

# Summary of the Mountainville Academy October Board Meeting

**Date:** October 28, 2025

**Meeting Title:** STEM Building and School Performance Review

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## Agenda Overview

1. **Call to Order**
    - Meeting called to order by Tanya at 7:03 pm.
    - Attendance: Tanya, Paxton, Chandler, Ashley, Dan, Kari, Kristen Trelis, Janese, Wayne, Mikelle - Nate (joined by phone).
  2. **Opening**
    - Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
  3. **Public Comment**
    - No comments from attendees.
  4. **Consent Agenda**
    - Approval of September meeting minutes with corrections.
    - Motioned by Tanya, seconded by Chandler.
    - All in favor - none opposed
  5. **Discussion Items**
    - **Board Training:** Everyone up to date on Audit Training.
    - **Director's Report:** School performance and upcoming events.
    - **Business Manager's Report:** Financial updates and budget forecasting.
    - **Committee Reports:** Updates from various committees including Executive, Finance, Development, and STEM.
  6. **Action Items**
    - Approval of Vex Coding Club and associated fees.
      - Motioned by Tanya, seconded by Chandler.
      - All in favor, non opposed.
    - Purchase of carbon monoxide detection system.
      - Motioned by Tanya, seconded by Chandler.
      - All in favor, non opposed.
  7. **Future Meetings and Closing**
    - Next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2025.
    - Tanya motion to close the meeting at 8:58pm
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## Key Takeaways

- **Enrollment:** Current enrollment is 696 students, up from 690. Noted attendance challenges with a current rate of 88%, below the state average of 93%.

- **STEM Building Update:**
    - Ongoing discussions regarding the compliance challenges with the city concerning the placement and approval of the STEM building.
    - Options for a new STEM building include:
      - Renovating the existing specialty building.
      - Constructing a new building on a different site.
    - Concerns about traffic and safety were raised, especially regarding student movement between buildings.
  - **Financial Report:**
    - Predicted a budget reduction of \$85,000 due to lower than expected enrollment.
    - Health benefits costs are expected to rise by 9%, impacting the budget.
  - **Committee Updates:**
    - Concerns raised about the background check policy for volunteers and its execution.
    - Discussions on potential traffic changes in collaboration with the city.
  - **Action Items:**
    - The Vex Coding Club was approved, along with its associated fees.
    - Approval for the purchase of a carbon monoxide detection system was also granted.
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## Next Steps

- Further discussions on the STEM building's placement and necessary approvals will continue, including obtaining a definitive statement from the state regarding compliance.
- The board will reconvene on November 20, 2025, to address ongoing issues.