



HERITAGE ACADEMY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Location: 500 South Lincoln Jerome, Idaho
7:00 pm, September 24, 2015

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.

7:00 pm – CALL TO ORDER WELCOME – K Tate

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Reading of Heritage Academy's Vision and Mission – K Hopper, A Crouch
- ❖ Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

Anneli Crouch, Amanda Bingham, Kala Tate, Kurt Hopper

- ❖ Approval of Agenda

A Crouch made the motion to approve the agenda.

A Bingham – second

Vote: All Aye motion carried

7:05 Discussion and Business

- ❖ Declaration of Emergency and Approval for Alternate Authorization
 - Omission in June minutes for Mrs. Kalulu

Kurt Hopper made the motion to approve a declaration of emergency and approve an alternate authorization for Mrs. Kalulu.

A Bingham - Second

Vote – All Aye motion carried

A Bingham made a motion to move in executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b)

K Hopper – second

Roll call vote:

A Crouch – aye

A Bingham – aye

Kurt H – aye

K Tate – aye

Motion carried

7:10 pm - Executive Session

Pursuant to Idaho Code 67-2345(1)(b)(2) (CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC). Executive sessions: *(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student*

Following executive session, action may be taken in the open meeting as appropriate.

Amanda made the motion to come out of Executive session at 7:34 pm.

Kurt – second

Roll Call vote:

A Crouch – aye

A Bingham – aye

K Hopper – aye

K Tate – aye

Motion carried

Public comment: Esther Johnson, former student of Heritage Academy

In Jerome, there is only one high school so there are lots of kids that get pushed around in the high school. If we had another school, there would be more room for students. It would be nice to have a smaller school setting. It is easier to see what is happening to students and also have a smaller community feel. It will help students be more outspoken in class.

7:34 pm - Discussion and Business

- ❖ Heritage school for Innovation, Design, Entrepreneurship and Finance (HI DEF)

Dr. Ivie went to a Jr. Achievement meeting they are very supportive of HI DEF.

Dr. Ivie and Teresa Berry are meeting with the department chair of Education at CSI next week to talk about authorizer possibilities.

Mr. Hunter pointed out some of the posters that are hung around the school that show work that the students have been working on in class. They are working on real-life projects that they each came up with.

Questions about HI DEF:

It is a big responsibility, board members expressed concern that it is a big deal to take on another school when we are so new.

Budget needs – explain why we aren't using money we have to improve HA.

This year's state budget and figure out how much money we have to work with. 9th grade gets the most money allocation.

How financially stable is HI DEF looking – Albertson's start-up grant. Hire a FT person to keep the school on track with grants/finances. If HA is the authorizer, then HA would get the authorizer money. An authorizer is responsible for financial and legal requirements of the state.

Board can: approve it or deny it (if it does not meet the requirements of the law)

Can the HA board transfer responsibility of being authorizer in the future? – yes

40 students does not seem to create enough money for opening a school:

Community relations – Kurt Hopper is working with food chains, Jr. Achievement, financial institutions, up to a dozen corporations in the community that would like to sponsor a classroom, set up businesses in school for the students to learn/work in. If the budget is made on only start up grants and money from the state for teachers

Transportation – would high school students be riding with younger students, would they share cafeteria? Sharing cafeteria would add financial benefit. There will be opportunities to share Dress code: Not decided yet, but don't want to make it a burden on the families. Suggestion to keep the dress code, but modify it a little to make them different from elementary school. Helps make it a

culture.

Accreditation: how to educate students with the right number of teachers for students. The biggest challenge is finding teachers that have multiple endorsements.

A challenge because the 2/5 board HA board members will have to recuse themselves because of conflict of interest.

K Hopper move to approve the charter for HI DEF

A Crouch recuse herself from vote and made comment that she felt that this charter and idea of school has good "bone" structure, but reminded the board that they would be responsible for the running of the new organization.

A Bingham motion to accept the charter with edits completed and submitted by HI DEF board member Crouch by October 30th.

K Hopper – second

Vote: Aye all

K Hopper made the motion to adjourn meeting.

A Crouch – second

Vote: all aye

Motion carried

8:55 pm ADJOURN

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