

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 25, 2021

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, February 25, 2021

7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: George Washington Academy
2277 South 3000 East
St. George, Utah
Lunchroom
The meeting was also available through Zoom.

A Board Training was held at 7 p.m.

Training: Anjanae Merida presented the Counseling Center's Yearly Update

The Board meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Shannon Greer, President; Matt Hafen, Secretary; Kevin Peterson; Blake Clark, Executive Director; April Paxton; Javier Jimenez; Patrick Carroll, CFO; Holly Myers; and Rachel Stewart were present in person.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Steve Erickson; Kaitlyn Oglesby; Jacee Rogers; and Chance Manzanarez attended in person. Linnie Lindsay, LaNessa Stevens; and Spencer Adams attended via Zoom conference.

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer, President

Prayer: Holly Myers

Pledge of Allegiance: Matt Hafen

Joylin Lincoln presented the Charter School Board of the Year Award from UAPCS. The standards reviewed in selecting GWA for this award included Board training, culture, compliance, meetings, contributions, inclusion, operations, etc.

Mr. Jimenez motioned to approve the Minutes from the January 28, 2021 Board Meeting as provided in the Board Packet with a revision that the Board approved the December 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

The time for adjournment was set for 8:45p.m.

Teacher Representative Linnie Lindsay, reported that teachers are feeling upbeat and positive and are feeling good about being able to be in school. Teacher Representative Kaitlyn Oglesby reported that teachers are starting to prepare for RISE testing.

Administration Report: Mr. Clark, Executive Director, reported the Board Update. He reported benchmark numbers for students that are in-person versus online. The data supports that in-person students are performing at a higher proficiency than online students. Enrollment is at 1,015. He reported that all school employees are receiving a bonus from the state. There were no employees with overtime this month, and year-to-date we have had 6.5 hours.

Financial Report: Mr. Adams reported the Financial Summary as of January 31, 2021, and the Financial Detail Report as of January 31, 2021. We are on track on each of our budget items with the exception of federal fund income which is lagging behind and supplies and materials slightly, but these are to be expected. The ratios and cash position look great. The finance committee has made a few minor adjustments on the budget. The local replacement fund is expected to be increased next year as well as the WPU value.

Committee Reports:

Policies Committee – Mr. Clark, Chair, had nothing to report.

Finance Committee – Mr. Carroll, Chair, had nothing to report beyond what was included in the committee Minutes.

Benefits Committee – Nothing to report.

Curriculum Committee – Nothing to report.

Outreach Committee – Mrs. Myers, Chair, reported that the committee is looking for donations for the field.

Technology Committee – Nothing to report.

LAND Trust Committee – Mr. Peterson, Chair, reported that they met on Tuesday and are working on a plan for next year.

PTO Committee – Mrs. Paxton, Chair, reported that the PTO is discussing switching the money from the money drive to assist with the field. Nominations for leadership are ongoing.

Board Development Committee – Mrs. Greer, Chair, reported that Erin Preston will be joining us for the April training for a legal update.

Campus Management Committee – Mr. Erickson, Chair, reported that they are waiting on some bids for new sinks.

Discussion and/or Action Items:

Mr. Peterson motioned to approve the proposal to approve of Second Instructional Coach as provided in the Board Packet. Mrs. Paxton seconded the motion. Mr. Carroll asked for clarification, and Mr. Clark reported that this is breaking up what Mrs. Stevens is doing. Mr. Carroll recommended the language “Serve as Chair of GWA’s Curriculum Committee unless otherwise directed by the Board”. Mrs. Stewart

recommended that the requirements also include “a current professional teaching license.” The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jimenez motioned to approve the Garden Area Project with EcoGreen in the amount of \$9,500 as provided in the Board Packet. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Greer motioned to appoint Rachel Stewart to a 3-year term as a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Rachel Stewart was sworn in as a member of the Board of Directors.

No closed session was held.

The next regular Board Meeting will be held March 25, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Mrs. Greer motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting. Mrs. Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Board Secretary