



**HERITAGE ACADEMY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Location: 500 South Lincoln Jerome, Idaho
2:30 pm – May 11, 2012**

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.

This session is a public session for the purpose of conducting Heritage Academy business; patron comment time will be provided for in accordance with the established agenda.

2:30 pm – CALL TO ORDER WELCOME – B. Crouch

- ❖ Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum. Present by phone conference were B. Crouch, A. Crouch, J. Peterson, K. Tate and Board Clerk, C. Kary.

2:35 pm – Discussion Item

- ❖ Amount of USDA loan for facility. B. Crouch reported we have basically two options:
 - Build a new building and demolish the existing old building, or
 - Bring current old building up to ADA regulations and 2009 code.
- ❖ B. Crouch - Scenario to build new building. It costs between \$85/sq. ft. to \$135 sq. ft. for new buildings. If we were to build a new 20,000 sq. ft building at \$125 sq. ft. it would cost \$2.5 Million. We might not need 20,000 sq. ft., but to this we would have to add the \$300,000 to pay off the existing property and \$30,000 attorney/closing fees. The new building could be built on the east corner behind the existing building. There are two concerns regarding this: (1) emotion and sentimental value of the existing old building, and (2) the budget for a \$2.5+ million loan. Using an amortization schedule, C. Kary reported that a \$2.5 million loan at 4% with a 40-year loan would cost \$10,448 a month, or \$125,376 a year for mortgage. C. Kary gave the opinion that the budget could not afford this much for a mortgage payment. The current 5-year projected budget does include \$78,000 a year for mortgage (the current amount), and it has a surplus each year for operating emergencies. If we had a \$125,000 mortgage, the budget would show a deficit each year.
- ❖ B. Crouch – Bring existing building up to ADA regulations and 2009 code. In order to bring existing building up to current regulations and code it will cost \$1 Million based on the Architect's (Barrett Craig) estimate. (C. Kary emailed this estimate to the board during this meeting). It was agreed it was critical to bring the building up to ADA regulations especially with increased enrollment and the possibility of disabled students in attendance. This would also include an elevator, but as J. Peterson noted there is added maintenance costs and inspections for elevators. K. Tate was concerned about other items that were not included in the architect's budget of \$1 million for upgrades.

These included:

- Playground
- Cafeteria floor
- Curb appeal
- Asphalt parking lot
- Fencing

B. Crouch agreed to come up with an estimate for these items and advise board of added cost by next Wednesday. B. Crouch estimated these items might bring the loan up to \$1.6 Million. C. Kary agreed to figure out the monthly payment on this amount and to incorporate it into the 5-year budget to see if this would be feasible. K. Tate gave opinion that it would be better to go higher than lower in case of unforeseen problems in upgrades with an old building. K. Tate asked about the grandfather clause and if we had to upgrade to the 2009 code. B. Crouch reported that we currently are covered by the grandfather clause, but as soon as we do any renovations or upgrades we are then required to do them to the ADA regulations, and 2009 code.

- ❖ It was agreed to discuss this further at the next board meeting on May 17, 2012 since it was difficult to make decisions over the phone. B. Crouch would also have the estimate for additional work noticed above. C. Kary would have the new budget with the \$1.6 million loan amount for the mortgage.
- ❖ B. Crouch entertained motion to adjourn. K. Tate made motion, A. Crouch seconded, all. Meeting was adjourned.

3:30 pm ADJOURN

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