

**Approved by the Board of Directors on January 26, 2023**

**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 X success.”*

**George Washington Academy**  
**Thursday, December 15, 2022**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

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

*The Board Training on Open and Public Meeting Act will be held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting.*

*The Board meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m.*

**Board Welcome:** Shannon Greer, President

**Roll Call:** Shannon Greer, President

**Prayer:** Amanda Mortensen

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Kevin Peterson

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, Kevin Peterson, Amanda Mortensen, Casey Unrein, Jaycee Rogers, Blake Clark. Shauna Mahoney attended via Zoom.

Board Members Absent: Holly Myers

Others Present: LaNessa Stevens, Aubrey Johnson, Steve Erickson, Kim Townes, Debbie Kuavaka, and Spencer Adams.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kevin Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2022 Board Meeting as outlined in the board packet. Amanda Mortensen seconded. Casey Unrein requested that minutes be amended to include the time when he joined the meeting. The motion passed by Shannon Greer, Kevin Peterson, Amanda Mortensen, Shauna Mahoney, Jaycee Rogers. Casey Unrein abstained on the note that he was not present in the meeting’s entirety. His vote for the time present in the meeting still stands.

### **Public Opportunity to Address the Board:**

Amber Corkin: Thanked the administration and Christine Giles for their efforts in supporting the board.

**Set time for adjournment:** The time set for adjournment 8:45 p.m.

### **Teacher Representative Report:** Teacher Representatives

Jaxynn Smith reported that the third grade had a Rome moment day that was successful. Jocelyn Larkin reported that the third grade has seen tremendous growth since the COVID Pandemic, however there is a deficit in writing. She reported that there are a lot of emotional needs and students who cannot communicate their needs. She reported that the fifth grade is doing a poetry café that students are enjoying. The sixth grade has been doing “Fab Fridays” and “Thankful Thursdays.”

The Show Choir performed a song.

**Administration Report:** Blake Clark, Executive Director, presented the board Update of middle of the year Acadience Data. He explained that the middle of the year assessment changes dramatically. In Kindergarten, teachers were proactive with instruction to prepare students for the test. First and second grade are working with instructional coach to be more proactive. The administration met with team leads to discuss the data and instructional time/strategies devoted to literacy. He also noted that schoolwide there are literacy goals (Wildly Important Goal “WIGS”). All reports are turned in, excluding LEA Justification Letter which is now due by the state on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Casey Unrein asked for clarification on the first grade data (the discrepancy between beginning of the year data to middle of the year). Blake reported that the assessment changes from students being asked to identify individual letter sounds to reading an entire word, thus making it harder for students. Kevin Peterson noted that the data is showing overtime, if students stay with GWA, they will likely improve in their reading as the trend of students below benchmark decreases overtime.

**Financial Report:** Spencer Adams, Business Administrator, reported on the budget report as of November 30, 2022. The state forecast accurately reflects funds that will be received this year. Overall, the report is good and on track to where the budget should be. The revenue is great. All reports are complete.

### **Committee Reports (3 min each):**

- **Policies Committee** – Blake Clark reported there are policies in the works, including what is in the board packet.
- **Finance Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **Benefits Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **Curriculum Committee** – LaNessa Stevens reported that she will be connecting with the state in January regarding the SEED standards.
- **Outreach Committee** – Nothing new to report.

- **Technology Committee** – Nothing new to report. Kevin Peterson asked about the phishing report sent to teachers and those who opened the report (22/68).
- **LAND Trust Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **PTO Committee** – Amanda Mortensen reported that parents and pastries is December 16<sup>th</sup>.
- **Board Development Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **Campus Management Committee** – Nothing new to report.

**Discussion and/or Action Items:**

- **Expenditures over \$5,000**
- **Chalk Renewal:** Casey Unrein made a motion to approve the Chalk Renewal in the amount of \$5,734.60 as presented in the board packet. Jaycee Rogers seconded. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor (Amanda Mortenson, Shannon Greer, Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Shauna Mahoney, and Jaycee Rogers).
- **Policy 815 (Anaphylaxis Severe Allergic Reaction):** Blake Clark reported that these are model policies that have been adjusted to reflect the needs of the school. All employees have been trained. Kevin Peterson made a motion to approve policy 815 as presented in the board packet. Amanda Mortensen seconded. Casey Unrein questioned about the replacement of the medication. An Intermountain Healthcare Doctor works with the school in updating the supply and approving the school to carry medication. All present voted in favor (Amanda Mortenson, Shannon Greer, Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Shauna Mahoney, and Jaycee Rogers).
- **Policy 810 (Concussion and Head Injury):** Casey Unrein made a motion to approve policy 810 as presented in the board packet. Jaycee Rogers seconded. Blake Clark pointed out that employees have been trained on concussion and head injuries. All present voted in favor (Amanda Mortenson, Shannon Greer, Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Shauna Mahoney, and Jaycee Rogers).
- **Back Parking Lot:** Kevin Peterson made a motion to approve the bid of Sunroc in the total of \$463,025.00. Amanda Mortenson seconded. Kevin Peterson explained that in the campus management committee meeting, there were no bid numbers presented. Discussion ensued about the differences in cost breakdown of the six bids. Casey Unrein expressed concern about the economy and the purchase of property in relation to this project. Shannon Greer expressed concern about postponing the project. Jaycee Rogers seconded that concern.

At 9:01 Kevin Peterson made a motion to continue the board meeting. Amanda Mortenson seconded. The time set for adjournment was 9:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor (Amanda Mortenson, Shannon Greer, Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Shauna Mahoney, and Jaycee Rogers).

Shannon Greer asked about the safety of the students, if this project was done during the school year. Blake Clark expressed that at this moment there are no concerns for safety. The motion to approve the Sunroc bid in the total of \$463, 025.00 by Amanda Mortenson, Shannon Greer, Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Shauna Mahoney, and Jaycee Rogers. Casey Unrein voted against. The motion passes.

**Closed Meeting** – *none*.

**Reconvene** — Take all appropriate action in relation to closed session items.

**Next Meeting:** The next regular Board Meeting will be held on January 26, 2023 at 7:30pm.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Submitted by Jaycee Rogers, Board Secretary