

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, August 27, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

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

The Board work session convened at 7:00 p.m.

Work Session: Shannon Greer presented a training on the Open Meetings Act Training

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, President; Matt Hafen, Secretary; James Ure; Stacy Bowles; Brandon Russell; and Patrick Carroll, CFO.

Board Members Absent: Adam Lofgran.

Others Present: Anya Yeager, Executive Director; Jennifer McCorvey; Steve Erickson; Glenda Raschke; Jaime Catlett; Jacki Whitaker; and Joni Bauer

The Board meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. following the work session.

Board President Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Jennifer McCorvey

Pledge of Allegiance: Patrick Carroll

Approval of Minutes: Brandon Russell motioned to approve the Minutes from July 16, 2015 Board Meeting as presented in the Board Packet. Stacy Bowles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Patrick Carroll motioned to approve the August 6, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes as presented in the Board Packet. James Ure seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Opportunity to Address the Board: Jaime Catlett requested that the Board consider cutting the curb by the grey building for the handicap parking, and slant the sidewalk and add railings in specified areas. The Board delegated the requests to the Campus Management Committee to return to the Board with a recommendation.

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

Teacher Representative Report: Rachelle Crawford, Teacher Representative, reported that Jacki Whitaker and Joni Bauer will be Teacher Representatives as well. She also presented that the school is

implementing concepts from the “Leader in Me” book by Sean Covey. She also presented goals that each of the grades have committed to.

Administration Report: Anya Yeager, Executive Director, reported that we are at 1,007 students as of today. 98% of students have been on time so far this year. The school year has started smooth. The teachers have expressed appreciation for having a P.E. teacher. A kitchen contractor has been hired and construction will begin on September 2. The lunch program is going really well. Mrs. Yeager reported that the 3rd Grade reading scores were excellent. SAGE scores will be available for public release on September 15. Mrs. Yeager reported that the school just completed the audit and it went well.

Financial Report: Thayne Smith, Business Administrator reported the Financial Summary as of July 31, 2015 and the Financial Detail Report as of July 31, 2015. Mr. Smith reported that the state income will be a little higher than previously anticipated. Patrick Carroll asked about the federal funding from the 2014-2015 school year, and Mr. Smith said he will request the remaining funds and email us with the results.

Committee Reports (3 min each):

- **Policies** – Anya Yeager, Chair, reported that the Policies Committee met this month and is working on revisions to several policies.
- **Compensation** – Nothing to report.
- **Finance Committee** – David Robinson reported that the bonds have been priced, the interest rates are fixed, and we will be closing in a few weeks. GWA was successful in upgrading its bond rating. We have reduced the debt service on the bonds by over \$7 million from now until 2042. The average life on the bonds is 17 years. Our debt has been reduced by 18%. The overall true interest rate on the bonds is 3.72%. The transaction will close on September 15.
- **Benefits** – Glenda Raschke will be the committee chair for this committee.
- **Continuation** – Shannon Greer, Chair, had nothing to report.
- **Curriculum** – Jennifer McCorvey, Chair, had nothing to report.
- **Charitable Giving / Outreach** – Stacy Bowles, Chair, had nothing to report.
- **Technology** - Steve Erickson, Chair, reported that they have a meeting scheduled for September 10. All of the computers are in and working. The teachers are excited about the Chromebooks that are available to them. The new computer lab is working out really well and is allowing the younger grades to have computer training.
- **LAND Trust** – Nothing to report. The committee will meet on September 15.
- **PTO Committee** – James Ure, Chair reported that the annual budget is \$37,000. The committee discussed whether to do a track meet or a stage production. The lockers are installed and the students and teachers are very happy with them.
- **Board Development** – Shannon Greer, Chair, reported that next month, instead of the training before the Board meeting, we will attend the UAPCS meeting on Tuesday.
- **Board Recruitment** – Nothing to report.
- **Campus Management** – Steve Erickson, Chair, reported that a kitchen contractor has been selected and the construction will begin September 2. The school held its first fire drill last Friday and it went well. The committee’s next meeting is September 8.

Additional Discussion and/or Action Items: No additional action items were discussed.

Shannon Greer asked that the Board and Administration send some dates that could work for a Board Retreat.

No closed session was held at the meeting.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on September 25, 2015.

Patrick Carroll motioned to adjourn. Stacy Bowles seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Secretary

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2015