

American Heritage Charter School
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
October 23, 2012

Time: 5:30pm

Roll Call:

Board of Directors

Chairperson Debra Infanger

Vice Chair James Dalton

Secretary Sara Schofield

Director Trent VanderSloot

Director Mike Batt

Absent: Director Tappia Infanger

Excused: Director Gayle DeSmet

Visitors: Alison Henken

Founders

Jeff Sabin

Agenda:

Motion was made by Director Trent VanderSloot and seconded by Director Mike Batt to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes:

Motion was made by Director Sara Schofield and seconded by Director Jim Dalton to approve the minutes of the meetings held September 6th and 21st, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Report:

Announcements for the Good of the Order

Approval was given for the 501C3.

Charter Education:

Appendices review of checklist for opening by Mike Batt

Training agreement with NVA by Deby Infanger

Director Mike Batt reviewed the checklist for school opening found in the Charter Appendices pgs 183-188, and Chairman Deby Infanger reviewed the training agreement with NVA found on pgs 160-164. Core Knowledge works as the umbrella for the curriculum and everything else compliments it. NVA will assist in training workshops. There is interest in replicating NVA/AHCS charters and thought is being put into this process including an extensive checklist. Director Gayle DeSmet will fill in as administrator until one is found. Cathy Thompson will help train a new clerk. There was discussion about sharing clerks between schools and finding a well qualified special education specialist. Lesson plans can be shared between teachers and White Pines experience with core knowledge will be cooperated.

School sign logo's presented by Tony Lima

Tony Lima was absent.

Alison Henken, Program Manager from the Idaho Public Charter School Commission:

Alison started by introducing herself and encouraging the board to get in touch with other community charters and share in transportation, clerks, special education etc. Questions and answers were exchanged between Alison and the board. Chairman Deby Infanger updated her on the site and facility developments. Deby noted that Gayle DeSmet visited the site and gave her input. Director Trent VanderSloot shared that plans for the building would be done by mid November, but asbestos demo of walls could be done ahead of time. Exterior items are top priority so the interior can be worked on during colder months. The community is supportive and excited to see something being done with the building. There have been no changes made to the educational programming. The main focus currently is the building renovation and hiring of employees. The timeline for hiring staff is firstly with an administrator and secondly with teachers who will be given formal offers in 2013. January begins open enrollment and it was recommended that we share referrals for hiring employees. It was pointed out that the biggest challenge for the board so far has been the charter process and federal

funding. Alison explained educational cuts, budget restrictions and fundraising. Several aspects of curriculum was discussed including common core and everyday math/saxon math. Propositions 1, 2 and 3 were briefly discussed. Alison was encouraging and offered to help wherever possible.

New Business:

There was no new business discussed.

Financials:

None

***Action Items:**

Cathy Thompson will be reimbursed when the grant money comes in next month.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Director Mike Batt and seconded by Director Trent VanderSloot to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Sara Schofield
Board Secretary

Deby Infanger
Chairperson of the Board