

George Washington Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 14, 2011

Location: 1067 E Tabernacle St Ste. 4, St. George UT 84770

Time: 8:00am

Board Members Present: Rulon Jones, President; John Hook, CFO; Steve Wattles; Anna Bohannan; Shannon Greer; Shanda Enfield;

Board Members Absent: Blake Boulter; Shauna Morgan

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

Welcome: Rulon Jones

Board Meeting Minutes: June 30, 2011: **Steve Wattles presented a motion to approve the board meeting minutes from June 30, 2011. Shanda Enfield seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

Eagle Project Presentation: Benjamin Woodland presented an idea for an Eagle Scout project to install the school's name on the upper side of the exterior gym wall to be seen from 3000 E. The board was in support of the idea.

Discussion/Action Items:

Pay scale for full-time secretary: discussion on motivation behind presenting this schedule and reasons for implementing it. Shanda expressed support for the pay schedule. John expressed concern for the pay scale and the fact that the remainder of the staff is not being paid what the district is paying and to use this proposed pay scale is unfair to the staff. Mr. Fawson explained that this pay scale is for a position that GWA has never had before and the need for a separation in pay schedules for this new position. Rulon explained that he agrees with John's concerns, however he understands the need for this position and is comfortable with the schedule as presented. Discussion on total cost for this position and comparison to teacher's compensation. All board members expressed support for the new position and pay schedule.

John Hook presented a motion to approve the pay schedule that was presented by Mr. Fawson. Shannon Greer seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Expenditures over \$1,000:

Hughes General Contractors--\$651,046.18

V.C. Milne & Sons Welding--\$4,887.50--foot bridge--Kevin Abraham explained that the Eagle Scout was able to raise \$4,600 towards this project. The school agreed to cover the costs over what the scout was able to raise. There were additional costs for the City of St George. Hughes Contractors donated their time for managing the project and Western Rock donated the concrete. The PTO is going to pay for a portion of the bridge as well.

The Computer Connection--\$1,484.00--Kevin explained that this invoice is for the IT room and will connect the classrooms to the server.

Discussion turned to board training and board commitment to fundraising/soliciting large donations. After discussion, Rulon suggested that this issue be discussed at the next board meeting. Steve Wattles indicated he will not be at the next board meeting but he will put together a plan and present to the board for suggestions on how to implement a fundraising process for the board to do. The board agreed.

Utah Charter Network/Utah Assoc. of Public Charter Schools--Kevin explained the two invoices and the fact that the Utah Charter Network is a new organization. The board needs to decide which organization to support. Shannon indicated that she has spoken with the new organization and expressed that she was impressed with the new organization and they were willing to come to St George to do training at no charge. Discussion on UAPCS and concerns with them. Shannon will contact UCN and have them come down to meet with the board. **Steve Wattles presented a motion to table the issue of the association dues until a further meeting. Shanda Enfield seconded the motion that passed unanimously.**

John Hook presented a motion to approve the expenditures for Hughes General Contractors for \$651,046.18; V.C. Milne & Sons Welding for \$4,887.50; The Computer Connection for \$1,484.00. Anna Bohannan seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Kevin told the board that Tuacahn has responded with an offer to purchase two portables for \$35,000 and they will be able to wait until Fall to take possession. Discussion on offer.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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