

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON NOVEMBER 15, 2018

**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 25, 2018**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

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

*A Board work session was held at 7:00 p.m.*

**Work Session:** Spencer Adams provided a Finance Training to the Board.

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

**Board Members Present:** Shannon Greer, President; David Ellis; Patrick Carroll, Vice President; Matt Hafen, Secretary; Holly Myers; and Blake Clark, Executive Director.

**Board Members Absent:** Javier Jimenez and Anthony Haun;

**Others Present:** LaNessa Stevens; Marica McMicken; Spencer Adams; Kaitlyn Oglesby; and Marci Abboud; April Paxton;

**Board Welcome:** Shannon Greer, President

**Roll Call:** Shannon Greer, President

**Prayer:** TBD

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Shannon Greer

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the Minutes from the September 25, 2018 Board Meeting as provided in the Board Packet. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Public Opportunity to Address the Board:** None.

**Training:** Red Apple provided a training to the Board regarding the GWA Retirement Plan.

Mr. Carroll motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

**Teacher Representative Report:** Marci Abboud reported that they had a very fun activity dissecting flowers. Kaitlyn Oglesby reported that some of the lower grades have been going on field trips. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders went to the symphony.

**Administration Report:** Blake Clark, Executive Director, presented the Enrollment Report and Employee hours reported vs. budgeted. We are at 1,021 students. All of the required reports have been completed.

**Financial Report:** Spencer Adams reported the Financial Summary as of September 30, 2018 and the Financial Detail Report as of September 30, 2018. Our revenues are slightly ahead of schedule and our total expenses are slightly low. Some areas are a little over budget but they are front-loaded costs. All required reports have been completed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Policies Committee** – Mr. Clark, Chair, reported that the committee met and has several policies to discuss later in the meeting.

**Finance Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Benefits Committee** – Mr. Carroll reported that they are reviewing benefit options for next year. It appears that we should be able to maintain the same benefits.

**Curriculum Committee** – Mrs. Stevens, Chair, reported that they have been focused on the grading policy and the reading benchmarks. They are recommending the removal of reading benchmarks as graded items on report cards.

**Charitable Giving / Outreach Committee** – Mrs. Myers, Chair, reported that they now have a committee member, and they are looking for others.

**Technology Committee** – Nothing to report.

**LAND Trust Committee** – Mr. Ellis, Chair, reported that they have their first committee scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. They have 4-5 parent volunteers.

**PTO Committee** – The Fall Carnival went very well. They will be pulling out the wood chips and putting in rubber, and they have several other projects to consider as well.

**Board Development Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Campus Management Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Academic Excellence Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Additional Discussion and/or Action Items:**

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the Eide Bailey Invoice in the amount of \$5,000 as provided in the Board Packet. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the Learning.com invoice for easy code foundations online coding curriculum in the amount of \$6,000 as provided in the Board Packet. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the Power School invoice in the amount of \$4,050.40. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Curriculum Committee recommended striking the benchmark assessments from grading criteria, and Policy 525 is proposed to be amended accordingly. Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the amendment to Policy 525, with direction to the committee to identify what assessment will be used for Language Arts. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Myers, which passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the UCA and Utah Grants information provided in the Board Packet. Mr. Ellis motioned to approve the UCA and Utah Grants proposal as provided in the Board Packet. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the amendments to the Health and Wellness Policy as provided in the Board Packet. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No closed meeting was held.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on November 15, 2018.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Board Secretary