

Mountain Views Supervisory Union
Mountain Views School District
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
MVSU Central Office and via Zoom
September 8, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Recording: [MVSU/SD Board Meeting - Zoom](#)

Board Members Present:

Barnard: Heather Lawler (virtual)
Carin Ewing Park (virtual)

Pomfret: Bob Crean (virtual)
Lydia Locke (virtual)

Bridgewater: Lara Bowers (virtual)

Reading: Anna Sessa (virtual)
Gina McAllister

Killington: Katie Reed (virtual)

Woodstock: Keri Bristow
Sam DiNatale (virtual)
Matt Stout
John Williams
Seth Webb
Sarit Werner (virtual)

Plymouth: Elliot Rubin
Josh Linton (virtual)

Student Representatives: Lylah Zeitlin

Pittsfield: Ray Rice (virtual)

Superintendent: Sherry Sousa

Director of Finance and Operations: Jim Fenn

Director of Technology and Innovation: Raphael Adamek

Director of Buildings and Grounds: Joe Rigoli

Principals/Administration: Aaron Cinquemani, Lori Beland (virtual), Mary Guggenberger (virtual), Tom Emery, Chris Lanzalotto, Maggie Mills (virtual) Amanda Rank, Jennifer Settle, Devyn Workman, Melissa Zoerheide

Recording Secretary: Marlena McNamee

1. Keri Bristow called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
2. Amendments to the Agenda: Keri removed items 5A and 5B in time scheduled appointments as they were covered in August. She added a review and potential vote on Regional Hub Build Work Group members and a letter to legislators. Motion by John Williams to approve amendments. Seconded by Gina McAllister. All in favor.
3. Public Comments: There were no public comments.
4. Reports: The written report can be found in the [board book](#). Supt Sousa and Jennifer Settle discussed the highlights of their reports and Lylah Zeitlin gave the student report. Keri Bristow stated that they are looking for an additional student rep to join the MVSU Board.
5. Time Scheduled Discussion:
 - A. Strategic Plan goals update – Removed, covered in August
 - B. 25-26 Board Work Plan – Removed, covered in August

- C. Presentation and adoption of the FY26 Capital Improvements Plan: Jim Fenn and Joe Rigoli reviewed the updated [FY26 Draft Capital Improvements Plan](#) (CIP).
 - 1. Motion by Matt Stout to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan and seconded by Seth Webb. Brief discussion regarding the mechanics of the plan. All in favor.
- D. Supt Sousa, building principals and administrators gave the [We Are MVSU Presentation](#) from the District-wide In-Service day.
- E. Approve New Hires: the following licensed educators for FY 26 were presented for hiring approval:
 - Cristin Berry - Guidance Counselor, WUHSMS (1.0 FTE)
 - Karen Odell - Special Educator, WUHSMS (0.8 FTE)
 - Christina Stibely - Special Educator, WUHSMS (0.5 FTE)
 - Chitra Siddharthan - Computer Science, WUHSMS (1.0 FTE)
 - Richard Mosenthal - French Teacher, WUHSMS (0.5 FTE)
 - Shelley Gebhardt - Literacy Interventionist, WUHSMS (1.0 FTE)
 - Taylor Eves - Physical Education, TPVS/RES (1.0 FTE)
 - Emily Meloon - Special Educator, WUHSMS (0.2 FTE)
 - Brianne Gallagher - Special Educator, WES PALS program (1.0 FTE)
 - Sandra Marino - SEL Specialist, WES (0.9 FTE)
 - 1. Motion by John Williams to approve the slate of new hires as listed above. Seconded by Matt Stout. Brief discussion regarding the slate of new hires and any current key vacancies. All in favor.
- 6. Committee Updates
 - A. Finance Committee: Matt Stout gave a brief update stating that the full FY '26 -'27 budget presentation will be in November. He also briefly discussed the pending changes to the state's funding formula under Act 73 and the potential for penalty phase impacts.
 - B. Policy Committee:
 - 1. Motion by Gina McAllister to move policy [D2](#) to a second reading. Second by John Williams. All in favor.
 - 2. Motion by Heather Lawler to move policy [F5](#) to a second reading. Second by Gina McAllister. All in favor.
 - 3. Motion by John Williams to move policy [D8](#) to a second reading. Second by Heather Lawler. Brief discussion on the requirement of the policy. All in favor.
 - 4. Motion by John Williams to adopt policies [C71](#), [C15](#) & [The MVSU Cell Phone & Related Technology](#). Second by Anna Sessa. Discussion ensued regarding C71. All in favor.
 - C. Building & Grounds Committee: Katie Reed discussed the failing sewer pipe under the Middle/High School and the need for repair. Discussion ensued.
 - D. Negotiations, Hiring & Retention Committee: Nothing to report.
 - E. Communications and Regional Hub Build Work Groups:
 - 1. Gina McAllister reported that the Communication Work Group had nothing to report.
 - 2. Seth Webb reviewed the slate of work group members from the district's member towns for the Regional Hub Build Work Group. Motion by John Williams to accept the slate of WG members and second by Gina McAllister. A discussion ensued regarding adding new WG members in the next few weeks. All in favor. Seth Webb then reviewed a draft letter and approach to legislators from the MVSU Board regarding the decoupling of capital construction/debt from the per pupil spend. Motion by Anna Sessa to accept the letter and second by Bob Crean. All in favor.

7. Motion by John Williams to approve the 8/4/25 minutes. Second by Gina McAllister. All in favor.
8. Resignations: There were no resignations
9. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
10. Motion by John Williams and second by Anna Sessa to enter into executive session at 8:45 pm to discuss a contractual matter. All in favor.
Attending: Lara Bowers, Katie Reed, Bob Crean, Anna Sessa, Carin Park, Ray Rice, Lydia Locke, Josh Linton, Sarit Warner, Matt Stout, John Williams, Gina McAllister, Seth Webb, Elliot Rubin, Keri Bristow, Aaron Cinquemani, Sherry Sousa.
Matt made a motion to exit the executive session. John seconded.
Executive session exited at 9:11 PM
Matt made a motion to add a 0.5 administrator position to the special ed coordinator position. Anna seconded.
In favor: Lara Bowers, Katie Reed, Bob Crean, Anna Sessa, Carin Park, Ray Rice, Lydia Locke, Sarit Warner, Matt Stout, John Williams, Gina McAllister, Seth Webb, Elliot Rubin, Keri Bristow
Abstain: Josh Linton
11. Seth Webb made a motion to adjourn. Gina seconded. Unanimously approved
Meeting adjourned 9:13 PM