

American Heritage Charter School
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
January 7, 2021

6:30 pm via Zoom during COVID-19 Quarantine

Roll Call

<p>Board of Directors: Chairperson Deby Infanger Vice Chair Trent VanderSloot Director Tappia Infanger Director Sarah Schofield Director Chris Schofield</p> <p>Others in Attendance: Jim Dalton, Executive Director Angela Lords, Business Manager Mrs. Hurst, Principal Mr. Rose, Principal Other participating by Zoom</p>	<p>Not in Attendance: Director Mike Infanger</p>
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Pledge of Allegiance

Dispensed due to virtual meeting.

Agenda

Director Sarah Schofield moved to approve the posted agenda. Director Chris Schofield seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes, Accounts Payable, Payroll and Claims

Chairman Deby Infanger asked the Board to review the minutes and expenditures. Mr. Dalton and Mrs. Lords reviewed larger and unusual or one-time expenses. Director Chris Schofield moved to approve the minutes from the December meetings and current expenditures. Vice Chair Trent VanderSloot seconded the motion. There was no objection and the minutes were approved on a 5-0 vote.

Administrative, PFA, and Student Reports and Recommendations

Senior Projects

Elizabeth Swenson and Franceska Shepard proposed their senior project ideas to the board.

Chairperson Notes

Chairperson Infanger reported that during the accreditation process the committee was very pleased with how AHCS carried out our mission. The board would like to see the secondary students really focus on the American Constitution and Free Market Capitalism.

The discussion has been held on building an addition to the school. Chairperson Infanger stated that we need to be cautious as a statement has been given by the newly elected president that he is not supportive of charter schools. AHCS would like to hold off on the new addition as we see if the federal government will continue to support charter schools in the future.

Elementary

Mrs. Hurst introduced our new teacher that will be helping with our virtual students Annika Copeland. She extended a warm welcome and invited her to introduce herself.

Mrs. Hurst reported that we have confirmed 13 online students for the elementary school for next semester.

A big thank you has been extended to our wonderful AHCS community who helped provide a wonderful holiday season to the Life Care Center in Idaho Falls, ID. Mrs. Hurst reported that because of the kindness of our school community we helped brighten the days of others less fortunate.

Mrs. Hurst reported that the PFA and Mrs. McFadden did a wonderful job for the orchestra program. It was a great way to showcase the talents of our students.

She also expressed gratitude to the Infanger family for their generosity in the use of their facilities for the program.

Mrs. Hurst discussed the result of the parent survey with the board. (Results are attached)
The elementary staff have decided to change the due date for the virtual Friday work to be completed. They will assign out the work virtually on Monday and it will be due on that same Friday. This will give students more time throughout that week to complete. Virtual Fridays will also just be a review day, no new lessons will be taught on that day. These changes were due to feedback from the parent survey.

Secondary

Mr. Rose reported that he recently received an email from the State Department of Education explaining that the requirements for the college entrance exams have been waived for the year due to the Covid restrictions. Each district has been given the choice on requirements of their students. Our AHCS students that are graduating took the SAT last year as Juniors, or earlier in the year but have not been able to complete another exam.

Director Sarah Schofield motioned to not require the college entrance exam for graduation this year due to the Covid restrictions. Director Chris Schofield seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote

Last month a purchase was made with PowerSchool for training with the admin team. This training was able to be purchased at a 20% discount and will offer the admin team to receive training on creating reports and other items to help build our knowledge base in that area.

Mr. Rose reported that the school is in need of several more vacuums. These purchases were approved last year by the board but because of Covid they were not purchased last year. Mr. Rose will find replacements and get the new ones ordered.

EF Tours is the company that provides the tour to Washington DC every other year that our sister school North Valley Academy participates in. NVA is extremely pleased with the company and the organization with which they conduct the tour. AHCS would like to participate in 2022. Mr. Rose explained that he will be getting the word out to the students to see what kind of interest there is for this incredible tour.

Mr. Rose reported that the sports club would like to continue this year and do the activities in the gym while the weather isn't good and then after the weather gets better they will be able to be outside.

Access control will start this next Tuesday. Mrs. Rose reported that there are kinks being worked out in the new system but we should be up and running by Tuesday.

Executive Director Update-CSP Grant Budget

Mr. Dalton presented the current budget to the board. Mr. Dalton reported that there are items that still have to be expended but due to the current Covid restrictions we will have some amendments that will need to be made. The board expressed their gratitude for Mr. Dalton and all the work that was put into the budget and report.

New Business

The board and administration discussed some strategies for advertising for our upcoming open enrollment.

Adjournment

Director Chris Schofield moved to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Director Sarah Schofield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Lords
Board Clerk