

Mountain Views Supervisory Union
Mountain Views School District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
September 11, 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:

Pomfret:

Bob Crean (virtual)
Lydia Locke

Reading:

Adam Ameele (virtual)
Anna Sessa (virtual)

Woodstock:

Keri Bristow
Ben Ford
John Williams
Marianne Ralph (virtual)
Matt Stout
Sam DiNatale

Superintendent: Sherry Sousa

Director of Student Support Services: Shayna Kalnitsky

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

Director of Human Resources: Linda Loprete (virtual)

Principals/ Administration: Cody Tancreti, Brandon Hill, Maggie Mills, Melissa Zoerheide (virtual)

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

Recording Secretary: Rayna Bishop (virtual)

Visitors of Record: Leigh Sherwood, Lavallee Bresinger Architects (virtual); Dina Atwood, Esq. (virtual)

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: None.
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.
5. Time Scheduled Discussion:
 - a. New Build Update: Jim Fenn gave a brief update on the design process and decisions. Ben Ford shared a [presentation](#) on the project financials and tax rate projection.
 - b. Approval of Construction Manager: Bid opening from prequalified bidders- three bids received from RFP. Bids were opened from [DEW Construction](#), [Whiting-Turner](#), and [PC Construction](#). Motion from Sam DiNatale to award project to DEW Construction as the lowest bidder. Seconded by Lydia Locke. The board would like to review the proposals in further depth before making a decision due to the size of the project. Sam retracted her motion, and Lydia retracted her second. Motion by Josh Linton to do further research and make a decision at the next meeting. Seconded by

Ben Ford, with the directive to have Joe Rigoli and Jim Fenn conduct the research and report back to the board at the next meeting. All in favor.

- c. Logo Update: No further progress has been made due to the demands of the start of the school year.
- d. Letter of Resignation: The resignation was presented and accepted by the board. Matt Stout inquired about the usage of exit interviews.

6. Committees:

- a. Finance- no update.
- b. Policy-
 - i Adoption: Motion by Sam DiNatale to adopt the Teaching and Learning policy. Seconded: John Williams. All in favor.
 - ii Second Reading: Motion by Ryan Townsend to adopt the Fire and Emergency Preparedness policy at the next meeting. Seconded: Sam DiNatale. All in favor.
- c. Buildings & Grounds- The committee did not have a quorum at its last meeting. Matt Stout and Joe Rigoli shared project updates.
- d. Negotiations- no updates at this time.
- e. Working Groups – Sam discussed that she will be calling for a Communications meeting soon. Keri also mentioned that the Configuration and Enrollment group will need to meet in the near future.

7. Motion by Lara Bowers to approve the minutes from August 7, 2023. Seconded: Matt Stout. All in favor with Sam and Anna abstaining.

8. Public Comment: Leigh Sherwood shared comments regarding the construction manager bidders.

9. Executive Session- Motion to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(1)(E) at 8:03 p.m. by Ben Ford. Seconded by Sam DiNatale. The board invited Jim Fenn, Raphael Adamek, and Sherry Sousa to remain. No action taken upon exit.

10. Executive Session – under 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(1)(B); Dina Atwood, Esq. invited to attend. No action taken upon exit.

11. Executive Session- personnel matter. Exited session; motion to stay in a deliberative session on the matter by Keri Bristow, seconded by Matt Stout.

12. Reflection.

13. Adjourn.