

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting July 13, 2026

Notice was provided on our website, www.truxtonacademy.org on July 6, 2026.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by President Stuart Young at 6:34 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Members Present: Stuart Young, Krysta Austen, Tom Brown, Carol Woodhouse, Carol Eldred
Jeff Perry and Aaron Kinney

Members Excused: Korinne L'Hommedieu

Others present: Patty Dawson, Dr. Heather Collier, Kim Bull and Andrea Dawson

Community Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: The June 8, 2026 meeting minutes were approved as written.

School Report:

Executive Director Patty Dawson reported:

- Enrollment is currently at 106 students.
- A family is concerned about the changes within the school. Patty read a letter which will be sent out to all families

Principal Dr. Heather Collier reported:

- As of 4:00 p.m. today the school is fully staffed.
- Thursday, July 16, 2026 there will be a "Think Tank Day" for all returning and new staff. Discussions will be held on the Rural Life Lab, Project Based Learning and have ideas ready for the Professional Staff Development days.

Committee Reports

Academic Committee - Jeff Perry reported that the committee met this evening prior to the Board meeting.

- Main discussion was the completed survey of the evaluation of the Executive Director.
- Jeff will meet with Patty to discuss the evaluation.

Financial Committee - Tom Brown reported that the committee met on July 7, 2026.

- The notes from the meeting last week were emailed to all Board members.
- Erate is more structured and organized.

Action Item: Motion made by Jeff Perry, seconded by Carol Woodhouse to approve the tech funding front load purchase. All in favor. Carried.

Operations Committee - Tom Brown reported that the committee met on July 7, 2026.

- The notes from the meeting were emailed to all Board members.
- The committee is keeping an eye on fuel oil prices to purchase for the new school year.
- Discussion was held about the annual Gala being move to a different season - possibly fall.
- New goat pens have been purchased.
- Patty reviewed the changes in the proposed SAVE Plan for 2026-2027

Action Item: Motion made by Tom Brown, seconded by Jeff Perry to approve the proposed SAVE Plan for 2026-2027. All in favor. Carried.

- The SAVE Plan will be presented at a public hearing prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on August 10, 2026.

All committee reports were approved by the President as submitted.

Old Business

- President Young received an email from Joselyn Yetto from the SUNY Charter Schools Institute. She would like a one hour virtual meeting with the Board sometime between July 20, 2026 and August 14, 2026. Board members suggested July 20, July 27 or August 3 at 5:30 p.m. President Young will contact her with those suggested dates and contact the Board with the date selected.
- A review of the school's application to SUNY for recertification will be held at the next Board meeting on August 10, 2026.

New Business

Action Item: Tom Brown made a motion, seconded by Jeff Perry to approve the following slate of officers of the Board of Trustees for the 2026-2027 school year.

President: Stuart Young
Vice President: Jeff Perry
Secretary: Tom Brown
Treasurer: Krysta Austen
All in favor. Carried.

Community Events

- The events listed on the meeting agenda were reviewed.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Carol Woodhouse, seconded by Jeff Perry, to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss the details of medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. Executive Director Patty Dawson and Principal Dr. Heather Collier were invited to stay. All in favor. Carried.

A motion was made by Krysta Austen, seconded by Carol Woodhouse, to return to public session at 7:40 p.m. All in favor. Carried.

A motion was made by Krysta Austen, seconded by Jeff Perry to approve the following new hires:

Full-time teachers

Delaney Phalen, Madelyn Pforter, Jamison Sponagle, Yasmine White, Brad Sovocool, Elijah Flansburg, Emily Ryan.

Part-time Spanish

Janie Hernandez

All in favor. Carried.

Adjournment

Carol Woodhouse made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Krysta Austen. All in favor. Carried.

The next meeting of the Truxton Academy Charter School's Board of Trustees will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the school on August 10, 2026. Prior to the start of the meeting a public hearing will be held with regards to the SAVE Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Dawson

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Recording Secretary
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