

Mountain Views Supervisory Union  
Mountain Views School District  
Board of Directors Reorganizational and Monthly Meeting  
March 11, 2024, 6:30 p.m.  
[Zoom recording](#)

**Board Members Present:**

*Barnard:*

Carin Park (virtual)  
Heather Lawler

*Bridgewater:*

Lara Bowers  
Ryan Townsend

*Killington:*

Anne Karl (virtual)  
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 (virtual)  
Matt Stout  
Keri Bristow  
John Williams  
Ernie Fernandez

*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:* Maggie Mills (virtual), Mary Guggenberger (virtual), Brandon Hill (virtual), Melissa Zoerheide (virtual)

*Student Representatives:* Owen Courcey, Aidan Keough-Vella (virtual)

*Recording Secretary:* Rayna Bishop

**REORGANIZATION:**

1. **Call to Order:** Quorum noted. Superintendent Sherry Sousa called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Welcome New Board Members:** Supt. Sousa welcomed new and returning board members.
3. **Elections and Appointments:**
  - a. Officers:
    - i. Supt. Sousa called for nominations for Chair. Anna Sessa nominated Keri Bristow. Seconded by Ernie Fernandez. No other nominations. All in favor.
    - ii. Keri called for nominations for Vice Chair. Bob Crean nominated Ben Ford. Seconded by Anna Sessa. No other nominations. All in favor.
    - iii. Keri called for nominations for Clerk. Matt Stout nominated John Williams. Seconded by Adam Ameele. No other nominations. All in favor.
  - b. Committees and Working Groups: Charges shared and discussed. Changes made to committee assignments. Motion by Anna Sessa to accept changes to committees; seconded by John Williams. All in favor.  
Ryan Townsend- join negotiations, stay of B&G; John Williams- join negotiations, stay on B&G; Josh Linton- join new build group, stay on communications; Carin Park- join finance, leave policy;

Sam DiNatale- stay on policy and communications, but cannot chair either; Anne Karl- stay on policy; Lydia Locke- join communications, willing to co-chair; Heather Lawler- join policy; Ernie Fernandez- join finance and fundraising if that group is willing; Lara Bowers- join B&G

4. **Operational Decisions:**

- a. VSBA recommended Code of Ethic: discussed. Motion by Ben Ford to adopt the Code of Ethics. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
- b. Motion to approve the FY25 meeting schedule, posting places, and newspapers of record. Moved: Josh Linton. Seconded: Bob Crean. All in favor.
- c. Motion to approve the FY25 committee meeting schedule. Moved: Josh Linton. Seconded: Bob Crean. All in favor.
- d. Motion to appoint Adam Ameele as SU/SD voting delegate for statewide health insurance. Moved: Josh Linton. Seconded: Ryan Townsend. All in favor.

5. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn the annual reorganizational meeting at 6:59 p.m. Moved: Adam Ameele. Seconded: Anna Sessa. All in favor.
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**MONTHLY MEETING:**

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: Add the acceptance of a resignation.
3. Public Comment: Public comment was heard on the topics of the new build, security at events, and the new build survey.
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. Annual Meeting Results: The board discussed the results of the Annual Meeting voting. Ben Ford shared [a document](#) with the results and recent comparable VT school bond votes. Each member of the board shared their thoughts and what they have heard from their communities.
6. Committees:
  - a. Finance- no update.
  - b. Policy- Motion by John Williams to move both policies (C9-Local Wellness, and F20-Fiscal Management and General Financial Accountability) to a second reading at the April meeting; seconded by Josh Linton. All in favor.
  - c. Buildings & Grounds- will be meeting next week.
  - d. Working Groups – no update
7. Motion by Adam Ameele to approve the minutes; seconded by Ryan Townsend. All in favor.
8. Public Comment: Public comment was heard.

Agenda addition: Resignation letter received from the Emergency Operations Coordinator. Ben Ford motioned to accept the resignation; seconded by Lara Bowers. All in favor. This was a one year grant funded position, from March 2023 to March 2024.
9. Executive Session- Motion by Adam Ameele to enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter at 9:25 p.m. Seconded by John Williams. All in favor. The board took a short break, then began their session. The board exited executive session at 9:45 p.m. No action was taken. Motion to enter Executive Session at 9:46 p.m. for a personnel matter. Exited at 9:54 p.m. No action taken.
10. Meeting reflection was heard from the board.
11. Motion to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. by Ryan Townsend. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.