



Advantage Arts Academy Board of Directors Meeting

Date: May 13, 2025

In Attendance: Jodi Wilson, Suzy Mortenson, Darren Marshall, Crystal Thomas

Others in Attendance: Kelly Simonsen, David Robertson, Brad Taylor, Dawn Benke, Hannah Jones

Teleconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84446587237>

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER Jodi Hart-Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM.

CONSENT ITEMS

- March 12, 2025, Board Meeting & Closed Session Minutes

Darren Marshall joined at 4:36 PM.

Suzy Mortenson made a motion to approve the March 12, 2025, Board Meeting & closed Session Minutes. Crystal Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CLOSED SESSION - to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(l)(d).

At 4:38 PM Suzy Mortenson made motion to enter a closed session via zoom to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(l)(d). Darren Marshall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye.

At 4:52 PM Suzy Mortenson made motion to exit the closed session and enter the general meeting. Darren Marshall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye.

David Robertson left the meeting at 4:52 PM.

VOTING & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Bond Resolution

This item was tabled.

REPORTS

- Director Report

Kelly Simonsen reported on 2025-2026 enrollment data. There are 390 students enrolled for the upcoming year. Professional development goal is to maintain success criteria growth. Kelly Simonsen clarified the learning intentions, rationale, and success criteria aspects of the professional development being coordinated by the state. There are many performances happening the school; they just wrapped up a 5th grade program called "Annie for Kids". Field day is May 22nd.

- Finance Report

Dawn Benke reported that local revenue is high at 83 percent of the way through the year. State revenue is higher than where it should be, due to new programs. Federal revenue is low but there will be reimbursements coming in that will balance it out. Overall, the LEA's budget is in a good position.

VOTING & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Approve 2025-2026 Sex Education Committee Membership

Kelly Simonsen provided the 2025-2026 Sex Education Committee Membership composition to the board. There were no questions or concerns about the committee membership.

Crystal Thomas made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Sex Education Committee. Suzy Mortenson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye.

- Approve 2025-2026 TSSA Plan

As part of the 2025-2026 Teacher Student Success Act Plan the LEA is looking to increase reading proficiency. The board discussed the support that the multi-tiered employees will receive from the plan. There was no further discussion.

Suzy Mortenson made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 TSSA Plan. Crystal Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye.

- Approve RFP for IT Services

The LEA received one response to the RFP for IT Services. There were no questions or concerns from the board about the evaluation committee recommendation.

Crystal Thomas made a motion to award the RFP for IT Services to ETS. Suzy Mortenson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye.

- Approve School Land Trust Election Procedures

This item was tabled.

- Approve Amended Service Animal Policy
- Approve Amended Travel Policy
- Approve New Salary Supplement for Highly Needed Educators Program

The board reviewed and discussed the policies.

Crystal Thomas made a motion to approve the amended service animal policy, amended travel policy, and the new salary supplement for highly needed educators policy. Suzy Mortenson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye.

CALENDARING

The next board meeting will be held June 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURN

At 5:23 PM Suzy Mortenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Darren Marshall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye.

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Board of Directors
Closed Session**



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CLOSED SESSION SWORN STATEMENT:

At a duly noticed public meeting held on the date listed above, the board of directors for Advantage Arts Academy entered a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property pursuant to Utah Code 52-4-205(l)(d).

I declare under criminal penalty under the law of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the 13 days of May 2025.

Jodi Hart Wilson, Board President