

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 19, 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, October 22, 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 through Zoom.

The Board was held at 7 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting

Training: Royce Jones discussed the role of UAPCS, what it is lobbying for, etc.

The Board meeting convened at 7:32 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Steve Erickson; Debra Kauvaka; LaNessa Stevens; Chance Manzanerez; and Spencer Adams attended in person. Kaitlyn Oglesby attended via Zoom conference.

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Holly Myers

Pledge of Allegiance: Javier Jimenez

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Jimenez motioned to approve the Minutes from the September 24, 2020 Board Meeting. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the Minutes from the October 19, 2020 Board Meeting as presented in the Board Packet. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

The time for adjournment was set for 8:23 p.m.

Teacher Representative Report: Teacher Representative, Mrs. Oglesby, thanked the Administrative Team for the Teacher Prep day on Monday which allowed them to collaborate with their teams and to prepare for students. The teachers are in support of the Reading Center and the support it is providing for

their students. They are impressed with the program. 5th Grade is planning chemical reactions and a magic show for Halloween.

Administration Report: Mr. Clark, Executive Director reported that enrollment is at 1,008. Attendance percentage has dropped to 94% and tardies are at 98%. We are seeing a 172% increase from last year of students who are beginning the year well below grade level. The reading center and tier 2 time were designed for this purpose. We increased our ELL students by 687% from 2019 (from 5 to 55 students). He feels that we are better at identifying these students, and there has been a change of demographics at the school. He reported that Saturday is GWA Gives Back. All required reports have been completed.

Financial Report: Mr. Adams reported the Financial Summary as of September 30, 2020 and Financial Detail Report as of September 30, 2020. We are a quarter of the way through the fiscal year. The local revenue forecast has been dropped slightly. Interest revenue that we receive has been reduced. We are still above our unrestricted net income goal. We continue to have more revenues than expenses. Mr. Adams explained what “WPU” is (Weighted Pupil Unit). All required reports have been completed.

Committee Reports:

Policies Committee – Mr. Clark, Chair, had nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Mr. Carroll, Chair, reported that they met and shifted a few things in the budget.

Benefits Committee – Mr. Carroll mentioned that this is the time of year that the committee is getting health insurance quotes and determining how to move forward.

Curriculum Committee – Mrs. Stevens, Chair, reported that a survey was sent out for stakeholder feedback as they research a new curriculum for math.

Outreach Committee – Mrs. Myers, Chair, asked if any Board members have updated media contacts.

Technology Committee – Mr. Erickson, Chair, reported that the new WiFi routers are being installed now.

LAND Trust Committee – Mr. Peterson, Chair, had nothing to report.

PTO Committee – Mrs. Paxton, Chair, reported that the fundraiser raised approximately \$13,000.

Board Development Committee – Mrs. Greer, Chair, had nothing to report.

Campus Management Committee – Mr. Erickson, Chair, had nothing to report.

Discussion and/or Action Items:

Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the Proposal to approve Policy 480 – Medical Recommendation Policy as provided in the Board Packet. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion. Mr. Carroll mentioned that the policy has an inconsistency stating that “school personnel” cannot do certain things, but then it states that the school counselor can do certain things that are included in the list of things that school personnel cannot do. He recommended that we clarify in the list of actions that school personnel cannot do exempt the school counselor. It was determined that the phrase “notwithstanding the foregoing,” be added before “a school counselor or other mental health professional...” Mr. Peterson amended his motion to include the recommended language. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the definition of “at risk student” as described in the Board Packet.

No closed session was held.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held November 19, 2020 at 7:30pm.

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

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Board Secretary