

Odyssey Charter School Board Meeting Summary

May 21, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Odyssey Conference Room & Zoom

The Odyssey Charter School Board of Directors met on May 21, 2025, with Vice President Ken Przywara calling the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Board reviewed financial, operational, enrollment, facilities, and academic updates as the school prepared for the conclusion of the 2024–2025 academic year.

Financial Report

The Board reviewed the April financial report, which reflected the school's continued strong fiscal position. Leadership noted that Odyssey qualified for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), allowing students to receive free breakfast and lunch beginning in Fiscal Year 2026. Additional discussion addressed higher contractor expenditures associated with substitute teacher coverage.

The Board unanimously approved the April WEB Financial Report.

The Board also reviewed transportation needs for the coming years and approved the purchase of three school buses—two new buses and one pre-owned vehicle—to support continued enrollment growth and increased student retention at the high school level. Leadership noted that school bus costs have risen significantly due to increased manufacturing and material expenses.

The Board also received an overview of the Fiscal Year 2025 preliminary and final budget projections.

Head of School Report

Leadership provided updates aligned to the school's strategic goals and major initiatives.

Facilities and Capital Projects

Several major facilities projects continue to progress across campus:

- Installation of batting cages was completed as part of the Turf Field Project.
- Construction planning for Building 27 continues, including HVAC installation, sprinkler permitting, architectural design work for the second floor, and committee review of building plans and interior finishes.
- The elevator project in Building 23 was completed and is fully operational.
- Air conditioning servicing and maintenance were underway throughout all school buildings in preparation for warmer weather.

Academics and Student Achievement

School leaders reported that statewide and national assessments were underway, including SBAC testing, SAT testing, Advanced Placement examinations, and Ellinomatheia assessments.

Instructional leadership continues to focus on:

- Student goal setting and intervention support through WIN (What I Need) time.
- Leadership walkthroughs and instructional coaching.
- Reinforcement of academic performance goals connected to spring assessments.
- Ongoing leadership development initiatives for staff.

Enrollment and Recruitment

Enrollment efforts for the 2025–2026 school year remain strong. Leadership reported:

- Continued campus tours and outreach to prospective families.
- More than 375 newly accepted students had already accepted enrollment invitations.
- Acceptance rates were trending approximately 70% higher than the same period in the previous year.

The school also continues planning several community engagement events, including the Family BBQ, which had already received more than 500 RSVPs, and the annual Golf Outing scheduled for June 16 at Hartefeld National Golf Club.

School Culture and Student Recognition

The Board received updates on efforts to strengthen school culture through the Three Pillars and Filotimo initiatives. New end-of-quarter recognition programs are being implemented to celebrate academic achievement, growth, leadership, and positive character traits.

Leadership also reviewed plans for several upcoming student milestone celebrations, including:

- Kindergarten Graduation on June 6
- High School Graduation on June 7
- 8th Grade Promotion on June 9
- 5th Grade Promotion on June 10

Board Approvals

The Board reviewed and unanimously approved several out-of-state travel requests, including:

- A retroactive approval for the second-grade field trip to Philadelphia.
- Dr. Ioanna Lekkakou's participation in a Greek language and Diaspora Media convention in Boston, Massachusetts.
- Fifth Grade's trip to Adventure Aquarium in Camden, New Jersey.

- Fourth Grade's educational visit to Brandywine Battlefield in Pennsylvania.
- High School students traveling to Washington, D.C., for National History Day.

Greek Program Report

The Board received updates regarding the continued growth and success of Odyssey's Greek language and cultural programming, including participation in professional conferences and ongoing efforts to strengthen international and cultural connections that support the school's unique mission.

Adjournment

Following committee updates and discussion of matters concerning the good of the school, the Board entered Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. following unanimous approval by the Board.