

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 23, 2020**

**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, 2020**

**7:30 p.m.**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

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

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

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Spencer Adams; Steve Erickson; LaNessa Stevens; Kaitlyn Oglesby; Rachelle Crawford; Debra Kauvaka; and Chance Manzanerez attended via Zoom conference.

**Board Welcome:** Shannon Greer, President

**Roll Call:** Shannon Greer, President

**Prayer:** TBD

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Shannon Greer

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the Minutes from the February 27, 2020 Board Meeting. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Public Opportunity to Address the Board:** There was no public comment.

The time for adjournment was set for 8:13pm.

**Administration Report:** Blake Clark, Executive Director reported that our enrollment is at 1,010.

**Financial Report:** Mr. Adams reported the Financial Summary as of February 29, 2020 and the Financial Detail Report as of February 29, 2020. He reported that federal funds are ready to be requested. Our monthly revenues continue to exceed expenses. Our ratios are looking very healthy. We will have to see how much the actual expenditures are by the end of the year given the current situations with no students at the school. The Board discussed that this year’s revenue should not be impacted by the COVID-19 situation, but next year’s revenue could be. The Finance Committee will

monitor this and plan for this in the 2020-2021 budget. The Board discussed how lunch is working. There is a waiver covering the cost of lunches.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Policies Committee** – Blake Clark, Chair, reported that the committee met and has items on the Agenda for approval.
- **Finance Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Benefits Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Curriculum Committee** – Nothing to report beyond the Minutes in the Board Packet.
- **Outreach Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Technology Committee** – Nothing to report beyond the Minutes in the Board Packet.
- **LAND Trust Committee** – Nothing to report beyond the LAND Trust Plan for 2020-2021 that will be voted on later in the meeting.
- **PTO Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Board Development Committee** – Nothing to report.
- **Campus Management Committee** – Nothing to report beyond the Minutes in the Board Packet.

**Teacher Representatives Report:** Mrs. Oglesby reported that the administration has been fantastic through the COVID-19 outbreak and there has been great collaboration between the faculty and administration. She reported on the number of students that currently move up and move down in grades for math in K-3. As of now, the Math Policy only impacts 6 students. She indicated that she was in favor of terminating the policy. Mrs. Fawson reported that in grades 4-7, there are more students impacted by the termination of the Math Policy.

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

There were no expenditures over \$5,000.

The Board discussed the 2020-2021 LAND Trust Plan. Mr. Peterson reported that they added 29 hours for a supported staff member. Mr. Carroll requested that Goal #1 be clarified, and Goal #6 be stated as a Goal by swapping the Measurement and the Goal. He also asked whether the new position in Goal #6 would be absorbed in the budget in following years. Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the 2020-2021 LAND Trust Plan as presented in the Board Packet as presented in the Board Packet with two modifications: 1) modifying Goal #1 to focus on the low achieving students and, and in Goal #6, stating the goal first. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mrs. Myers asked whether increased attendance would benefit the budget, and it was indicated that it does not impact the budget so long as the students remain enrolled at the school. The Board voted on the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Paxton motioned to approve the revisions to Policy 540 – Field Trip Policy as presented in the Board Packet. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Paxton motioned to terminate Math Policy 505. Mr. Hafen seconded the motion. The Board discussed that it is not doing students a favor to have them drop down a grade. Mr. Carroll expressed concern that it appears that we are serving students well by having them go up a grade and challenging them. The Board had an in-depth discussion with Mr. Clark about the pros and cons of terminating the policy. Mr. Clark reported that a student cannot take a test below their grade level, but they can take

an assessment above their grade level. The Board would like more clarity on the data related to advancing students a grade. The Board unanimously voted against the motion, and the motion failed. The Board requested additional information and potentially a procedure in place before terminating the policy.

No closed session was held.

The next Board Meeting will be held on April 23, 2020 at 7:30pm in the GWA Lunchroom.

Mr. Peterson motioned to adjourn the Board Meeting. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Board Secretary