

**George Washington Academy**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 25, 2011**

Location: 2277 S 3000 E, St. George UT 84790

Time: 7:00pm

Board Members Present: Rulon Jones, President; John Hook, CFO; Steve Wattles; Shanda Enfield; Shauna Morgan; Blake Boulter; Shannon Greer; Anna Bohannon

Others Present: Kevin Abraham, Business Administrator; Jennifer Woodland, Board Secretary; Don Fawson, Principal; Anya Yeager, Special Ed Director/Vice Principal

Welcome: Rulon Jones

Pledge of Allegiance: Blake Boulter

Minutes from August 11, 2011 meetings: **Shannon Greer presented a motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2011.**

**Shauna Morgan seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

Public Opportunity to Address the Board:

- Gary Lee Price & Lisa (wife)--Statue of Responsibility presentation: [www.sorfoundation.org](http://www.sorfoundation.org) Create programs that teach students personal responsibility. Pennies for Freedom program. Looking for a satellite school to raise an equivalent of 15 foot tall "tower" of pennies, totaling \$720. Every student who participates and donates will have their name included in the monument for the Statue of Responsibility.
- Kathleen Whiteside: Teacher representative report--teachers are feeling fatigued. She met with Mr Fawson and Mrs Yeager and had a good meeting. Teachers are working really hard and she appreciates working with such great people.

Principal's Report: Don Fawson--Opening of school went very well. He is very appreciative of the teachers and they handled the beginning of school very well. Encouraged board members to take a tour of the new portions of the building. Everything is looking great. School sign has arrived and installed. Should be up and running by middle of next week. Library, Playground and computer lab are all wonderful. Pick-up and drop-off has been going amazingly well.

Anya Yeager--CRT test scores presentation. AYP for 2010-2011 was met. GWA was 90% proficient in language arts and 94% proficient in Math. Science was 74%, will need to work on those scores.

Expansion/Construction Update--Kevin Abraham: All work on schedule. East wing scheduled to be completed on time. Asphalt for track has been put down. Sod for field to be laid next week.

Discussion/Action Items:

- Charitable Donations Program--Steve Wattles: program to solicit more funds. **Steve Wattles presented a motion to begin charitable donations program. John Hook seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**
- October Open House--Steve Wattles: **Steve Wattles presented a motion to have an open house for interested parties on October 28, 2011. Blake Boulter seconded the motion that passed unanimously.** Will invite local leaders and businesspersons to attend.
- Name Tags/Business Cards--Steve Wattles/Shannon Greer: wants to get name tags and business cards for the board members for the open house. Discussion on various types and costs.
- Board Visits--Shannon Greer: **Rulon Jones presented a motion to table the discussion for a future meeting. Steve Wattles seconded the motion.**
- Attendance Policy--Shannon Greer--curriculum committee met to discuss concerns. 1) Unexcused absences will allow students to make up work at 75% credit. Discussion on reasons for deciding on the 75% credit. 2) Education leave--up to 5 days a school year. Parents must contact the school for this 2 weeks prior to leave. Some homework will be available for students to take before the leave but some homework will need to wait until the student returns. Discussion on the policy for educational leave. John Hook expressed his concerns for the need for the board to alter these policies. Discussion on board responsibilities.
- Board of Education Visit in October--Shannon Greer: State Board of Education wants to come do a visit at our school for one of their board meetings. Discussion on dates and Mr Fawson will discuss it with Marlies Burns at the State.
- Uniform Policy--Anya Yeager--proposed changes to current uniform policy. Wants to simplify the policy to make it easier to administrate. Wants students to look clean-cut and well groomed. Changes include allowing girls to wear navy polo dresses, removing red shoes for girls, removing sweatshirts & hoodies from policy. Board discussion on changes. **Shanda Enfield presented a motion to approve the uniform policy with the discussed changes. Steve Wattles seconded the motion. The motion passed with John Hook and Anna Bohannon abstaining from the vote.**

- Expenditures over \$1,000
  - Spalding--\$4,682.33--Spalding I Training, remaining balance
  - Staples--\$1,038.38
  - Pearson/Powerschool--\$3,303.00--Powerschool Premier License 10/2011-10/2012
  - Hughes General Contractors--\$506,176.46
  - AGEC--\$7,020.00

**Shauna Morgan presented a motion to approve the expenditures for Spalding for \$4,682.33; Staples for \$1,038.38; Pearson/Powerschool for \$3,303.00; Hughes General contractors for \$506,176.46; and AGEC for \$7,020.00. Anna Bohannon seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

#### Board Member/Committee Reports

- Anna Bohannon--attended PTO meeting. The PTO had a question whether the school had a budget for 8th grade graduation or if the PTO needed to fund this. Discussion on budget items. Mr Fawson expressed his opinion on 8th grade graduation. PTO asked question whether attendance at PTO meetings and regular board meetings qualified for volunteer hours. Discussion on this. This matter was discussed previously. Jennifer agreed to research the records to see what was decided upon previously.
- Shauna Morgan--website is coming along. Many individuals are contributing to the updating of the website.
- Steve Wattles--would like bios from each board member and will include them with board member pictures on the website. Kevin will email board bios to Shauna Morgan.

Board Training--20 minutes--Steve Wattles--tabled until future meeting

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Approved 09-22-11**