

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON OCTOBER 22, 2020

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, September 24, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: George Washington Academy
2277 South 3000 East
St. George, Utah
Lunchroom
The meeting was also available via Zoom.

The Board completed a Board Training prior to the Board Meeting

Training: Introduction to GRAMA

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

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, President; Matt Hafen, Secretary; Kevin Peterson; Blake Clark, Executive Director; Holly Myers; Patrick Carroll, CFO; and April Paxton were present in person. Javier Jimenez attended through Zoom.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Steve Erickson; Debra Kauvaka; LaNessa Stevens; and Chance Manzanerez attended in person. Spencer Adams, Linnie Lindsay, Kaitlyn Oglesby, Anjanae Merida, and Roy Greenland, attended via Zoom conference.

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Holly Myers

Pledge of Allegiance: Shannon Greer, President

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the Minutes from the August 27, 2020 Board Meeting. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

The Board set the time for adjournment at 8:15pm.

Teacher Representative Report: Teacher Representatives, Linnie Lindsay and Kaitlyn Oglesby, reported that the computer teachers are excited about a new program they are using to teach typing skills.

This week is SEP week and a lot of teachers have reported that they have 100% attendance from parents over the Zoom meetings. They thanked the Administrative Team for the dinner and a show surprise in the middle of SEP week.

Administration Report: Blake Clark, Executive Director, reported the 2019 and 2020 Acadience BOY scores. He reported that our student count is up to 1,012. Teachers are working hard. The Board discussed the scores and the drop-off in proficiency levels from last year and the potential impact that COVID-19 has had on those scores. The reports have been completed.

Financial Report: Mr. Adams reported the Financial Summary as of August 31, 2020 and the Financial Detail Report as of August 31, 2020. He reported that the revenue is a lot better than previous years and even last month with all revenue on schedule. In past years there has been a lag for federal funds but the CARES funding we have received is improving our federal funding. The CARES funding was not part of the original budget. The 600s and 700s are trending high, but the expenses are being monitored. We continue to receive more money than we are spending. Enrollment is higher than we budgeted for (we budgeted for 998 and we are at 1,012). He reported that the reports have been completed.

Committee Reports:

Policies Committee – Mr. Clark, Chair, reported that the committee will be meeting next week and will likely have items for the Board to consider next month.

Finance Committee – Mr. Carroll, Chair, reported that the committee had a good big-picture meeting discussing needs such as the field and the parking lot.

Benefits Committee – Mr. Clark reported that the committee is meeting next week.

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Stevens reported that the parent representative accepted and will be joining the committee.

Outreach Committee – Nothing to report beyond the minutes from the committee meeting in the Board Packet.

Technology Committee – Nothing to report.

LAND Trust Committee – Mr. Peterson, Chair

PTO Committee – Mrs. Paxton, Chair, reported that the money drive is started and we are at about \$4,500. The goal is \$25,000.

Board Development Committee – Mrs. Greer, Chair, reported that Royce will join us next month from UAPCS.

Campus Management Committee – Steve Erickson, Chair

Discussion and/or Action Items:

Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the GoGuardian Renewal invoice in the amount of \$7,718.25. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the proposal to use special education carryover funds to make the school social worker a full-time employee. Mrs. Paxton seconded the motion. Mrs. Merida explained the difference between the licensed clinical therapist and the school counselor. We have never had a specialist to deal with severe behavioral matters. Counselors don't do therapy – they do crisis counseling but it is supposed to be short-term, solution-focused counseling and then refer students to therapists if they need ongoing assistance. A lot of students don't have the means to go to an outside therapist. So far they have been able to serve 78 students this year. Mr. Clark reported that Vista, the school we have been sharing a social worker with, also received the same funding and is also hiring a full-time position to cover this. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the adjustment to Special Education Carryover as provided in the Board Packet. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion. Mrs. Greer clarified that it is making a change of up to \$30,000. The motion passed unanimously.

No closed meeting was held.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held October 22, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Mr. Peterson motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Board Secretary