

Approved by the Board of Directors on January 22, 2026

Mission Statement: "ACADEMICS. LEADERSHIP. COMMUNITY."

George Washington Academy

Thursday December 11, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

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

The Board meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer

Prayer: Kevin Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance: Shannon Greer

Board Members Present: Laura Snelson, Sharna Rowe, Casey Unrein, Laura Pressley, Kevin Peterson, Shannon Greer, Brady Pearce via Zoom, Blake Clark, and Shelbi Kelly.

Board Members Not Present: Rachel Richins

Others Present: Chance Manzanares, Christine Giles, Steve Erickson, Jenna Ayers and Josh Serrano

Review of GWA Year Goals:

- Academics- 85% of students will show growth in math fluency from beginning of year to end of year.
- Leadership- Teachers will lead their own professional development by sharing and modeling best practices in academic instruction and behavior support, fostering a culture of shared leadership and continuous growth.
- Community- Foster a positive school culture that motivates by embedding regular meaningful celebrations that recognize student achievement, personal growth, and staff contributions.

Approval of Minutes:

Kevin made a motion to approve the Minutes from the November 20th, 2025 Board Meeting. Laura P seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Laura Snelson, Sharna Rowe, Casey Unrein, Laura Pressley, Kevin Peterson, Shannon Greer, Brady Pearce via Zoom,

Public Opportunity to Address the Board:

None

Set time for adjournment

Time set for adjournment at 9:00 pm.

Administration Report:

Blake reviewed the board update that was sent. He drew everyone's attention to the 7th grade data. There is a close partnership between IXL and RISE based on the rigor and format of the assessment. Looking at 7th grade from last year in the area of math at the end of the year, they were at 52% proficient. Now based on IXL, at middle of the year, they're about 67% proficient. If that continues to track that would show huge growth. The last meeting the board had asked for more data on parent participation so he pulled the numbers. The visitor average in the building is 32 parents a day with about 176 who come for events that are held in the gym. Kevin asked about the 13 suspension in one month. They were all different incidents.

Financial Report: Spencer gave the report. The report is as of the end of November. Everything is looking great. The majority of the state revenue has been trued up. There may be a couple of line items that need to get trued up, but for the most part the biggest buckets have been trued up at this point. It's good to know what we can anticipate for the rest of the year. You can see that there is about \$390,000 more than what was in the forecast column. We have always budgeted conservatively. Recently we have tried to make a more realistic emphasis. Revenue had a big increase. All the ratios are looking good. The state revenue true-up had an increase of 2.2%. Shannon said that Hughes, the contractor, said that there will probably be one more large additional cost for Method Studio. Spencer explained the construction line upon Casey's request.

Committee Reports (3 min each):

- **Policies Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Finance Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Audit Committee** - Nothing to report.
- **Benefits Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Curriculum Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Outreach Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Technology Committee** - Nothing to report.
- **LAND Trust Committee** – Formed committee, had the first meeting.
- **PTO Committee** – Josh, the PTO President, reported that the PTO has taken over for the Health and Wellness fair. There will be an assembly 1/23 and the fair will be 1/24.
- **Board Development Committee** – Next month is intent to return and talk about filling the vacant seat.
- **Campus Management Committee** – Nothing to report.

Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Kevin made a motion to accept the Chromebook Replacement Plan from ProTech Castle Rock in the amount of \$39,835 to replace 155 chromebooks. Sharna seconded the motion. Casey asked about the 8 gig chromebooks that were mentioned. Steve said that a few chromebooks that are 8 gig are separate because he didn't have quotes for them yet. They are for the sixth grade team. The quote came back but they were less than the \$5,000 so they did not need to be voted on but for transparency were talked about. All present voted in favor: Laura Snelson, Sharna Rowe, Casey Unrein, Laura Pressley, Kevin Peterson, Shannon Greer, Brady Pearce via Zoom.

Strategic Planning: Laura Snelson led the discussion for the strategic planning. She first reviewed what we have done in the past two meetings. Academics, Academic support and enrichment, student supports, growth/facilities/demand have been identified as high impact and high effort. There was discussion about a mission statement, the question was asked - Who are we? The two options that were chosen are, High academic achievement- focused students and High growth students (who need acceleration and students who need support). The board worked on a mission statement that reflected who we want to be and who they want the school to reflect.

Closed Meeting – *None*

Next Meeting: The next regular Board Meeting will be held on January 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Written by Shelbi Kelly