

**Athenian Academy Board Meeting**  
**October 30, 2025 6:30 PM**

- 1. Call to order**
  - Members present: Jennifer Remy, Ryan Berube, Kevin Kuykendall
  - Special Order: Tanner Rubin to be considered for Board Membership
  - Tanner has a vast background in compliance, as well as having served on a School Board previously
  - The vote to approve Tanner was unanimous
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
  - The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented
- 3. Reading and Approval of previous minutes**
  - August 28, 2025, Board Meeting minutes were reviewed
  - No corrections were made, and the minutes were approved as submitted
- 4. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees**
  - 4a. Financial Report**
    - Rebecca Strait reviewed the financial reports for the month
    - Arthur Nielsen has accepted the position of Business Administrator and will be working with Rebecca to make that transition
    - Rebecca will be handling HR full-time going forward
    - Audit is nearing completion and will be finalized by the end of November
    - September expenses were normal as we began a new school year
    - We continue to apply for grants to enhance our student and staff experience
    - November funding will show an increase due to our enrollment this year, which was above anticipated numbers
  - 4b. Academic Progress Committee Report**
    - Superintendent Ferguson indicated the committee would present a full report at the January 2026 meeting
  - 4c. Facilities Update**
    - Zac Hancock, Tremonton administrator, reported on the new building in Tremonton with photos showing the completed addition to the campus
    - Vernal has had its official ribbon-cutting and is operating fully
    - Moab roofing is under consideration for spring
- 5. Reports of Special Committees**
  - No reports at this time
- 6. Public Participation**
  - No input from the public
- 7. Unfinished Business and General Orders**
  - No unfinished business

8. **Items for Board Discussion**
  - No items from the last meeting
9. **Items for Board Action (New Business)**
  - 9a. **Approval for out-of-state travel**
    - Ashley Smith, Child Nutrition Director, was invited to an all-expense-paid conference by No Kid Hungry
    - The conference site is Washington DC in January 2026
    - It was noted that Ashley and her staff served over 70,000 meals at two locations this past summer, an outstanding achievement
    - A motion was made by Tanner Rubin to approve this travel, seconded by Kevin Kuykendall, and passed unanimously
    - The Board officially thanked Ashley Smith for her outstanding contribution to the nutritional well-being of our students
  - 9b. **Transfer of funds for Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program**
    - The grant for fresh fruit and vegetables is awarded only for K-6 students
    - A request was made to add funding from the General Fund to the Nutrition Program to make it possible to offer our 7th and 8th-grade students this same nutritional opportunity
    - There was a discussion of the value of this funding and the need for us to budget for it next year
    - Tanner Rubin moved we make this transfer, it was seconded by Kevin Kuykendall and passed unanimously
  - 9c. **Bullying Policy**
    - Our current bullying policy was in need of some revisions and additions required by the State
    - There was much discussion regarding the policy
    - It was decided that the Board would approve the policy as presented and review it again in January for further consideration or updates
    - Keven Kuykendall moved to approve the policy as written, Tanner Rubin seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously
  - 9d. **Committee Participation for LAND Trust, Wellness and Health Curriculum**
    - The LAND Trust committee members were listed
    - Natalie Smith reviewed the types of expenditures typically made with this funding
      - New Chromebooks, iPads, and 3D printers are some of the things purchased in the past
      - This year, it is felt that we want to support parents even more by spending some of these funds on our Parent Night activities
    - The Committee will meet at least annually to allocate the money awarded
    - Tanner Rubin moved to approve this committee, Kevin Kuykendall seconded it and the motion passed unanimously

- The Wellness Committee members were shared
- They will meet annually to propose ways to educate students regarding nutrition and to promote physical activity
- Tanner Rubin moved to approve this committee, Kevin Kuykendall seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously
- The Health Curriculum Committee is still in the process of recruiting members to serve on this important committee
- It was discussed that we should include parents of children not yet in the 8th grade, even though this primarily affects that age group
- Approval for this committee will take place in January once a full committee is determined

**9e. TSSA Plan Approval**

- The TSSA plan is State funding used for Teacher training, professional development, and student success
- The plan we are submitting this year is similar to our plan in previous years; it's simple but effective in the support of our teachers' success
- Keven Kuykendall moved that the TSSA plan be approved as presented. It was seconded by Tanner Rubin and approved

**10. Special Orders (if needed)**

- The Board went into a special session

**12. Adjournment**

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting
- Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM

Minutes by Margo Walker