

ORTON ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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5:00 Meeting Call to Order

- Roll Call/Introduction of Guests
 - Attended: Anne Boris, Ted Harvey, Lindsey Lyndes, Jenny Wilson
 - Guests: Cindy Kanuch, Andrea Sedorek, Elizabeth Vonau, Shannon Gossard, Michelle Olson, Amy Odell
- Approval of Minutes (Feb Meeting)
 - Motion to approve minutes: Ted Harvey, seconded by Anne Boris

5:20 Orton Academy Principal's Report

- Enrollment Update
 - Attendance has dropped and Ms Sedorek is working with individual students and parents
 - Enrollment is steady
- Marketing Update
 - Information nights continue
 - Updating website to add more language about Dyslexia
- Staffing Update
 - One current vacancy
 - An offer was made to a Paraprofessional and a long-term substitute that will fill one of the therapy positions
- Upcoming Events
 - Talent show
 - Parent Teacher Conferences coming soon

5:30 Finance Committee Update

- Ted and Anne met with staff to let them know of the decision to not move forward with PERA due to financial viability
- Discussion about Gillem contract and invoicing. There seem to be some discrepancies and Jenny will be emailing Gillem to discuss further.
- Due to challenges with Gillem, we are looking at going out to RFP for different service providers.
- Orton will be receiving a \$45,000 of per pupil funding for Capital Construction that will help offset facility costs

Action Item: Approve lease renewal with Holy Trinity Church

- Motion to approve Lease: Jenny Wilson; seconded Lindsey Lyndes

5:35 Grant Committee Update

- A Federal grant is open for additional facility funding for 2026 for 5 years. Minga will work with the administrative team to apply.
- Jenny mentioned that there are databases available through Pikes Peak Library District. Jenny will send information and the link.
- We received a curriculum grant for a social/emotional education program

5:40 Nomination Committee Update

- No applicants for our Board to date

5:45 Public Comments

- No public comments

5:50 Old Business/New Business

- No public comments

5:30 Executive Session

5:30 Motion to move into executive session: Anne Boris; Second: Ted Harvey; all approved

- Entering into executive session for sole purpose of discussing a personnel matter as authorized by statute 24-6-402(4)(f).
- In attendance: Cindy Kanuch, Anne Boris, Ted Harvey, Jenny Wilson, Lindsey Lyndes, Amy Odell, Shannon Gossard

6:06 Motion to exit the executive session: Ted Harvey; Second: Jenny Wilson; all approved

6:00 Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Ted Harvey; seconded: Jenny Wilson