

**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, June 23, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

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

**Board Members Present:** Brandon Russell, Vice President; Matt Hafen, Secretary, Patrick Carroll, CFO; Javier Jimenez; Adam Lofgran; and Matt Howe.

**Board Members Absent:** Stacy Bowles; Shannon Greer, President; James Ure.

**Others Present:** Anya Yeager; Jennifer McCorvey; Glenda Raschke; and Thayne Smith.

**Board President Welcome:** Brandon Russell, Vice-President

**Roll Call:** Brandon Russell, Vice-President

**Prayer:** TBD

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Matt Hafen

Matt Howe was sworn in as the PTO Board member for a one-year term.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the Minutes from the May 26, 2016 Board Meeting as presented in the Board Packet. Mr. Howe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No public comments.

Mr. Lofgran motioned to set the time for adjournment at 9 p.m. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Administration Report:** Anya Yeager, Executive Director, reported that they took 8 teachers up to the UAPCS conference which provided excellent training. Mrs. Yeager reported that we currently have 1,031 students enrolled for the coming year which is excellent. The Middle School grades are looking particularly good. Overtime is the same as last month. We ended the year with 94% attendance. She reported that construction is underway for the carpool improvements. The construction company reports that the construction will be completed by August 8. Mrs. McCorvey has been doing new teacher trainings. It is a busy time in the office. All of the reports are complete.

**Financial Report:** Thayne Smith, Business Administrator, reported that financial summary and detail report as of May 31, 2016. He reported that he has requested federal funds that will come in June's allotment. We have unrestricted net income of \$465,536 for the year.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the Year 2016 Budget "Forecast" line of the budget as provided in the Board Packet with the exception of Line Item 616 and 810 as revised during the meeting. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Smith reported that the required reports have been completed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Policies Committee** – Mrs. Yeager, Chair reported that the committee met and has several items later in the Agenda.

**Compensation / Finance Committee** – Mr. Carroll, Chair, had nothing to report.

**Benefits Committee** – Mrs. Raschke, Chair, had nothing to report.

**Curriculum Committee** – Mrs. McCorvey, Chair, reported that the committee has two policies to discuss later in the Agenda.

**Charitable Giving / Outreach Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Technology Committee** – Mr. Erickson, Chair, had nothing to report.

**LAND Trust Committee** – Mr. Lofgran reported on the Minutes provided in the Board Packet.

**PTO Committee** – Mrs. Yeager reported that she met with members of the PTO and it was brought up that they would like to help fundraise for the restructuring of the current field.

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

**Campus Management Committee** – Mr. Erickson, Chair, had nothing to report.

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

Expenditures over \$3,000

It was determined that the Civil Science invoice in the amount of \$6,096.40 as provided in the Board Packet was not necessary to vote on since it was previously voted on, but Mr. Carroll requested that the payment not be made until the work is complete.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the Rosetta Stone purchase order in the amount of \$7,700 as provided in the Board Packet. Mrs. Yeager reported that this will cover licenses for 50 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. Mr. Lofgran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lofgran motioned to approve the MegaPro purchase order in the amount of \$4,683 as provided in the Board Packet for letterman jackets and sweaters. Mrs. Yeager reported that the Middle School students can buy these and the school will make money on them. Mr. Howe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board determined that the Communication Station invoice did not need to be approved by the Board since the speech therapy contract has already been approved.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the K-LOG purchase order in the amount of \$6,003.33 as provided in the Board Packet. Mrs. Yeager reported that this is for restructuring the Special Ed room. Mr. Howe seconded the motion. The Board discussed that some of the items may be able to be purchased at Staples or elsewhere to avoid the high shipping costs. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jimenez motioned to approve the Chromebooks purchase in the amount of \$20,680 as set forth in the Board Packet. Mr. Erickson recommended going with the N22 computers and confirmed that this is part of the technology budget. Mr. Lofgran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Erickson reported that they are getting 30 computers. We currently have Dell computers and the Board elected to go with the Dell bid. Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the Superior Technical Solutions bid for \$25,214.47 as provided in the Board Packet. Mr. Lofgran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Jimenez motioned to approve the Core Knowledge Training purchase order for \$3,200. Mr. Lofgran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Erickson discussed the purchase of 4 short-throw projectors and 2 long-throw projectors. Mr. Lofgran motioned to approve the Projection Superstore purchase order in the amount of \$7,924 as provided in the Board Packet. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Howe pointed out that the Cheating/Plagiarism Policy should clarify that cheating/plagiarism for students in 4-8 Grade will receive an automatic "0" for any assignment on which they cheat or plagiarize. Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the policy as provided in the Board Packet as amended by Mr. Howe. Mr. Lofgran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCorvey reported that the school is moving away from allowing students to redo any assignments. Some students have started relying on this policy. The revised policy puts more responsibility clarifying that teachers always reserve the right to determine whether or not an assignment can be redone. Students are limited to a certain number of tests they can retake and they have to provide reasoning for the retake. It takes into consideration students who have opted out of DIBELs. Mr. Carroll recommended to remove the reference to receiving a "0" for plagiarism and instead reference the plagiarism policy, and recommended that the policy be revised to provide that it be revised to provide that within 2 weeks from the date the grade is posted, rather than 2 weeks of the original testing date. Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the revisions to Policy 525 as provided in the Board Packet, as amended above. Mr. Hafen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to approve Policy 429 as provided in the Board Packet. Mr. Lofgran seconded the motion. Mr. Howe indicated that Section 4.g. should include an additional sentence "Terminated employees will not be authorized to access GWA servers and technology". Mr. Carroll amended his motion to include the revised language from Mr. Howe. Mr. Lofgran seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Regarding Policy 460, Mr. Howe indicated that in the second sentence of the “Service Disclaimer” section should be amended to include “the school will not be responsible for any damages a staff member, student, parent, or volunteer.” Mr. Hafen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Carroll motioned to terminate Policy 425. Mr. Jimenez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Regarding Policy 605, Mr. Howe pointed out that Section 6.2.1. has a typo and needs to add the word “have” between “must” and “Comprehensive”. Mr. Jimenez motioned to approve the policy as provided in the Board Packet as amended above. Mr. Howe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

No closed session was held.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 28, 2016.

Being no further business, Mr. Hafen motioned to adjourn. Mr. Russell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Matt Hafen, Board Secretary