

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON JUNE 28, 2018

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, May 17, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

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

A Board work session was held at 7:00 p.m.

Work Session: Anya Yeager trained the Board on Special Ed issues.

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, President; Matt Hafen, Secretary; Javier Jimenez; Patrick Carroll, Vice President; David Ellis; Anthony Haun; Stacy Bowles; and Anya Yeager, Executive Director.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Blake Clark; Glenda Raschke; Marica McMicken; Paula Fawson; Kaitlyn Oglesby; Steve Erickson; and Spencer Adams.

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

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Patrick Carroll

Pledge of Allegiance: Anthony Haun

Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the Minutes from the April 26, 2018 Board Meeting. Mr. Haun seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Opportunity to Address the Board:

GWA’s landscaper, Ben Deceuster, reported that they have been able to stabilize the grass on the sports field and they are working on growing grass in the dead spots. They are having trouble getting grass to grow in those spots and have done a soil sample which determined that there is a very high salt content in those spots. They will try using some sod in the hot spots to see if it will take. He discussed other options they will try as well.

The time for adjournment was set for 8:50pm.

Kaitlyn Oglesby reported that the grade-level aides have been very helpful. Paula Fawson reported that the 7th Graders were out working on the cement. Testing is going well. Teachers are tired but are pushing through to the end of the year.

Administration Report: Mrs. Yeager reported on the Enrollment Report and Employee hours reported vs. budgeted (overtime). We are ending the month with 986 students. We have 1,057 students enrolled for next year. There was no overtime in April. Attendance is at 96% and 98% of students have been on time. All state reports have been completed.

Ed Direction came last month and observed the school and did a fantastic professional development for teachers. There is a lot coming up at the end of the school year with field days, free dress, graduation, yearbook signing, etc. The budget for the 2018-2019 school year has been finalized. This is Mrs. Yeager's last Board meeting and she thanked the Board for the opportunity to the GWA's Director.

Financial Report: Spencer Adams reported the Financial Summary as of April 30, 2018 and the Financial Detail Report as of April 30, 2018. We have exceeded our original budget for local revenue. State funds are right on track. We are waiting to receive some IDEA and Title II funds. Expenses are in line with expectations. He is confident that we will be on budget at the end of the year. Mr. Carroll commented that this is the first year he recalls that every month our income has exceeded our expenditures.

Committee Reports:

Policies Committee – Mrs. Yeager, Chair, reported that the last meeting will be the week after school gets out. Mrs. Raschke has been going through all of our policies to identify issues that need to be discussed.

Finance Committee – Nothing to report.

Benefits Committee – Mr. Carroll reported that the committee met to review a new benefit for an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) which allows employees or family members to call or sit down with a counselor regarding issues that they may be having. This will be starting before the start of next school year.

Curriculum Committee – The committee met to discuss how to pass along information about students from grade to grade.

Charitable Giving / Outreach Committee – Mrs. Bowles, Chair, reported that we missed the opportunity to apply for the school nurse grant.

Technology Committee – Nothing to report.

LAND Trust Committee – Nothing to report.

PTO Committee – Mr. Haun, Chair, reported that tomorrow is the last denim drive. They are hoping to bring in about \$300. Next week is Field Day and Yearbook sales. The PTO approved the purchase of 201 chairs for \$5,600 and 71 Chromebooks for \$14,000. Teacher appreciation went well.

Board Development Committee – Nothing to report.

Campus Management Committee – Mr. Erickson, Chair, reported that the St. George Police Department will be performing an active shooter drill at the school during the summer.

Academic Excellence Committee – Mrs. McMicken, Chair, reported that SAGE testing is complete. We had a lower opt-out rate this year with 66 students opting out of testing.

Additional Discussion and/or Action Items:

Mr. Haun motioned to approve the PO to strip and wax the school floors from Utah Cleaning in the amount of \$7,452. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the PO for a hot food unit from RESCO in the amount of \$4,249.59 for the 2017-2018 budget. Mrs. Bowles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the PO for Amplify CKLA Materials in the amount of \$13,822.85 out of the 2017-2018 budget. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the PO for Learning.com EasyCode Foundations online coding curriculum and EasyTech is a self-paced, digital literacy curriculum for grades K-8 in the amount of \$6,000. Mr. Haun seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the 2018-2019 proposed budget. The budget projects savings of \$266,000 for unrestricted funds and \$49,000 for restricted funds. For the first time in the history of the school, we are putting more money towards the principal of our bonds than interest. The Finance Committee and Administration have worked closely to develop the budget and are happy with the result. Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the 2018-2019 Budget as provided in the May 16, 2018 email from Spencer Adams. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the PO for art stools and tables from School Outfitters in the amount of \$3,449.45 out of the 2018-2019 budget. Mrs. Bowles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the PO for desks and chairs from Worthington Direct in the amount of \$12,411.40 out of the 2018-2019 budget. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No closed session was held.

Mrs. Greer and the rest of the Board expressed the Board's gratitude for Mrs. Yeager's service and Mrs. Raschke's service at GWA.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on June 28, 2018.

Mr. Carroll motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Board Secretary