

**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
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- 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