

Heritage Community Charter School

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HCCS Board Meeting
[Idaho Code § 67-2342]

Heritage Community Charter School, Caldwell, Idaho
Heritage Community Charter School Board of Directors
Tuesday April 24, 2012 6:30 pm
1803 East Ustick Rd. Caldwell, ID 83607

Agenda

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **Roll Call Attendance** – Strikwerda, McRae, Hammond, and MacDonald in attendance. Klauss and Gregory arrived late.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** By Invitation – Led by Chairman Hammond
HCCS Mission: Read by Strikwerda

The Mission of Heritage Community Charter School is to create an atmosphere of mutual respect where students feel safe and are challenged to become their best selves as they develop a curiosity and love of learning that will continue throughout their lives and prepares them for post-secondary education, careers, and service in their communities as well educated leaders who desire to preserve a democratic society and who act with integrity and character.

4. **Approval of Agenda** – Motion by McRae to amend agenda to add executive session at end of meeting, pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(1)(b). Seconded by Strikwerda. 4-0 All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Strikwerda to approve agenda as amended. McRae seconded. 4-0 all aye, motion carried.

Klauss arrived at 6:37.

5. **Approve Board Meeting minutes:** February 27, March 22, 2012 – Discussion regarding adding additional minutes for March 27 and April 5 meetings. Will wait until next meeting so that they are properly on the agenda. Strikwerda moved to approve meeting minutes. Seconded by MacDonald. 5-0, all aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Discussion regarding student surveys, will happen on May 14, 2012 during second period for 4-12 grades. A copy of the survey was provided.

Discussion about school/community garden. Landscape developer helped develop a plan which includes an outdoor classroom, would like the Board to consider an

outdoor pavilion rather than portables or in addition to portables. Also working with U of I and other agencies to provide facilities. Winter is part of the culture and children would wear coats. J. Taylor commented that the pavilion would not take the place of the portables, would need both.

6. Board Discussion

- a. Exchange Students: Ann Roe, Foundation for Foreign Study
Presentation regarding allowing foreign exchange students in HCCS. Discussion about funding, age ranges, needs, deadlines, discipline issues

Board extended thanks to all those that helped with the prom, could use more volunteers

- b. Board Training
McRae moved to move the training to the end of the meeting after the executive session. Klauss seconded. All aye, motion carried.
- c. Facilities and Lawn Care: MacDonald
Modular buildings were discussed, including costs to lease, costs for additional teachers, income from additional students, etc.

Discussion about future enrollment and needs for more classrooms.

7:14 Gregory arrived

McRae moved to open for public discussion. Klauss seconded. All aye, motion carried. General public discussion about facilities needs.

McRae moved to create a committee to research the school garden. Klauss seconded. 6-0, all aye. Motion carried. MacDonald will chair the committee, Klauss plus staff and others will also be on the committee.

Lawn Care – discussed bids and options, including current staff, students, outside contract.

Klauss moved to open for public discussion. Strikwerda seconded. All aye, motion carried. Discussion about liability if children mow the lawn.

McRae moved to hire Majestic Lawns at \$200/mowing. Strikwerda seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Financial Reports: Lisa McIntosh presented the financial reports. Discussion about enrollment (currently at 507).

7. Business

- a. Teacher Evaluations/contracts

Teacher reviews are not yet finished due to overwhelming disciplinary issues

Discussed teacher contracts. Hammond recommended renewing all contracts

MacDonald moved to renew all contracts – motion failed for lack of second

Discussion regarding letters of intent and budgets

McRae moved to open for public comment. Strikwerda seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Public comment held regarding contracts and letters of intent.

McRae moved to issue letters of intent to all teachers. Gregory seconded. 4-2, motion carries (Hammond and Klauss voted no, preferring to issue contracts instead).

6.e. PTSO – Policy about parties/food/etc. – no action

f. Reimburse board expenses – no action

g/h. Reimburse Mr. Buck and Mr. Castaneda travel expenses to Ridgeview.

Discussion about a meet and greet with teachers.

Klauss moved to reimburse travel expenses in the amount of \$1,348.68. Strikwerda seconded. All aye, motion carried.

i. Authorize interim administrator – no action

j. Meeting with Idaho Charter School Commission.

Meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2012. Discussed who would attend.

7. **Business**

b. Stakeholder election process reviewed.

c. Accountability committee

Discussion about need for an accountability committee, would include administrator, founders, parents and teachers.

Klauss moved to allow public comment. McRae seconded. All aye, motion carried. Discussion about need for committee; feelings that board-appointed committee might be a conflict; committee needs to be collaborative

Klauss moved to table to the next meeting. McRae seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion about meeting with Keelie Campbell on May 18, 2012.

d. Approve Student Survey

McRae moved to approve the student survey, would like to add a question about classical education and an open-ended question about the school. Klauss seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Discussion about a grant committee. Strikwerda moved to approve allowing J. Taylor to form a grant committee. Klauss seconded. All aye, motion carried.

9:10 Klauss moved to enter executive session pursuant to I.C. §67-2345(1)(b). MacDonald seconded. Gregory – aye, MacDonald – aye, Klauss – aye, Hammond – aye, McRae – aye, Strikwerda – aye. All aye, motion carried.

9:45 Klauss moved to close executive session. McRae seconded. All aye. Executive session ended at 9:45.

McRae moved to table board training to the next meeting. Klauss seconded. All aye, motion carried.

Klauss moved to adjourn. Strikwerda seconded. All aye, motion carried.

9:49 Meeting adjourned.