

# Advantage Arts Academy Board of Directors Meeting



**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2023

**Anchor Location:** 6171 W. 11800 S.; Herriman, UT 84096

ADVANTAGE ARTS  
ACADEMY

**Board Members Present:** Jodi Hart Wilson, Kim Dohrer, Suzy Mortenson, Darren Marshall, Doug James, Crystal Thomas

**Others Present:** Kelly Simonsen, Dawn Benke, Janese Robinson, Heidi Bauerle, Platte Nielson

*The mission of Advantage Arts Academy, in alignment with the Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts Learning Program, is to effectively increase our students' performance in every subject, as well as improve students' core academic capacity, emotional well-being, arts awareness, and social skills.*

## MINUTES

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### CALL TO ORDER

- Suzy Mortenson called the board meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

### CONSENT ITEMS

- **March 20, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**  
*Kim Dohrer made a motion to approve the March 20, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes; Darren Marshall seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:*
  - *Suzy Mortenson – AYE*
  - *Darren Marshall – AYE*
  - *Kim Dohrer – AYE*
  - *Doug James – AYE*
  - *Crystal Thomas – AYE*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment.

### REPORTS

- **Finance Report**  
Dawn Benke reviewed the financial statements as of the end of March. Income and expenses were compared with budgeted totals. Lunch sales are higher than estimated and federal reimbursement is expected. Timing of expenses, including summer accruals, and frontloaded expenses were reviewed.  
*Jodi Hart Wilson joined the meeting at 10:07 AM.*  
The financial position of the school was explained. 2023-2024 enrollment estimates for budgeting and student registration counts were compared.
- **Director Report**  
Kelly Simonsen reported on the current state of the school, including progress towards

administrative goals, instructional highlights, and recent and upcoming events and surveys. Recent visits to other art schools were explained and BTS implementation in the classroom was reviewed. Enrollment progress was presented, new school banners were previewed, and upcoming community events were highlighted. Recent events included BTS teacher training and Hope Week celebrating kindness. Upcoming fundraisers, summer camps, and a field day were explained. The timeline for sending surveys to staff and parents was considered.

## VOTING ITEMS

### ○ **Asphalt Maintenance**

Application of a protective sealant was recommended. Funding, timelines, and additional needs of the school were reviewed.

*Kim Dohrer made a motion to approve the Asphalt Maintenance Treatment not to exceed \$19,500; Jodi Hart Wilson seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:*

- *Jodi Hart Wilson – AYE*
- *Suzy Mortenson – AYE*
- *Darren Marshall – AYE*
- *Kim Dohrer – AYE*
- *Doug James – AYE*
- *Crystal Thomas – AYE*

### ○ **Rescind Test Administration Policy, Assessment of Student Achievement Policy**

The policies overlap and adoption of the Assessment of Student Achievement Policy is recommended to align with board rule and Utah code.

*Kim Dohrer made a motion to rescind the Test Administration Policy and adopt the Assessment of Student Achievement Policy; Crystal Thomas seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:*

- *Jodi Hart Wilson – AYE*
- *Suzy Mortenson – AYE*
- *Darren Marshall – AYE*
- *Kim Dohrer – AYE*
- *Doug James – AYE*
- *Crystal Thomas – AYE*

### ○ **Language Access Policy**

The policy was reviewed. Funding and costs were considered and the plan for implementation was explained.

*Platte Nielson joined the meeting at 10:48 AM.*

*Crystal Thomas made a motion to adopt the Language Access Policy; Darren Marshall seconded. Motion passed; the votes were as follows:*

- *Jodi Hart Wilson – AYE*
- *Suzy Mortenson – AYE*
- *Darren Marshall – AYE*
- *Kim Dohrer – AYE*
- *Doug James – AYE*

- *Crystal Thomas – AYE*

#### **TRAINING**

- **Legislative Updates**

Summaries of the education-related legislative updates were sent to board members. Platte Nielson reviewed the highlights including transparency in adoption of instructional materials, mental health screening participation determination, and additional school safety requirements. Funding for mental health screening, full day kindergarten, and safety officer training was explained.

*Jodi Hart Wilson left the meeting at 11:04 AM.*

Increases in teacher salaries and benefits were reviewed.

#### **CALENDARING**

- The next board meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM.
- The tentative 2023-2024 meeting schedule will be presented at an upcoming meeting.
- Presentation and attendance at UAPCS June conference was considered.

#### **ADJOURN**

- *Darren Marshall made a motion to adjourn the board meeting; Kim Dohrer seconded.*  
Board meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.