

Mountainville Academy Board Meeting Summary

Date & Time: May 22, 2025 called to order at 7:03pm

Present Board Members:

- Tanya, Paxton, Wayne, Dan, Ashley, Janese, Nate, Mikelle
- Kari arrived at 7:10
- Kevin arrived at 7:11

Agenda Overview:

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Opening Remarks and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments
4. Consent Agenda Items
5. Board Training
6. Business Manager's Report
7. Committee Reports
8. Action Items
9. Closing Remarks

Key Takeaways:

- **Opening Remarks:**
 - The meeting began with a prayer led by Paxton and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Janese.
- **Public Comments:**
 - No public comments were presented.
- **Consent Agenda Items:**
 - The minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed and approved.
 - **Motion:** Made by Tanya to approve the minutes; **Seconded:** Paxton
 - **Vote:** All in favor.
- **Board Training:**
 - Discussed the importance of the relationship between the governing board and the school leader, emphasizing that authority and accountability go hand in hand.
 - Successful accountability leads to goal achievement, and communication is critical in setting expectations.
 - Key performance questions to measure performance were outlined, including budget alignment with charter goals and accommodations for students.
- **Business Manager's Report:**
 - The fiscal year 2025 budget was reviewed, with revenues and expenses noted through April 30.
 - Adjustments were made to special education aids and instructor salaries.
 - Forecasted net operating income for fiscal year 2025 is \$328,000, with a contingency plan for unexpected expenses.
 - The fiscal year 2026 budget is projected with 700 students, estimating a \$1 million net operating budget. Enrollment is a significant driver of revenue.

- **Committee Reports:**
 - The Executive Committee discussed potential future raises for staff and the importance of accommodating cost-of-living adjustments.
 - The Finance Committee discussed upcoming expenses related to building projects and the need for budget flexibility.
- **Action Items:**
 - **Motion:** Made by Tanya to approve the fiscal year 2025 final budget; Paxton seconded **Vote:** All in favor.
 - **Motion:** Made by Tanya to approve the fiscal year 2026 proposed budget; Paxton seconded **Vote:** All in favor.
 - **Motion:** Made by Tanya to approve the school fees; Paxton seconded **Vote:** All in favor.
 - **Motion:** Made by Dan to approve the proposal for financial advisers for the STEM project; Paxton seconded **Vote:** All in favor.
 - **Motion:** Made by Tanya to deny the request from Alpine Fitness; Paxton seconded **Vote:** All in favor.
- **Closing Remarks:**
 - The meeting concluded with no need for closed or executive sessions.
 - **Motion:** Made by Tanya to close the meeting; **Seconded:** Paxton
 - The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM, with reminders for the upcoming board retreat.

Overall, the meeting focused on administrative updates, budget approvals, and board training, highlighting the importance of effective governance and communication within the school community.