

Truxton Academy Charter School

Regular Board Meeting September 8, 2025

Notice was provided on our website, www.truxtonacademy.org on August 29, 2025.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Stuart Young at 6:35 p.m.
The pledge to the flag was led by President Young.

Members Present: Stuart Young, Krysta Austen, Tom Brown, Carol Woodhouse, Jeff Perry
Alison Sprouse-Mastroe

Members Excused: Korrine L'Hommedieu

Others present: Scott Anderson, Patty Dawson, Kim Bull, Andrea Dawson

Community Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: The August 18, 2025 minutes were accepted by President Young as presented with no objections.

School Report:

Executive Director Patty Dawson reported:

- The new Data Dashboard for the 2025-2026 school year is ready.
- There are 104 students enrolled. The projection was 109 but a family of four had to leave due to transportation issues. They will come back in the future if they are able to.
- The school is currently fully staffed except Art/Music which will be incorporated in the school day.
- There is a prospective Spanish teacher which will be brought before the Board for approval at the October meeting.

School Principal Scott Anderson reported

- Preliminary data has been received from the state with the students at a 31% proficiency rate for ELA. More information will be shared as it is received.

Board Committee Reports:

Academic Committee Report

Jeff Perry reported that the Academic Committee met today, September 8, 2025.

- The meeting notes were emailed today.
- Working on needs of Special Education students and Project Based Learning.
- The school is still on track with SUNY.
- Scott will be working with the committee to come up with ideas to support teacher morale, hopefully on a monthly basis.
- The Academic Committee will meet on the first Monday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the school library.

Finance Committee Report

Tom Brown reported that the Finance Report was emailed today.

- Patti Waltz is through with Quickbooks.
- Cash flow is good.
- Patty Dawson will have access to the accounts.
- The committee will discuss before the October meeting on a third report showing liability vs. assets.

Operations Committee

Tom Brown reported. The Operations report was emailed to all Board members.

- Repairs needed within the school are being worked on.
- The quote for the Oil Tank inspection from Crompco for one year was reviewed.
- A motion was made by Jeff Perry, seconded by Krysta Austen to approve the quote from Crompco for a one year inspection. All in favor. Approved.
- Bus Settlement. The 19A paperwork submitted by the school to share a bus driver with the City of Cortland school district has been denied. The paperwork has been wrong for three years, and a fine was imposed on the school. The school's attorney recommends that the fine be paid.
- In order to have their own bus driver, the school would need a 19A coordinator, tester, trainer, etc. and the school has no financial means to support these positions.
- Field lessons requiring transportation will be on hold until further notice.
- It is suggested that the Board members contact your state and federal government representatives for any support that can give to be able to use the school's bus.

Old Business

There is no old business to discuss.

New Business

- Tompkins Financial has been brokering the health benefits for the school. Renewal will continue the fee arrangement of 10% of the premiums. Benefits are not owed by the school.
- A motion was made by Tom Brown, seconded by Jeff Perry to renew Tompkins Financial as the broker for health benefits. All in favor. Carried.
- The Family Handbook is being reviewed for what is legally required, updated and streamlined. The Employee Handbook is being reviewed by the attorney. Both of these documents will be reviewed and voted on at the October board meeting.
- The school has to now notify parents of every fire drill and lockdown within seven days of the drill.

Community Events

Events were reviewed by the Board.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion made by Carol Woodhouse

Motion seconded by Krysta Austen

All in favor. Carried.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Truxton Academy Charter School.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Dawson, Recording Secretary
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