

**Missisquoi Valley School District
School Board Meeting
219 Gore Road
Highgate Elementary School Library
Highgate, Vermont 05488
March 5th, 2020**

**Board Meeting
6:30 PM**

Agenda:

- 1. Call Meeting to Order (Superintendent)**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Agenda Review**
- 4. Meeting Organization (Action)**
 - a. Nominations for Board Chair
 - b. Nomination for Vice Chair
 - c. Nomination for Clerk
 - d. Authorization of Board Chair to sign Teacher Contracts
 - e. Date and time of Regular Board Meetings
 - f. Board Committees
 - Finance Committee
 - Professional Negotiations
 - Support Staff Negotiations
 - g. Designation of Newspaper
- 5. Correspondence, Visitors, and Public Comments**
- 6. Consent Agenda (Action)**
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of February 18th
- 7. Presentations (Information)**
 - a. MVU Administrative Report
 - b. Highgate Administrative Report
 - c. Central Office Administration updates
 - i. Coronavirus update from AOE

8. New Business (Action)

- a. Annual Motions
- b. Highgate Principal Contract
- c. MVSD Student Alcohol and Drugs Policy for possible adoption

9. Old Business

- a. Warrants

10. Other Business (information)

- a. Negotiations updates (possible finding for executive session)
- b. Employment-Contract issue (possible finding for executive session)
- c. Re-scheduling April 21, 2020 school board meeting

11. Future Agenda Items Policies, Negotiations, Admin Contracts,

12. Future Meeting Dates

MVSD Board Meeting March 17, 2020 at 6:30pm Swanton School Library

Professional Negotiations Board Committee with the Association- March 19th at 6:30 pm at MVU School Library. (Board meets at 6:00pm in MVU Conference Room)

Support Personnel Negotiations Committee with the Association March 24, at 6:30pm at MVU School Library (Board meets 6pm in the MVU Conference Room)

Schedule of meetings for the school year

13. Potential Executive Session

(Where premature public knowledge would clearly place the Board or other party at a substantial disadvantage) Potential: Employment issue

Adjourn (8:30)

***Public Comments at Board Meetings**

The Missisquoi Valley School District Board is committed to responsiveness to public comments made at Board meetings.

The Board reserves the right to ask visitors the following questions before they are invited to address complaints to the Board:

- Have you directed your complaint through our “Complaint” Policy i.e.
 - Attempt to address the complaint first with teacher/staff member, and,
 - If not satisfied, discuss complaint with the principal, and,
 - Still not resolved, then meet with the superintendent,
 - Only then, will the Board hear your concern at a Board meeting.
- When speaking with the Board, if the complaint becomes personal, disrespectful, or threatening, then the Board chair may rule the speaker “Out of Order” or,
- If the complaint addresses specific personnel or is evaluative then the Board chair may invite the complainant into executive session, and,
- The Board chair may limit speaking time for each individual and ask that similar points of view from multiple speakers not be presented.

Anyone making a comment can expect a response from the Board that will fall into one of the following categories:

- Thank the person with no further action planned.
- Respond immediately by the Board chair or administration.
- Direct the administration to contact and respond to the person.
- Seek clarification from the administration at a specified meeting.
- Add the topic to a future Board agenda.
- Refer the matter to an executive session.
- Hold a public hearing on the matter.
- Send a note of appreciation.