

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, January 22, 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 7:00 p.m.

Work Session: Glenda Raschke trained the Board on sexual harassment.

The Board meeting convened at 7:40 p.m.

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

Board Members Absent: Adam Lofgran

Others Present: Anya Yeager, Executive Director; Steve Erickson, Assistant Director; Jennifer McCorvey, Assistant Director; Glenda Raschke (for the training portion); Rachelle Crawford, Teacher Representative; Jerri Moro; and Thayne Smith, Business Administrator.

Board President Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Patrick Carroll

Pledge of Allegiance: Brandon Russell

Approval of Minutes: Phil Loomis requested that we change the reference to “bg” to “gb”. Brandon Russell motioned to accept the minutes from the December 18, 2014 Board meeting with the correction from Phil. Phil Loomis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Opportunity to Address the Board: No public comment.

Shannon Greer set the time for adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Teacher Representative Report: Jerri Moro provided the Board with research regarding reading specialists in schools.

Administration Report: Anya Yeager reported that enrollment is at 1,003 students. The waitlist is up 114 since last month to a total of 426. There has been no overtime over the past month. Attendance is at 95% and tardies are at 97%. There were no state reports due in January. Mrs. Yeager reported that teacher evaluations have begun and provided the Board with details on how the evaluations are completed.

Mrs. Yeager stated that the Administration would like to consider the use of Kelly Services for substitutes. GWA's substitute pool is very low despite attempts to advertise.

Financial Report: Thayne Smith reported the Financial Summary as of December 31, 2014 and the Financial Detail Report as of December 31, 2014. Thayne Smith reported that the Utah Money Management Report and the DWS Wage Report for Prior Quarter are complete. Red Apple will contact Preston's regarding the copy machine lease.

Committee Reports (3 min each):

- **Policies** – Anya Yeager, Chair, reported that the committee met and has two policies to present for approval later in the meeting.
- **Compensation**- Nothing to report.
- **Finance Committee** – Patrick Carroll, Chair, reported that the bond refinancing process is continuing.
- **Benefits** – Patrick Carroll reported that the 401(k) conversion has been completed
- **Continuation** – Shannon Greer, Chair, reported that they are looking for future Board members.
- **Curriculum** – Nothing to report.
- **Charitable Giving / Outreach** – The committee reported that they are looking at additional options for outreach.
- **Technology** - Steve Erickson, Chair, reported that the projectors are working well, and the teachers like the new projectors.
- **LAND Trust** – Phil Loomis reported that they have contacted the state to make sure that the committee has all of the important dates set for next year.
- **PTO Committee** – Phil Loomis, Chair, reported that we are down significantly from last year. The PTO is planning to incorporate some race activities into the field day. The book fair will be April 7-10. They need more people involved.
- **Board Development** – Nothing to report.
- **Board Recruitment** – Nothing to report.
- **Campus Management** – The school had a lockdown drill today. They are looking at the dirty power issue.

Additional Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Mrs. Yeager presented options for the 2015-2016 GWA calendar. Patrick Carroll motioned to accept the proposed schedule with the exception of ending the same day as WCSD and begin on the same day as the WCSD. The motion was not seconded. Phil Loomis motioned to approve the calendar as presented in the Board packet. Shannon

Greer seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Patrick Carroll asked to correct one error on the calendar.

- Patrick Carroll motioned to approve the State Mandated Testing Policy and Opt Out Form as presented in the Board Packet. Phil Loomis seconded the motion. Patrick Carroll amended the motion to define George Washington Academy as “GWA”. Phil Loomis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Phil Loomis motioned to accept the Enrollment Policy as presented in the Board Packet. Patrick Carroll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Shannon Greer presented a proposal to contract with Cory Martin for assistance with Federal Lunch Program for \$2,500 to assist us with completing the necessary paperwork. Phil Loomis motioned to create a position of a full-time lunch program coordinator and approve the payment of \$2,500 to Cory Martin to be paid as provided in the Board Packet. Patrick Carroll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- The Board discussed whether or not to continue the discussion of potentially using cameras in the classrooms as a tool to help improve education.

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 February 26, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON FEBRUARY 26, 2015