



HERITAGE ACADEMY
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Location: 500 So. Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho
November 6, 2016 3:00 PM

VISION

As a community of children, families, and educators, Heritage Academy believes that each individual has gifts, talents, and strengths. Our commitment to academic excellence will ensure that all students acquire the meta-cognitive skills and knowledge necessary to reach their highest potential and become responsible, respectful, and caring members of society. We will accomplish this by establishing high expectations, integrating enriched learning strategies for all students, and by promoting home, school and community partnership.

MISSION

Using the School-Wide Enrichment Model, Heritage Academy will educate students, leading them to develop meta-cognitive skills. In a safe and respectful environment, these skills will allow them to learn how to organize information and solve real-life problems. Our students will graduate with skills in both the core content areas and in critical thinking that will lead to success in school, in the workforce, and in the community.

3:00 pm CALL TO ORDER WELCOME – S Ahrens

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum – Kris Gilgren; Tiffany Packard; Anneli Crouch; Sarah Ahrens; Karen McGee
- Approval of Agenda – T Packard - motion; K Gilgren - 2nd; Vote: all aye

3:05 pm Report and Discussion

- Facility plumbing update –
 - K Gilgren turned the time over to Mr. Hunter to provide an update regarding the school plumbing. Mr. Hunter noted that the school had clogs in the pipes going from school bathrooms to the City of Jerome system. When the plumbers removed the clogs, they also identified pipes that were disintegrating because they were installed during WWII and were essentially made from tar and paper. The plumbers replaced a large amount of pipe from the outside of the building, down the length of the bus lane.
 - The plumber recommends replacing the pipe all the way to the City of Jerome connections and into each end of the building. To do that would require removal of some of the concrete. Mr. Hunter shared options with the Board
 - Cost for current replacement is approximately \$2500 and the plumbers are not charging the school an increased fee for weekend labor. Cost for the additional work would probably be another \$2500 for work out to the City connections.
 - Mr. Hunter recommends considering waiting until June to replace the portions that require concrete removal and concrete work. This is a risk because we don't know whether there will be a problem between now and the spring. The plumber thinks it will be okay to wait, but can't guarantee there would not be a problem.
 - The advantage in waiting until June would be better weather and no negative impact to students.

- Mr. Hunter also noted that Dairy Queen has had similar problems and has connections to the same City of Jerome system. Mr. Hunter contacted the City of Jerome and they reported no problems in their system.
- Emergency school closure – Dr. Ivie shared that we will miss approximately 18 hours of instruction due to the plumbing problem. We will submit school closure paperwork to the State Department of Education and we may add 15 minutes to each instruction day, to enable teachers to complete instruction they have missed. T Packard suggested possibly adding 15 minutes to each morning and starting school at 8 am instead of 8:15 am. Board members and staff members in attendance agreed that may be a good plan because most students arrive at 7:45. Dr. Ivie will provide more information at the upcoming board meeting and the decision will be made prior to returning from Christmas break in January
- Reserve fund expenditure – Ms. Carver explained that the school has approximately \$40,000 in the building maintenance and reserve fund. Those funds have to be used for maintenance or repair. The school has been saving these funds for replacement of the roof. The current repairs also qualify for use of these funds.
 - Dr. Ivie noted that the Board may authorize the use of these funds or they may direct school personnel

3:40 pm BUSINESS ITEM(s)

- Emergency school closure – T Packard made a motion to close the school on Monday and resume school on Tuesday in order to provide the plumbers and City of Jerome time to inspect the pipe replacement and finish the plumbing repairs; A Crouch – 2nd; Vote: all aye
- Reserve fund expenditure – K Gilgren made a motion to utilize funds from the building maintenance and reserve fund to pay for plumbing repairs; T Packard – 2nd; Vote: all aye

3:53 pm ADJOURN

- T Packard made a motion to adjourn; K Gilgren – 2nd; Vote: all aye