

**American Heritage Charter School**  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 10, 2022

4:00 pm via Zoom during COVID-19 Quarantine

**Roll Call**

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

Dispensed due to virtual meeting.

**Agenda**

Vice Chariman Trent VanderSloot moved to approve the agenda as posted. PFA Representative Abby Johnson seconded that motion. The motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

**Special Orders**

Chairman Deby Infanger reported that the building construction will continue.

**Consent Agenda**

Vice Chairman Trent VanderSloot moved to approve the meeting minutes, payables including the OT bill that arrived late and payroll as provided. PFA Representative Abby Johnson seconded that motion. The motion was approved 4-0 on a roll call vote.

## **Administrative, PFA, and Student Reports and Recommendations**

### **Elementary Update**

Dr. Hurst reported on the following:

- We have hired two new paraprofessionals here at AHCS. Shannon Ross, she will be our full-time substitute and playground duty aid when she is not in the classroom. She will also help with crossing duty. Celeste Rodriguez, she will be a paraprofessional working with our EL student throughout the day. She will also help in other classrooms when she is not working with the other student.
- We have moved a few people around here at AHCS. Julianna Bringham- She was our full-time substitute, she will now be the high school's receptionist. Kelly Hayes- She was our high school's receptionist, she will now be a paraprofessional working at the high school.
- We had a wonderful Mad Scientist Day and Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2022. Alyasha Whitworth did an excellent job working with the students at the middle school and high school to provide science experiments and make-and-take activities for students at the elementary school. The Trunk-or-Treat was also a success. We doubled the amount of trunks this year from last year. It was well supported for our school community. The kids loved this day.
- I did some research on homework for schools who are ranked as high performing schools in our nation. We are right on track with what many of these schools do at the elementary with having students do 10 minutes per grade level a night. There are some that including reading within that time frame, and others that do not include reading in that time frame. One middle school requires anywhere from 10 to 25 minutes a night per academic subject areas depending on the grade level. Some of the top performing high schools are very rigorous. They have homework per subject area and the total time per subject on the days they meet could be up to 1.5 hours. There is another high school that has summer requirements before school starts in the fall. Here are some take-aways I have gained/ or areas that have been more solidified while looking into this area:
  - Homework should not be busy work. It should be connected to the topics learned in class and should not be on a new concept.
  - It is important that students receive timely feedback on their homework they have completed.
  - Homework should not be given over any of the holiday breaks.
  - Homework can help in the following areas:
    - \*Teaches the students responsibilities
    - \*Teaches the students about deadlines
    - \*Helps the teachers verify if students understood the concepts they are learning
    - \*Helps the students develop self-direction, self-discipline, and study skills.

\* I also did a little data dive into looking at districts where students go 5 days a week vs. districts where students go 4 days a week. I have attached a file that will give you three graphs. These graphs are

looking at the scores from the statewide assessments 2 years ago. The first graph is the English Language Arts scores, the second graph is Math, and the third graph is the Idaho Reading Indicator Test that is given in grades K-3. I have verified with the state they do not have last years scores posted yet. As you look at the graphs, you can see there is not much difference in scores between the two district groups. I made sure to look at 4 districts in each category. Most of them are districts in Region 6, but I did have to go outside the region to get one more 4 day a week school.

\* We have turned in a spreadsheet to the Department of Education to make some corrective actions towards our CSP grant audit. I have attached the spreadsheet that we detailed what we will do, and the Department of Education has approved the plan at this point.

\*We have some exciting events coming up soon.

- We will have a Veteran's Day Assembly this Thursday, November 10, 2022. Thanks to Angie Lords and Tappia Infanger for putting this together for our students.
- We will provide lunch to our Veterans on November 10, 2022.
- The Book Fair will be November 14 through November 17. On November 17 in the afternoon, we will invite the grandparents to come get donuts and cider and to take the grandchildren to the book fair.
- The students will be having pie on November 17, 2022, for lunch. We appreciate all those who were willing to help us out with this activity.
- We are in the middle of the Food Drive. This food will be donated to the American Legion.
- We will begin our Christmas Service Project on November 28, 2022. We will be adopting grandparents again this year. Thank you to Angie for calling and getting the information and helping out with this wonderful event.
- Our Christmas Program will be at the Civic on Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

\*We are working on getting all K-12 teachers the Dyslexia training they will need before the beginning of the next school year. The SDE is providing training that will cover the legislative requirements and help teachers better understand the signs.

### **Secondary Update**

- There was no update from the secondary school.

### **New Business**

- A. Policy number 3000, 3010, 3010F, 3020, 3020P, 3030, 3040, 3040F1, 3040F2, 3050A1, 3060 and 3070 will be tabled until next month.

### **Old Business**

- A. Policy number 2600, 2505, 2610, 2620, 2625, 2630, 2700, 2700P, 2705, 2710, 2720 and 2800 will be tabled until next month.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Director Mike Infanger to adjourn at 4:18 pm. Vice Chairman Trent VanderSloot seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

Angela Lords  
Board Clerk