

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 23, 2017**

**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 23, 2017**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

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

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, President; Matt Hafen, Secretary; Stacy Bowles; Javier Jimenez; and Anthony Haun.

Board Members Absent: James Ure, Vice President; and Patrick Carroll, CFO.

Others Present: Anya Yeager, Executive Director; Steve Erickson; Jennifer McCorvey; Glenda Raschke; Kaitlyn Oglesby; Paula Fawson; and Spencer Adams

*A Board work session was held from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

**Work Session:** Steve Erickson provided a training on the GWA School Safety Plan

*The Board meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. following the work session.*

**Board President Welcome:** Shannon Greer, President

**Roll Call:** Shannon Greer, President

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Anthony Haun

Anthony Haun was sworn in as follows: "I, Anthony Haun, do solemnly swear that I will discharge the duties of my office as a Member of the Board of Directors of George Washington Academy with fidelity. I further swear that: I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the school's assets; I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees; I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Jimenez motioned to approve the Minutes from January 26, 2017 Board Meeting with the change of the title “Agenda” to “Minutes”. Mrs. Bowles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Public Opportunity to Address the Board:** There was no public comment.

The meeting was set to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

**Teacher Representative Report:** Kaitlyn Oglesby reported that they went to Dixie State University to talk with students who are going into education to help educate them about GWA and to build the relationship with DSU. Paula Fawson reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade is doing the Give Me Liberty program. Mrs. Whiteside requested that she tell Administration and the Board that she appreciates the support for the Leadership through the Arts program.

**Administration Report:** Mrs. Yeager, Executive Director, reported that they have completed the lottery process and the results for enrollment have been excellent. We are currently at 987 students and we have 96% attendance and 99% of students on time. They are working on a date for a ribbon cutting for the new playground. She reported that Mrs. McCorvey will be leaving after this school year and the school will be searching for a replacement starting in March. She reported that all of the required reports are complete.

**Financial Report:** Spencer Adams reported the Financial Summary as of January 31, 2017 and the Financial Detail Report as of January 31, 2017. He reported that the financials are looking excellent and the finance committee will be looking at areas where we are behind on spending and see if there are any places where we can save a little on those items. The finance committee is starting to plan for next year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Policies Committee** – Mrs. Yeager, Chair, reported that the committee met and discussed the policies that have been reviewed by legal counsel. The committee will be looking at policies that can and should be changed to procedures and some policies that may need to be completely removed.

**Compensation / Finance Committee** – The Board reviewed the Minutes from the committee meeting.

**Benefits Committee** – Glenda Raschke, Chair, reported that the committee met and recapped everything that happened during the renewal. They discussed possibly changing to a January renewal and the impact that would have.

**Curriculum Committee** – Jennifer McCorvey, Chair, had nothing to report.

**Charitable Giving / Outreach Committee** – Stacy Bowles, Chair, had nothing to report. She will be notifying the press when a date is determined for the playground opening.

**Technology Committee** - Steve Erickson, Chair, had nothing to report.

**LAND Trust Committee** – The committee has an important meeting this coming week.

**PTO Committee** – Mr. Haun reported that they are hoping to do the ribbon cutting for the new playground on March 6<sup>th</sup> or the following week.

**Board Development Committee** – Shannon Greer, Chair, reported that next month will be “Closed Meeting Training”.

**Campus Management Committee** – Steve Erickson, Chair, had nothing to report.

**Academic Excellence Committee** – Mrs. McCorvey reported that they are focusing on causal data for teachers. The feedback for the Academic Excellence Committee has been positive, but not many suggestions from the teachers regarding how they can be supporting teachers.

**Additional Discussion and/or Action Items:**

The Board discussed the purchase of three sets of Chromebooks in the amount of \$18,179 which comes primarily from the LAND Trust funds. This will add to the current number of Chromebooks that we have at the school. It includes a charging cart. Every year they are trying to add more Chromebooks. Mr. Hafen motioned to approve the purchase of three sets of Chromebooks in the amount of \$18,179. Mrs. Bowles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a proposal to purchase Saxon Math books in the amount of \$10,961.71. Spencer Adams will check to see if we have used LAND Trust funds to replace math books to ensure that the funds are taken from the correct account. Mr. Jimenez motioned to approve the Saxon Math book replacement purchase in the amount of \$10,961.71. Mrs. Bowles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Bowles motioned to approve the purchase the Leveled Library replacements in the amount of \$9,810.80. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No closed session was held.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on March 23, 2017.

Mr. Hafen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Bowles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Board Secretary