

Approved by the Board of Directors February 24, 2022

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, January 27, 2022
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

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

The Board Land Trust Training was held at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting.

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

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Holly Myers

Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Giles

Board members present: Shannon Greer, Blake Clark, April Paxton, Holly Myers, Rachel Stewart, Casey Unrein, Kevin Peterson, and Jaycee Rogers. Shauna Mahoney attended via Zoom conference.

Board members absent: none

Others present: LaNessa Stevens, Steve Erickson, Aubrey Johansen, Linnie Lindsey, Chance Manzanaras, and Debbie Kuavaka

Approval of Minutes:

Holly Myers motioned to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2021 board meeting. Casey Unrein seconded. The motion by passed by Shannon Greer, April Paxton, Holly Myers, Rachel Stewart, Casey Unrein, Jaycee Rogers, and Shauna Mahoney (Kevin Peterson abstained).

Public Opportunity to Address the Board:

None

Set time for adjournment

The time set for adjournment was 8:30 p.m.

Teacher Representative Report:

Linnie Lindsey reported that teachers are enjoying the academic calendar format. They reported good success with the SEPS being held in first full week of school (after Christmas break). Teachers reported the SEPs helped the students and families get focused for the rest of the year. Level up day was a huge success. 7th grade will be celebrating the roaring 20's in the next week. The counselors shared 191 students are currently being served. The counselors mentioned an increase in positive responses to survey questions from the beginning of the year (47% to 86.5%). 83% of the student visits to the wellness center have been able to go back to the "green" zone, thus returning back to the classroom. The counselors reported an increase in families experiencing divorce this year.

Christine Giles reported that teachers are looking at Acadience scores from BOY to MOY. Teams broke out into vertical alignment meetings to discuss the behaviors and academic gaps that teachers are seeing in their grade levels. Teachers are going to continue progress monitoring students.

Administration Report: Blake Clark, Executive Director, reported on the board update of the Acadience BOY to MOY scores. Kindergarten and 1st grade scores dropped from BOY to MOY. He reported that the assessment changes because more fundamental skills are added. He expressed that GWA Acadience testing occurs when the testing window opens, rather than at the end of the window. Student count is 1,007. He reported that the first Friday of the month is a deep data dive for the faculty and it has been beneficial for the teachers. Five teachers will go to a PLC summit and return to train the staff. All reports are complete.

Financial Report: Spencer Adams, Business Administrator, reported that we are midway through the fiscal year. Revenue is at 48% of forecast. Another set of line items from state revenue got trued up (\$50,000 increase). Expenses are on target. The expenses paid at the beginning of the year create the red in the 600-700 line items. Ratios are looking very good. When the legislative session ends, the finance committee will begin looking at next year's budget. The Esser funds should show on the February allotment. All reports are complete.

Shannon asked about the SPED department and if they have the funding for the remainder of the year. Blake reported that the motor lab assistant is in place and that the SPED team has what they need financially.

Committee Reports (3 min each):

- **Policies Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **Finance Committee** – Blake reported that teachers are using DonorsChoose to get projects funded for their classroom.
- **Benefits Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **Curriculum Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **Outreach Committee** – Nothing new to report.

- **Technology Committee** - Steve Erickson reported that all Promethean boards are installed and teachers are enjoying them.
- **LAND Trust Committee** – Nothing new to report.
- **PTO Committee** – April Paxton reported that PTO approved the outdoor classroom and PTO is working on the yearbook, field day, and the upcoming art competition. Blake reported a positive administration relationship with PTO.
- **Board Development Committee** – Shannon Greer reported on intent to return for the board members and asked board members to complete.
- **Campus Management Committee** – Steve Erickson, reported that the representative police officer came to watch out lockout drill and was very impressed. The school is working with other schools to learn about their safety procedures.

Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Expenditures over \$5,000
- **Proposal for Board Action: Additional Full-Time Position for 2022-2023 School Year:**
Jaycee Rogers made a motion to approve an additional full-time position for the 2022-2023. Holly Myers seconded. Casey Unrein pointed out wording in the LIM job description to include more job qualifications rather than job specifics. The board unanimously passed the Reading specialist position for the 2022-2023 school year as presented in the board packet. The board unanimously passed the Leader in Me Position for the 2022-2023 school year as presented in the board packet.
- **Proposal for Board Action: System for Gym and Stage:** Holly Myers made a motion to accept a proposal for gym and stage system for \$13,340.31. Rachel Stewart seconded. Holly asked if a finish date could be specified. Blake reported that a date couldn't be specified because of supply chain issues. Kevin Peterson asked about mics, the assistant director reported that 4 mics is what was recommended, but mics could be added later on. Holly asked about selling our old equipment, however, it was mentioned that the equipment is not worth selling. The motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).
- **Proposal for Board Action: Policy 310: Dresscode:** Casey Unrein made a motion to approve the revised policy 310: Dresscode as presented in the board packet. Holly Myers seconded. Holly asked about the purchases made through the PTO store. Kevin suggested on page 2, 3rd paragraph, to add “may” to include situations where clothes may be sold. Motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).
- **Proposal for Board Action: Policy 590: Textbook and Instructional Materials.** April Paxton made a motion to approve Policy 590 as presented in the board packet. Rachel Stewart Seconded. Blake said that the policy was updated to reflect current positions and school curriculum. The motion passed unanimously (all present voted in favor).

Closed Meeting – *none*

Reconvene — The board reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next regular Board Meeting will be held on February 24, 2022 at 7:30pm.

Adjournment

Submitted by Jaycee Rogers, Board Secretary