finance construction of a new Union Middle/High School on the site of the existing Woodstock Union High School and Middle School in Woodstock, Vermont, to construct or install athletic fields and related outbuildings and structures, and to demolish, remove and dispose of Woodstock Union High School and Middle School?

State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The District is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing by the District for the Project in anticipation of State school construction aid.

The Vermont school construction aid program has been suspended since 2007. Accordingly, State funds may not be available at the time this project is otherwise eligible to receive State school construction aid. The district is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with any borrowing done in anticipation of State school construction aid. To meet this responsibility while limiting impacts to district taxpayers, the district intends to use other State funding such as available tax capacity resulting from the implementation of new pupil weights under Act 127 of 2022 and amounts raised through private fundraising.

[CONCLUDING PARAGRAPHS]

Dated: January __, 2024

**DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT
OF WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
A.K.A. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES
FROM PROCEEDS OF INDEBTEDNESS**

WHEREAS, the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District (the "Issuer") intends to construct a new Union Middle/High School on the site of the existing Woodstock Union High School and Middle School located in Woodstock, Vermont, to construct or install athletic fields and related outbuildings and structures, and to demolish, remove and dispose of the existing Woodstock Union High School and Middle School (the "Project") at an estimated total project cost of Ninety-Nine Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000,000.00); and

WHEREAS the Issuer expects to pay certain capital expenditures (the "Reimbursement Expenditures") in connection with the Project prior to the issuance of indebtedness for the purpose of financing costs associated with the Project on a long-term basis;

WHEREAS the Issuer reasonably expects that for that part of the Project consisting of Project management and construction costs, debt obligations in an amount not expected to exceed Ninety-Nine Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000,000.00) will be issued, and that certain of the proceeds of such debt obligations will be used to reimburse the Reimbursement Expenditures; and

WHEREAS the Issuer declares its reasonable official intent to reimburse prior expenditures for the above-described part of the Project with proceeds of a subsequent borrowing:

NOW THEREFORE, the Issuer declares:

Section 1. The Issuer finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and that all of the capital expenditures covered by this Resolution were or will be made no earlier than 60 days prior to the date of this Resolution.

Section 2. This declaration is made solely for the purposes of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations. This declaration does not bind the Issuer to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the Project.

Section 3. The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to use proceeds of indebtedness to reimburse itself for Reimbursement Expenditures within 18 months of either the date of the first expenditure of funds by Issuer for such Project or the date that such Project is placed in service, whichever is later (but in no event more than three years after the date of the original expenditure of Issuer funds for such Project), and to allocate an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 of the proceeds thereof to reimburse itself for its expenditures in connection with the Project.

Section 4. The Issuer's debt obligations for the aforementioned purpose will not be "private activity bonds" within the meaning of Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Section 5. All prior actions of the officials and agents of Issuer that are in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution and in furtherance of the Project shall be and the same hereby are in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.

Section 6. All other resolutions of the legislative body of the Issuer, or parts of resolutions, inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 7. It is hereby found that all discussions and deliberations of the legislative body of the Issuer leading to the adoption of this Resolution occurred at one or more meetings of the legislative body conducted pursuant to public notice and open to public attendance.

Section 8. This declaration shall take effect upon its adoption.

**WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
WARNING, NOTICE, and AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** that an **INFORMATIONAL HEARING** will be held at the Woodstock Union Middle and High School library, located in the Town of Woodstock, Vermont, on Thursday February 29, 2024, commencing at 6:30PM to discuss the Australian ballot articles of the 2024 Annual Unified Union District Meeting Warning. Additionally, the Public Informational Hearing will be accessible through electronic means (online meeting).

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

Topic: WCUUSD/MVSD Informational Hearing
Time: February 29, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Meeting ID: 893 0245 0476
Passcode: 525685

- **By computer: Join Zoom meeting at**
<https://wcsu-net.zoom.us/j/89302450476?pwd=ZHJoY2QvTDhHZ3g0dTOxckNLdjc2UT09>
You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID if prompted: 893 0245 0476 and passcode: 525685 if prompted.
- **By smartphone, tablet, or other device:** Download and open the Zoom app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the meeting ID: 893 0245 0476 and passcode: 525685 if prompted.
- **By telephone:** Dial: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) or +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
Enter the meeting ID: 893 0245 0476 and passcode: 525685 if prompted.

AGENDA FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

- 6:30PM: Call to Order
- 6:35PM: Additions or deletions to the agenda
 - Public comment
- 6:40PM: To hear the reports of the School District Board of Directors
 - Public comment
- 6:45PM Review and Discuss: **Article 4:** To fix the salary for District Treasurer in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2024-2025.
 - Public comment
- 6:50PM: Review and discuss **Article 6:** Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend Twenty-Nine Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$29,756,674.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,552.00 per Long Term Weighted (LTW) equalized pupil.
 - Public comment

- 7:10PM: Review and discuss **Article 7**: Shall general obligation notes or bonds of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District in a principal amount not to exceed Ninety-Nine Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$99,000,000.00) be issued to finance construction of a new Union Middle/High School on the site of the existing Woodstock Union High School and Middle School in Woodstock, Vermont, to construct or install athletic fields and related outbuildings and structures, and to demolish, remove and dispose of Woodstock Union High School and Middle School?

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- Public comment
- 7:30PM: Discussion of other non-binding business (if applicable)
- 7:35PM: Entertain motion to adjourn hearing.

Dated this ___ day of January 2024 in Woodstock, Vermont.

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| 5.l. | Adopt Warning for District Annual Meeting |
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**WARNING FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WINDSOR CENTRAL UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
a.k.a. MOUNTAIN VIEWS SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 5, 2024**

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, comprising the voters of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock, are hereby **WARNED** and **NOTIFIED** to **VOTE**, in accordance with H.42 of the 2023 Legislative Session and signed by the Governor on January, 25, 2023, by **AUSTRALIAN BALLOT** either via mail as provided by their respective Town Clerk or at their respective Town polling places hereinafter named for the above-referenced towns on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, during the polling hours noted below.

The voters residing in each member district will cast their ballots in the polling places designated for their town as follows:

- Barnard Town Hall located at 115 North Road, Barnard, VT 10:00AM- 7:00PM
- Bridgewater Town Clerk's Office located at 45 Southgate Loop, Bridgewater, VT 8:00AM-7:00PM
- Killington Town Hall located at 2706 River Road, Killington, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM
- Plymouth Municipal Building located at 68 Town Office Road, Plymouth, VT 10:00AM-7:00PM
- Pomfret Town Office located at 5218 Pomfret Road, North Pomfret, VT 8:00AM-7:00PM
- Reading Town Hall located at 799 VT-106, Reading, VT 7:00AM-7:00PM
- Woodstock Town Hall located at 31 the Green, Woodstock VT 7:00AM- 7:00PM

ARTICLES TO BE VOTED ON BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT- MARCH 5, 2024

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator who shall assume office upon election and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 2: To elect a Clerk who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 3: To elect a Treasurer who shall enter upon their duties on July 1 following their election and shall serve a term of one year or until their successor is elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 4: To fix the salary for District Treasurer in the amount of \$7,500.00 for 2024-2025.

ARTICLE 5: The legal voters of the specified towns designated within this itemized Article shall elect only their director(s) as follows:

- Barnard: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Bridgewater: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Killington: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Pomfret: one school director to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified
- Woodstock: two school directors to assume office upon election and serve a term of three years or until their successor is elected and qualified

ARTICLE 6: Shall the voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District, a.k.a. Mountain Views School District, approve the school board to expend Twenty-Nine Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Four and 00/100 Dollars (\$29,756,674.00), which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,552.00 per Long Term Weighted (LTW) equalized pupil.

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Upon closing of the polls, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §741(b)(2), the ballots will be counted by representatives of the Boards of Civil Authority of the Towns of Barnard, Bridgewater, Killington, Plymouth, Pomfret, Reading, and Woodstock.

The legal voters of the Windsor Central Unified Union School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this ___ day of January 2024 in Woodstock, Vermont.

PURPOSE:

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

WHO:

- a. Finance Committee
- b. Policy Committee
 - i. Adoption-
 1. D4- Title I Comparability: [current/VSBA/markup/clean](#)
Notes:- formatting changes; removed a reference to 16 V.S.A. §144 (repealed) and added reference to Vermont AOE CFP Comparability Guidance
 2. D5- Animal Dissection: [current/VSBA/markup/clean](#)
Notes: formatting changes
 3. D6- Class Size: [current/procedures/VSBA/markup/clean](#)
Notes: formatting changes; removed the requirement that school districts share the policy with the AOE
 4. F1- Travel Reimbursement: [current/procedures/VSBA/markup/clean](#)
Notes: formatting changes; added more detail to the list of things to be included in the procedures
- c. Buildings & Grounds Committee
- d. Negotiations, Hiring, & Retention Committee
- e. Working Groups

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.

Mountain Views Supervisory Union ☘ Mountain Views School District
Board of Directors Special Meeting
December 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
[Zoom recording](#)

Zoom only meeting due to weather/road conditions/flooding.

Board Members Present on Zoom:

Barnard:

Carin Park
Bryce Sammel

Bridgewater:

Lara Bowers

Killington:

Katie Reed
Anne Karl

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice

Pomfret:

Bob Crean
Lydia Locke

Reading:

Anna Sessa

Woodstock:

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1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: Motion to switch items 4 and 5 with each other by Ben Ford, seconded by Bryce Sammel. All in favor. Motion to add an executive session to discuss a contractual matter by Ben Ford, seconded by Bryce Sammel. All in favor.
3. Public Comment: none.
4. New Build Bond Article Review: Ben Ford delivered a New Build costing update. He discussed the project timeline, Project Costing & Value Engineering, and Soft Costs & Project Total. He shared items that had been eliminated to reduce costs and the reasoning behind those decisions. Ben discussed financial feasibility and shared data on tax rate projections.
5. FY25 Budget and Tax Rate Review: Ben Ford shared a presentation that delivered a VT Education funding overview, discussed the FY25 District budget drivers, gave an Act 127 review, gave FY25 Equalized Tax Rate Projections, and shared the draft budget articles and draft bond article.
6. Public Comment: Public comment was heard.
7. Executive Session- Motion at 7:52 p.m. to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter by Ben Ford, seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
8. Reflection was heard.
9. Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. by Bob Crean, seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.

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 board or person involved at a substantial disadvantage.

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

Requires a second and a vote to enter the session.

For the public record, if applicable, Chair states aloud any invitees who are not board members to attend the executive session.

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

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.