

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, March 26, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

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

A Board work session convened at 7:15 p.m.

Work Session: Erin Preston presented new legislative changes and their effect on charter schools.

The Board meeting convened at 7:33 p.m.

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, President; Matt Hafen, Secretary; Brandon Russell; Patrick Carroll, CFO; Adam Lofgran; Phil Loomis; and Stacy Bowles.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Anya Yeager, Executive Director; Steve Erickson, Assistant Director; Jennifer McCorvey, Assistant Director; Glenda Raschke; and Thayne Smith, Business Administrator; Kathy Whiteside; and Jerri Moro (Turner), Teacher Representative.

Board President Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Patrick Carroll

Pledge of Allegiance: Phil Loomis

Stacy Bowles was sworn in as a Board member.

Approval of Minutes: Patrick Carroll motioned to approve the Minutes from the February 26, 2015 Board meeting as presented in the Board Packet. Brandon Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Opportunity to Address the Board: No public comments.

Matt Hafen set the time for adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Teacher Representative Report: Jerri Moro (Turner) presented the teacher representative report.

Administration Report:

Anya Yeager presented the Enrollment Report and Employee hours reported vs. budgeted (overtime). We are currently at 990 students. There has been no overtime for 3 months. The attendance report went down by about 1% each after Spring Break – 94% attendance and 96% tardy. The waitlist has increased by 51 students in the past month.

Anya Yeager presented the Trimester 2 Assessment Scores. She reported that the reading scores were especially good.

Phil Loomis reported that the 2014-15 Progress Report and 2015-16 School LAND Trust Plan has been submitted. Patrick Carroll requested that the LAND Trust Committee work with the Technology Committee to make sure that their planned purchases coordinate with the technology that the school plans to use.

Financial Report:

Thayne Smith presented the Financial Summary as of February 28, 2015 and the Financial Detail Report as of February 28, 2015, and reported that the school is doing well financially.

No State Reports Due in March.

Committee Reports:

Policies – Anya Yeager, Chair, reported that the committee met this month and will be presenting an amendment to the Attendance Policy later.

Compensation- Shannon Greer reported that the compensation committee and finance committee will begin meeting on the same day soon. She reported that the committee is making good progress working on performance pay.

Benefits – Jerri Moro, Chair, reported that they have new teachers on the committee.

Continuation – Nothing to report.

Curriculum – Jennifer McCorvey, Chair, reported that they are looking at curriculum items to purchase.

Charitable Giving / Outreach – Jennifer McCorvey reported that they are looking at grant writing, Facebook, and other options. Shannon Greer will send the committee goals to Stacy Bowles for her review and comment going forward.

Technology - Steve Erickson, Chair, reported that the committee met this month and technology is going well. They are looking at Chromebooks that are touchscreen and projectors, and they will have quotes for April's meeting.

LAND Trust – Phil Loomis had nothing to report.

PTO Committee – Phil Loomis, Chair, reported that they are continuing on their normal schedule of activities, including the book fair, the field day activities, and electing a new Board member.

Board Development – Shannon Greer, Chair, had nothing to report.

Board Recruitment – Shannon Greer, Chair, reported that we will be working with the PTO to get their Board member for next year selected.

Campus Management – Steve Erickson, Chair, reported that they held a successful fire drill.

Finance Committee – Patrick Carroll reported that the Finance Committee has prepared a preliminary 2015-2016 budget.

Additional Discussion and/or Action Items:

Anya Yeager reported a proposal to purchase curriculum. There was only one vendor so there was no ability to obtain multiple bids. Patrick Carroll motioned to approve the Amplify Invoice for \$9,780 as presented in the Board packet. Brandon Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Anya Yeager presented an Attendance Policy Amendment which increased the number of unexcused absences allowed prior to contacting parents. Matt Hafen motioned to approve the Attendance Policy Amendment as presented in the Board packet. Phil Loomis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Anya Yeager tabled the proposal the proposal for remodeling the school kitchen. Erin Preston recommended that we hire a specialized architect to design the kitchen.

Patrick Carroll, Chair, reported that we are working on getting the state to guarantee our bonds. We have been putting money aside to pay off the 2011 series of bonds when they come due. The state finance authority has to approve us for the program, and they are reluctant because we are only doing the 2008 bonds. We currently set aside \$400,000 a year to pay off bonds when they come due. Patrick presented a proposal and recommended that we put \$500,000 a year towards principal which would put the school in a position to save a significant amount of money over time.

No closed session was held.

Phil Loomis motioned to adjourn. Brandon Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: The next regular Board meeting will be held on April 23, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Secretary

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 23, 2015