

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

Board Members Present:

Barnard:

Carin Park (virtual)
Bryce Sammel (virtual)

Bridgewater:

Lara Bowers
Ryan Townsend

Killington:

Katie Reed (virtual)

Plymouth:

Elliot Rubin
Josh Linton

Pittsfield:

Ray Rice (virtual, 6:42 p.m.)

Pomfret:

Bob Crean (virtual)
Lydia Locke (virtual)

Reading:

Adam Ameele (virtual)
Anna Sessa (virtual)

Woodstock:

Keri Bristow
Ben Ford
John Williams
Matt Stout (virtual, 7:42 p.m.)

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), Cody TanCreti (virtual), Brandon Hill, Melissa Zoerheide, Maggie Mills (virtual), Mary Guggenberger (virtual), Lori Beland (virtual), Aaron Cinquemani

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

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: None. Motion to approve agenda by John Williams, seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
3. Public Comment: Tom Ayers (VT Standard) asked for information regarding the new logo. Keri Bristow asked Bob Crean to speak about it, and instructed Rayna Bishop to share versions of the new logo with Tom. Abbie Castriotta expressed turf field health concerns as it relates to the potential new HSMS, and advocated for a track.
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. Aidan Keough-Vella shared his Student Report. Owen Courcey introduced Tess Belisle, Student Council Rep. Owen also delivered a report on the Student Leadership Summit. John Williams informed the board that Kat Robbins, WUHSMS Place-Based Learning, invited the board to attend the [Annual Rowland Foundation Conference](#).

5. Time Scheduled Discussion:
 - a. Principal Presentation on Bus Transportation: Maggie Mills presented transportation highlights and challenges.
 - b. Fall Data Presentation: Raphael Adamek and Jennifer Stainton presented a review of data from the fall assessment window.
 - c. FY25 Draft Calendar: Sherry Sousa shared the proposed FY25 school calendar and discussed the minor changes and reasoning. Motion to approve the FY25 school district calendar as presented by Ryan Townsend. Seconded by Ben Ford. All in favor.
 - d. FY25 Tuition Rates: The Finance Committee recommends setting FY25 tuition at the following amounts: Grades K-6 at \$17,227; Grades 7-12 at \$20,273; Prekindergarten at \$10,250. Motion by Ryan Townsend to approve the recommended amounts. Seconded by John Williams. All in favor.
 - e. FY25 Expense Budget: Jim Fenn shared driving factors and considerations they will be looking at for the FY25 budget development.
6. Committees:
 - a. Finance- will be holding a special meeting on the 13th.
 - b. Policy-
 - i. Second Reading:
 1. Motion by Ben Ford to adopt policy F4- Access Control and Visitor Management at the next meeting. Seconded: Ryan Townsend. All in favor.
 2. Motion by John Williams to adopt policy C2- Student Drugs & Alcohol at the next meeting. Seconded: Ryan Townsend. All in favor.
 3. Motion by Ben Ford to adopt policy C27- Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Literature at the next meeting. Seconded: John Williams. All in favor.
 - ii. First Reading: The board conducted their first reading of policies A1- Board Member Conflict of Interest; B2- Volunteer and Work Study Students; B4- Drug and Alcohol Testing Transportation Employees; B7- Tobacco Prohibition; and C3- Transportation as part of their 5-year review process. No substantial changes have been made to content. Motion by Ryan Townsend to send all five policies for adoption at the next meeting. Seconded by Ben Ford. All in favor.
 - c. Buildings & Grounds- Matt Stout and Joe Rigoli shared project updates.
 - d. Negotiations- no updates at this time, however the committee will be meeting next week.
 - e. Working Groups – HSMS Working Group- Ben gave a brief update on the work of the group.
7. Motion by Josh Linton to approve the minutes from September 25, 2023, and October 7, 2023. Seconded: John Williams. All in favor.
8. Public Comment: Tess Belisle introduced herself and shared that the Student Council is working on increasing student engagement.
9. Executive Session- Motion at 8:50 p.m. to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(1)(E) by John Williams. Seconded by Anna Sessa. All in favor.
10. Meeting reflection was heard from the board.
11. Motion to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. by Ben Ford. Seconded by Ryan Townsend. All in favor.