

Summary of Mountainville Charter School February Board Meeting: Budget, Traffic, and STEM Initiatives

Date: February 19, 2026

Called to order: 7:03 PM

Present: Paxton Gray, Mikelle Kennedy, Dan, Kevin, Ashley, Janese, Kari, Chandler, Tanya (called in from 7:02pm - 8:47pm), Wayne

Public attendees: Chrissy Hannemann (Alpine City Council), Hannah Hindi

Chandler stepped out 7:15-7:39 for phone call; Chrissy left at 7:33; Hannah left at 8:45 before we went in to closed session

Agenda Overview:

1. Consent Agenda

- Approval of January 2026 meeting minutes

2. Public Comments

- Updates from city council member on traffic management and collaboration with the school.

3. Director's Report

- Updates on school initiatives and achievements.

4. Budget Discussion

- Overview of budgeting procedures and planning for the upcoming fiscal year.

5. Traffic Initiatives

- Discussion on traffic flow and potential adjustments to school start times.

6. Action Items

- Review of legal representation and other decisions.

Key Takeaways:

● Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from January 2026 were approved with a minor correction.
- **Motioned by:** Wayne
- **Seconded by:** Chandler

- **All in favor - none opposed**
- **Public Comments:**
 - City council member shared insights on traffic patterns and potential improvements. Suggestions included:
 - Collaborating on traffic solutions.
 - Implementing temporary measures to assess impact before making permanent changes.
- **Director's Report:**
 - The school received a Legacy Award and participated successfully in its first VEX robotics competition.
 - Updates on the school's STEM initiatives and plans to enhance the budget allocation for STEM activities were discussed.
- **Budget Discussion:**
 - Emphasis on the importance of strategic budgeting to align with the school's mission.
 - Seven steps for effective budgeting were presented to ensure financial health and resource allocation.
- **Traffic Initiatives:**
 - Discussion on potential changes to school start times to alleviate traffic congestion.
 - Proposal to survey parents on preferences regarding start times and assess impact on traffic and student well-being.
- **Action Items:**
 - A motion was made to enter a closed session to discuss legal representation and related matters.
 - **Motioned by:** Chandler at 8:47pm - invites Janese to stay.
 - **Seconded by:** Paxton seconds
 - **Roll Call vote - all in favor:** Paxton, Mikelle Dan, Kevin, Ashley, Janese, Kari, Chandler, Wayne
- **9:00 - end closed session - no action items needed**
- **9:01 - Chandler motions to end board meeting**
 - **Paxton seconds**

Additional Notes:

- The board highlighted the need for effective communication with parents regarding ongoing initiatives and traffic management.
- A proposal was made to create a status update for parents about the STEM center and ongoing projects, emphasizing transparency.

- Future meetings will focus on finalizing the budget and addressing any potential changes prompted by city council discussions