

American Heritage Charter School

Regular Board Meeting

November 6, 2025

4:00 pm via Zoom

Roll Call

<p>Board of Directors:</p> <p>Chairperson Deby Infanger Director Eliza Ruys Director Cheri Lima Director Tappia Infanger Director Nicole Wilcox</p> <p>Others in Attendance:</p> <p>Dr. Hurst Superintendent Mr. Rose-9-12 Administrator Mrs. Harris-5-8 Administrator</p> <p>Angela Lords, Business Manager Others participating by Zoom</p>	<p>Not in Attendance:</p> <p>Director Mike Infanger Vice Chairman Trent VanderSloot</p> <p>Mr. Jim Dalton, Board Executive Director Mrs. Simms K-4 Administrator</p>
---	---

Pledge of Allegiance

Dispensed due to virtual meeting.

Agenda

Director Nicole Wilcox moved to approve the agenda as provided to the board. Director Eliza Ruys seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Special Orders

No Special Orders to present this month.

Consent Agenda

Director Nicole Wilcox moved to approve the consent agenda as presented to the board. Director Eliza Ruys seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

Administrative, PFA, and Student Reports and Recommendations

High School Update

Mr. Rose reported on the following:

- We successfully wrapped up our annual **Text-a-Thon fundraiser**. While participation was slightly lower than in previous years, we still managed to raise approximately **\$3,500**, which will go a long way

in supporting our student programs.

- We have also launched our **annual food drive**, benefiting both the **American Legion** and our **local food bank**. Following that, we'll begin collecting items for a **gift drive** to support the **American Legion home in Pocatello**.
- As we finish the first quarter, we've seen some truly inspiring work from both students and staff. Our **Constitution Day poster contest**, done in collaboration with the **local DAR**, was once again a success. Last year, one of our students earned national recognition, and we're hopeful to repeat that level of excellence again this year.
- We've now held **two Patriot Leadership Summits (PLS)**, which occur on the last Thursday of each month (adjusted as needed for calendar conflicts). Each of you should have received invitations. During these meetings, we recognize students who demonstrate excellence in **leadership, academics, service, and grit**. We also invite **local business owners and entrepreneurs** to speak about their experiences. These sessions have sparked amazing questions and conversations—two of our students have even chosen to work with past speakers as **mentors for their senior projects**. I have asked Mr. Waetje to lead this program and he has done a wonderful job.
- Lastly, our Veteran's Day assembly is next Tuesday at 9:30 in the HS gym. It is shaping up to be an awesome event, so please attend if possible and feel free to invite any veterans you know, we would love to honor them.

Middle School Update

Mrs. Harris reported on the following:

- Our middle school students finished the first quarter strong, and October was a busy and rewarding month.
- The Halloween Carnival was a huge success—it was wonderful to see so many AHCS families dressed up, visiting with one another, and enjoying the games. Our orchestra students performed beautifully for a packed audience in the gym.
- This month, we placed a strong emphasis on STEM learning. Visitors from CEI led hands-on STEM activities in our middle school science classes, and a guest from INL spoke to our fifth grade and to our business and career students about cybersecurity. Students also enjoyed Mad Scientist Day—our seventh graders conducted a science experiment with the fifth grade and then visited the high school for an exciting experiment presented by Mrs. Berger's class. Parent support was tremendous once again for Trunk or Treat.
- Our October all-house meeting also followed a STEM theme. We began by presenting our first Patriot Builder Awards—one student from each house was recognized for demonstrating exceptional kindness, gratitude, and service to others. Each recipient received a certificate, a prize, and the opportunity to spin the bonus wheel for house points. Following the awards, students participated in a STEM challenge competition, collaborating in groups to create catapults, design egg-drop devices, craft musical instruments, or build moving animal art. It was inspiring to see all students engaged, creative, and working together.
- Middle school girls' basketball is in full swing, with players showing growth and improved skills in each game.
- Students are also demonstrating great community service and citizenship this month by bringing in

canned goods for our annual food drive, which benefits veterans and local families. In addition, they have been creating Constitution Day posters for the DAR contest and working diligently in house meetings to learn about their house heroes, crests, values, and mottos, as well as memorizing the verse of the month.

- Finally, I had the opportunity to participate in an ISAT test review group last week and RTI training with Dr. Hurst and some of our staff earlier this week. I am excited about all that we are learning and implementing to strengthen both the academic achievement and citizenship of our students.

Elementary School Update

Mrs. Simms reported on the following:

- Students celebrated our **National Park Theme** with enthusiasm, exploring parks through art, writing, and research. Their work is displayed in the elementary gym.
- Our **MAP** and **Amira testing** went smoothly. After addressing initial kinks in the new Amira program, teachers are now able to effectively use the data to support targeted reading instruction, and we are confident this program will continue to enhance literacy growth across all grades.
- We are excited for our **Veterans Day assembly** on Tuesday of next week. All attending veterans will receive a **challenge coin**, and a **panel of nominated veterans** will answer student-submitted questions. The plaques for our highlighted veterans are beautiful! Students will perform the **military song medley**, inviting veterans to stand when their service branch song is played, and a quartet from the orchestra will perform our national anthem to add to the celebration. We also hope to have the honor wall up before the assembly so the veterans and their families will be able to see it. We are waiting on a few more pictures.
- An elementary November newsletter was sent tonight sharing student learning, upcoming events and also informing families that as we continue to work on civil discourse, our school-wide focus will expand to **gratitude, kindness, and service**, further strengthening our positive school culture.

New Business

- A. Director Nicole Wilcox moved to approve the hiring of Isabel Brabec as a middle school paraprofessional. Director Eliza Ruys seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. Director Nicole Wilcox moved to approve the used projector sale. Director Eliza Ruys seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.

- C. Director Nicole Wilcox moved to approve the middle school business field trip as presented to the board. Director Cheri Lima seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. The kids fair agenda item will be tabled until a future meeting.
- E. Director Nicole Wilcox moved to approve the Brent Edwards Erate Contract. Director Cheri Lima seconded that motion. The motion was approved 5-0 on a roll call vote.
- F. The first read of the Edgar Policy was conducted.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Director Nicole Wilcox to adjourn at 4:29 pm. Director Cheri Lima seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Lords
Board Clerk