



ADVANTAGE ARTS
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Advantage Arts Academy Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 09.22.2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Teleconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88384714581>

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

Others in Attendance: Kelly Simonsen, Dawn Benke, Heidi Bauerle, David Robertson, Brandon Johnson, Hannah Jones, Chris Joyce

MINUTES

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

CONSENT ITEMS

- July 25, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Suzy Mortenson made a motion to approve the July 25, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.

Crystal Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Hart-Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REPORTS

- Finance Report

Dawn Benke gave the financial report. Revenue from local sources is higher due to students buying spirit gear and paying ahead for lunches. State revenue is in line with the budget. Expenses are low due to agreements not starting in the middle of August. Comparing to this time last year, operating cash has doubled. Long term liabilities are down to 12.5 percent. There were no questions or concerns from the board.

- Director Report

Kelly Simonsen shared that enrollment is at 370. She reviewed the special populations of the school with the board. Professional development is continuing with focus on teacher clarity, PLC protocols, and using student data to inform instruction. The school won the Healthy Meals Incentives Award. The 2024-2025 Early Learning Plan was presented with results of the goals that were in the plan. The approved 2025-2026 Early Learning Plan was reviewed with the board. Board member Crystal Thomas suggested possibly setting up a math night event to help with the goal of improving math scores. The school carnival is coming up on October 17th.

VOTING & DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Approve Financing Resolution & Tax Compliance Procedures

David Robertson and Brandon Johnson discussed the Financing Resolution and Tax Compliance Procedures with the board. The board reviewed the documents provided and agreed upon signatures for the documents.

Darren Marshall made a motion to approve the Financing Resolution & Tax Compliance Procedures and approve Jodi Hart-Wilson and Darren Marshall to sign the documents. Suzy Mortenson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Hart-Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye.

David Robertson and Brandon Johnson left the meeting at 4:52 PM.

- Approve LEA Specific Licenses

Kelly Simonsen explained the need for the LEA Specific License for the educator listed. There were no questions or concerns for the board.

Crystal Thomas made a motion to approve the LEA Specific Licenses. Suzy Mortenson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Hart-Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye.

- Policies for Approval:

- Amended Electronic Resources Policy
- Amended Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Policy
- Amended Kindergarten Toilet Training Policy
- Amended Weapons on School Property Policy

- Policies & Procedures for Review:

- Review Donations and Fundraising Policy
- Review Wellness Policy
- Review Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- Amended Meal Charge Procedure

Heidi Bauerle informed the board on the changes made to the amended policies listed above. The board had no questions or concerns about the amendments to the policies. The board reviewed the Amended meal charge procedure. The other policies listed above for review were confirmed reviewed by each board member.

Suzy Mortenson made a motion to approve the Policies listed above. Darren Marshall seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Hart-Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortenson, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye.

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

This item was tabled.

CALENDARING

The next board meeting is November 17, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

ADJOURN

At 5:18 PM Darren Marshall made a motion to adjourn. Suzy Mortenson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The votes were as follows: Jodi Hart-Wilson, Aye; Suzy Mortensen, Aye; Crystal Thomas, Aye; Darren Marshall, Aye.