

**Missisquoi Valley School District Board Meeting**  
**Missisquoi Valley Middle/High School Library**  
**Tuesday August 12, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

**Location:**

The MVSD Board and Administration participated in the Missisquoi Valley Union Middle/High School Library for this meeting. The meeting was held hybrid with remote access for the community and other interested persons.

**Date: August 12, 2025**

**Board Members Present**

Elaine Nester, Renick Darnell-Martin, Joanne Johnston, Don Collins, Peter Magnant, Meaghan Conly, Pierrette Bouchard, Stephanie Gagne (joined at 6:25pm), with Tracie Pilbin participating remotely

**Absent Board Members**

None

**Administration and Visitors Present**

Julie Regimbal, Superintendent, Lora McAllister, Director of Operations & Finance, Bonnie Moulton, Director Human Resources, Derrick Garceau, Director Technology along with the Northwest Access Cameraperson, with community member Jay Denault, and guests Rich Monterosso and Margaret McLean (participating remotely)

**1. Call Meeting to Order (6:00)**

Renick Darnell-Martin called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions

**2. Correspondence, Visitors, and Public Comments**

None

**3. Agenda Review**

None

**4. Approval of the Minutes (Action)**

a. [July 16, 2025](#)

A motion was made by Meaghan Conly, seconded by Elaine Nester, to approve the July 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried 8-0.

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**5. Discussion items (Possible Action)**

a. School District Redistricting Task Force update and discussion

Renick Darnell-Martin asked Julie Regimbal to provide an overview of the current state of the task force and the redistricting status of the current 119 School Districts (aside from the 52 Supervisory Unions) in the state of Vermont. Meaghan Conly asked the board to discuss the pros and cons of remaining a School District (SD) versus joining a Supervisory Union (SU).

Margaret McLean, Rural School Community Alliance Steering Committee Member, spoke of the differences between remaining an SD and becoming an SU. Discussion ensued among the board of the pros and cons of requesting to join others and indicating interest in forming an SU. Community member Jay Denault shared thoughts on the topic and read a prepared statement.

A future agenda item will be considered for further discussion.

b. Rural School Community Alliance Revisit (Possible Action)

A motion was made by Don Collins, seconded by Pierrette Bouchard, to reaffirm membership in the Rural School Community Alliance (with clarification that if the membership is not reaffirmed, the board withdraws membership).

Discussion ensued regarding being listed as a member district in the RSCA. Meaghan Conly noted that within the position statement it is made clear that their preference is advocate for Supervisory Union. There is concern about connecting MVSD with their position when the board has not stated definitive opinion on either side of SD versus SU. The board continued to discuss the differing points of continuing membership versus not, with thoughts that it does not cost the district to be a member. Renick Darnell-Martin called for a roll call on this vote.

Motion carried 5-3-1, with Renick Darnell-Martin abstaining.

**6. Business Office (Action)**

a. Food Service Update

Lora McAllister informed the board that The Abbey Group has been acquired by Whitson's Culinary Group out of Pennsylvania. Julie Regimbal and Lora McAllister met proactively with the company representatives on August 12, 2025, to discuss transition and concerns.

Lora McAllister shared that this summer through meal boxes, MVSD provided 53,000 meals to the community. Gratitude went out to The Abbey Group, Blue Sky Packing, and Dawn Fournier for the success of this program.

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b. [Warrants](#) (Action)

Elaine Nester read check warrants to total \$4,344,819.60.

A motion was made by Meaghan Conly, seconded by Tracie Pilbin, to approve check warrants as read. Motion carried 9-0.

**7. New Professional Hires (Action)**

A motion was made by Stephanie Gagne, seconded by Meaghan Conly, to approve seven new hires as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

**Future Agenda Items:** Board and District Goal Review, committee review, Superintendent evaluation, Strategic Plan meeting with Administrators in September

**8. [Future Board Meeting:](#)**

- a. August 26, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in The Swanton Central Building Library.

**9. Adjourn Meeting (8:00)**

A motion was made by Peter Magnant, seconded by Stephanie Gagne, to adjourn. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.