

Approved by the Board of Directors March 24, 2022

Mission Statement: *“We are a community of learners. We will do whatever it takes to learn. We are building a strong foundation by believing we can, working our plan, then feeling the power of success.”*

George Washington Academy
Thursday, February 24, 2022
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: George Washington Academy
2277 South 3000 East
St. George, Utah
Library

The meeting will also be available through Zoom. Anyone interested in participating via Zoom conferencing can email Shannon Greer at sgreer@gwacademy.org for call-in information.

The School Safety Training was held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting.

The Board meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Jaycee Rogers

Pledge of Allegiance: Kevin Peterson

Board members present: Shannon Greer, Blake Clark, April Paxton, Holly Myers, Rachel Stewart, Casey Unrein, Kevin Peterson, Jaycee Rogers and Shauna Mahoney.

Board members absent: Rachel Stewart

Others present: LaNessa Stevens, Steve Erickson, Aubrey Johnson, Kim Townes, Linnie Lindsey, Chance Manzanares, and Debbie Kuavaka

Approval of Minutes:

Kevin Peterson motioned to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2022 board meeting. Holly Myers seconded. The motion was passed by Shannon Greer, April Paxton, Holly Myers, Shauna Mahoney, Casey Unrein, and Jaycee Rogers.

Public Opportunity to Address the Board:

None

Set time for adjournment

The time set for adjournment was 8:28 p.m.

Teacher Representative Report:

Linnie Lindsey reported on the staff development day. Teachers watched the documentary film “The Rescue” and then talked in teams about the collaboration involved in the documentary. They discussed teamwork and perseverance among other things.

Christine Giles talked about GWA’s collaborative learning environment and the teachers, specialists, and support staff that work together. She reported that Hope and Kindness Week created a tangible feeling of kindness in the school. GWA Gives Back raised \$10,000. She reported that the SUU block students are coming to the school for an in classroom experience. She expressed the positive qualities of GWA and how the school stands out because of the professionalism of the faculty and staff, the structure of Tier II instruction, and the overall culture and community of the school.

Administration Report: Blake Clark, Executive Director, reported that student count is 1,017. He discussed the Acadience Math scores for grades 1-3 and how GWA falls 30% above the state data. He explained that this is the first year the Acadience Math assessment was administered. He reported on new hires and expressed that GWA has a positive relationship with SUU’s students. All reports are complete.

Financial Report: Spencer Adams, Business Administrator, reported that financial report is 58% through the fiscal year. Finances are in a comfortable position. He pointed out the salary schedule updates awaiting board approval have already been reflected in the budget report. The revenue continues to exceed expenses. There were no reports due in February.

Committee Reports (3 min each):

- **Policies Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Finance Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Benefits Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Curriculum Committee** – LaNessa reported that the committee is going through the curriculum vetting process for science curriculum.
- **Outreach Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Technology Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **LAND Trust Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **PTO Committee** – April Paxton, reported approximately \$18,000 was brought in from the Dixie Direct Fundraiser. She expressed the need to fill PTO board positions and the stress that the Fall Carnival creates on the board. She reported that the Family Appreciation Night is coming up and will showcase the movie “Cars.”

- **Board Development Committee** – Shannon Greer reported next month’s training will be on Student Data Privacy Training.
- **Campus Management Committee** – Nothing to report.

Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Expenditures over \$5,000
- **Proposal for Board Action: Chalk Renewal:** April Paxton made a motion to approve the Chalk renewal in the amount of \$ 5,410 as presented in the board packet. Casey Unrein seconded. The motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).
- **Proposal for Board Action: Part Time Pay Increase:** Casey Unrein motioned to approve the part-time pay increase on the registered nurse, secretary, and teacher aide pay schedules. April seconded. Kevin Peterson reported that these positions will be sustainable and expressed that these pay increases are needed to retain and attract employees. Casey amended his motion to approve the part-time pay increases as presented in the board packet for the registered nurse, secretary, teacher aide, and food service coordinator. April seconded. Motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).
- **Proposal for Board Action: Special Education Contract for Physical Therapist 2022:** Holly Myers made a motion to approve the proposal for the Special Education Contract for Physical Therapist 2022 as outlined in the board packet. Shauna Mahoney seconded. Holly Myers asked if the termination policy outlined on GWA’s behalf could match the termination policy of the contractor. Casey Unrein asked about a clause on severability. He is going to communicate with the executive director on wording to include in the contract. Kevin asked about compensation, and if the rates are reasonable for the services being provided. The rates are comparable to the 2018 contract. The motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).
- **Proposal for Board Action: Chromebook Purchase:** Holly Myers made a motion to accept the ProTech Castle Rock for 173 Chromebooks in the amount of \$34,181.34. Shauna Mahoney seconded. The assistant director reported that these Chromebooks will replace the older Chromebooks in the school that need to be replaced. Shannon Greer asked what will be done with the old Chromebooks. The Chromebooks may be sold or offered to families who need them. The motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).

Closed Meeting – *none*.

Reconvene — The board reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next regular Board Meeting will be held on March 24, 2022 at 7:30pm.

Adjournment