



**HERITAGE ACADEMY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Location: 500 S. Lincoln Ave., Jerome, Idaho  
8:30 am, May 25, 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.

Heritage Academy Mission:

Heritage Academy will allow students to participate in instruction leading them to develop meta-cognitive skills. These skills will allow them to learn how to solve real-life problems and organize information. Our students will graduate with skills in both the core content areas and in critical thinking that lead to success in school, the workforce and the community

**8:30 am – CALL TO ORDER WELCOME – B. Crouch**

- ❖ Attendees – Anneli Crouch; Amanda Bingham; Blair Crouch; Kala Tate; Jason Peterson; Christine Ivie; Cheryl Kary; Joseph Osmond (attorney)
- ❖ Approval of Agenda – A Crouch made a motion to approve the agenda; A Bingham seconded; all

**Business Item(s)**

- ❖ Amount of loan from the USDA

B Crouch reviewed information provided by the architect and the attorneys in the email from C Kary – this includes the addition of an elevator; repair of roof; repair of floor in kitchen area; update on ventilation for kitchen; improvement of lighting on second floor; addition of fire sprinkler system; improvement and addition of heating and air conditioning.

A Bingham asked if a geothermal heating system could be considered and the Board agreed to obtain additional information from local vendors on cost of installation since maintenance and ongoing cost may be significantly lower; A Bingham will work with B Crouch to follow up on that item

A Crouch asked about the proposed budget for improvement and wanted to ensure it includes a separate, compliant ventilation system for the kitchen; B Crouch will confirm

A Crouch also asked about the configuration of the school entrance; B Crouch explained that the entrance will be moved to the north side of the building in order to add the ADA compliant elevator; B Crouch will also check on how the updates will affect the windows in the basement

A Crouch asked about asphalt estimates; B Crouch reported that an estimate requires a commercial sweep at a cost of \$300-\$400

K Tate asked about playground improvements; B Crouch reported that additional funds from the loan could be included in the funds with the higher loan amount; A Crouch; K Tate; J Peterson and A Bingham all emphasized that the playground is a priority; A Bingham also reported that in the student focus groups that were part of the recent programmatic audit, the students reported the playground as their number one priority to improve

B Crouch described the changes to the fencing, wall, etc. along the edge of the wall where busses, car pool drivers, etc. park; A Bingham asked about the height of the fence; B Crouch noted it will be a 6 foot fence and the wall will be repaired/changed to some extent due to changes in the structure of the utilities

B Crouch reported that to update all playground elements (grass, gravel, concrete, sprinkler system, playground equipment, etc.) the estimate is approximately \$50,000

K Tate recommended that the loan application cover all of the items needed (including playground)

The Board discussed ensuring that all of the items needed are prioritized and itemized for the loan application. Joseph recommended meeting to review all items; A Crouch and A Bingham are concerned about the timeline and also believe that the items included are the items required to bring the building up to 2009 code.

The Board discussed whether the approval of a dollar amount needs to happen today. J Peterson suggested reviewing all items sometime during the next week and would like more information from the architect; Joseph said that the application is ready to submit but the Board will need to determine the actual dollar amount; he also stated that meeting and making a decision within the next week or two would be fine; he believes waiting a month or two would be problematic;

A Bingham asked how soon we could meet with Barrett Craig. B Crouch will work on scheduling that meeting as soon as possible

A Bingham made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345 (1) (f) To communicate with legal counsel for the school district to discuss the legal ramifications of and legal options for pending litigation or controversies not yet being litigate but imminently likely to be litigated. The mere presence of legal counsel at an executive session does not satisfy this requirement.

A Crouch seconded; Roll call – K Tate- yes; A Crouch – yes; A Bingham – yes; J Peterson – yes; B Crouch – yes

Motion to move out of executive session – A Bingham; Second – A Crouch – all

❖ 4-day school week/approval of 2012-13 school calendar

A Bingham motioned to accept the proposed 4 day calendar with one change – the school day would start at 8:15 and end at 3:30; K Tate seconded; all in favor

A Bingham made a motion to adjourn; A Crouch seconded; all in favor

**9:50 am ADJOURN**

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