

Summary of the Mountainville Academy October Board Meeting

Date: October 28, 2025

Meeting Title: STEM Building and School Performance Review

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.