

American Heritage Charter School
Regular Board Meeting
April 11, 2024

4:00 pm via Zoom

Roll Call

<p>Board of Directors: Chairperson Deby Infanger Director Tappia Infanger Director Mike Infanger Director Eliza Ruys</p> <p>Others in Attendance: Dr. Hurst Head Administrator Angela Lords, Business Manager Others participating by Zoom</p>	<p>Not in Attendance: Vice Chair Trent VanderSloot Director Cheri Lima PFA Representative Annie Bradford Mr. Jim Dalton, Board Executive Director Mr. Rose-Secondary Administrator</p>
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Pledge of Allegiance

Dispensed due to virtual meeting.

Agenda

Director Eliza Ruys moved to approve the agenda as provided to the board. Vice Chairman Trent VanderSloot seconded that motion. The motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

Special Orders

Chairperson Deby Infanger reported that the goal is to be completed will be complete on May 1st.

Several of the 24-25 AHCS Seniors presented their senior project ideas to the board.

Consent Agenda

Director Eliza Ruys moved to approve the consent agenda as presented to the board. Director Mike Infanger seconded that motion. The motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

Executive Session

Board Director moved to move into executive session at 4:42 pm in accordance with Idaho Code 74-206 (1) (a). To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. Director PFA Representative seconded the motion, and the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote. PFA

Representative Annie Bradford moved to move back into regular session at 4:58 pm. Director Cheri Lima seconded the motion. There was no objection, and the motion was approved on a 5-0 vote.

Action Items from Executive Session

- A. Director Eliza Ruys moved to approve Natalie Hart as a middle school teacher, Kristina Cotrina as a middle school teacher and Mick Burnell as the business teacher for the upcoming school year. Director Mike Infanger seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.
- B. The Administrative Evaluations will be tabled until the next meeting.

Administrative, PFA, and Student Reports and Recommendations

Student Report-STUCO

Jonah P. reporting on the following:

- May 2nd the student council would like to hold elections during the Cinco De Mayo celebration.
- May 17th the student council would like to hold Prom that will include 9-12th grade.

Elementary Update

Dr. Hurst reported on the following:

We have a few more field trips to approve at this board meeting:

- 3rd grade: They would like to go to Homestead Pizza and Bowling. They would like to have students eat pizza at Homestead for their lunch.
- Kindergarten Gates: She would like to take her students to Butterfly Haven.
- 4th: They would like to take their students to the zoo and then to Paramount Movie Theater.
- 5th: They would like to go to the Museum and then have lunch at Kate Curley Park.

It is that time of year where students will begin to take their state assessments. Here are the assessments the students will take:

- K-3: Idaho Reading Indicator Test
- 3-5: Idaho State Achievement Test for Language Arts and Math
- 5: Idaho State Achievement Test for Science

In May the students will also take our MAP Assessments. This assessment helps us to see the growth and areas of need for our individual students as well as a school.

We will provide students with a healthy snack as they take these tests.

We are planning the End of the Year Celebration that will be held on May 23, 2024, at the New Sweden Farms. Save the Date on your calendars if you would like to attend and celebrate with our students, families, and staff.

We are holding a new program this year at the Colonial Theater in Idaho Falls, Idaho. This is a free event for our community to attend if they would like to come. Our upper orchestra students will be performing a night of Americana Music. This will take place on April 22, 2024. Spread the word throughout your neighborhood to let our community know of this opportunity.

Our Patriotic Program will be held on April 30, 2024, at 6:00p.m. at the Frontier Center (Civic Center). What a great time to come and hear our students sing and play the songs they have been learning throughout the year.

We held our in-class spelling bees today, April 11, 2024. The top two students from each class will then participate in the final spelling bee taking place on May 9, 2024.

We attended the Legislative Road Show this past week. On a positive note, we did get \$400 per student on ADA for the coming year. This captures the money we lost last year during the changes. An area of concern for next year is the new facilities bill that was passed for traditional public schools. This bill took lottery funds and maintenance match funds away and tucking those funds into this bill. This bill hurt charter schools for we are not part of the facilities bill since we cannot levy or bond. So next year we will not be getting any lottery funds or maintenance match funds. They state that they will work on a solution next legislative session, but that will be too late for us for next year and it will all depend on if they can get legislation passed for this next year. We will have to keep our fingers crossed.

A charter bill was passed this session that provides charters the opportunity to renew every 6 years or if we have good standing and have been established go into a 12-year renewal process.

We are up for accreditation next year. They have also changed their processes and we will now go through this cycle every six years instead of five years. However, there will be a checkup on our 3rd year to see how we are doing towards areas they want us to focus on for school improvement. We will have our review sometime between October and December 2024, so we will begin working on gathering the data they have asked us to provide to them. The reviews now will happen through Zoom instead of in house.

Teacher Appreciation is coming up in the month of May. I appreciate the PFA willingness to help us with this week.

Secondary Update

Mr. Rose reported on the following:

Summit transition to Canvas

As you heard last meeting we are transitioning away from Summits LMS to Canvas. We will begin training on that as a secondary staff in the coming weeks, also, Summit is providing training for almost the entire secondary staff over the summer in Chicago.

I will be sending out an update to parents explaining the transition in the next week. If there are questions about the move you can call me or direct parents to email me directly. Mrs. Harris has also been in on those meetings and is a great resource.

SOF Phase II Grant

I was recently notified that we were awarded \$105,000 to complete a fencing project around the property. As it is over \$50,000 we will have to go through the RFP process. More details to come soon.

Esports

I was assigned to look into Esports at a recent IETA conference in Boise. With the help of Mr. Siqueiros, we have a plan for a possible Esports team at AHCS:

Mr. Siqueiros has more details on cost of start up

- MS and HS teams
- Low entry cost and then looking at grants to upgrade our initial system
- Possibly teach an Esports elective during the year

Testing

We also proctored the SAT at the school April 10. This was the first time we offered the test digitally. It has been paper and pencil until now.

Old Business

- A. Director Eliza Ruys moved to approve policies: 4260, 4260F, 4300, 4310, 4320, 4330, 4400, 4410, 4420 and 4420F2. Director Mike Infanger seconded the motion. There was no objection, and the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

New Business

- A. The parents with the concern were not present so there was no report given.
- B. Director Eliza Ruys moved to approve the backup battery as presented to the board. Vice Chairman VanderSloot seconded the motion. There was no objection, and the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.
- C. Director Eliza Ruys moved to approve the E-Sports program to run after school. Director Mike Infanger seconded the motion. There was no objection, and the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.
- D. Director Eliza Ruys moved to approve the E-Sports equipment purchases. Director Mike Infanger seconded the motion. There was no objection, and the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.
- E. Director Eliza Ruys moved to approve the Networking Field Trip, and the Mandarin Field Trip for the elective classes. PFA Representative seconded the motion. There was no objection, and the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

- F. Due to the space restrictions and less interest in two of the electives, they will not be offered this spring. Those electives are the Career Explorations and the Marketing class. This was an update so no action was required.
- G. Director Eliza Ruys moved to approve the remainder of the elementary field trips for the end of the school year. Director Tappia Infanger seconded the motion. There was no objection, and the motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.
- H. The first reading on the policies: 4210, 4210F, 4500, 4500P1, 4500P2, 4510, 4520, 4530, 4530F, 4600, 4600F1, 4600F2 and 4600P was completed.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Trent VandeSloot to adjourn at 5:15 pm. Director Mike Infanger seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Lords
Board Clerk