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Mission Statement: “*ACADEMICS. LEADERSHIP. COMMUNITY.*”

George Washington Academy

Thursday, July 17, 2025

7:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes

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

The Board meeting will convened at 7:35 p.m.

Board Welcome: Shannon Greer, President

Roll Call: Shannon Greer

Prayer: Kevin Peterson

Pledge of Allegiance: Shannon Greer

Board Members Present: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer. Blake Clark Via Zoom.

Board Members Not Present: Laura Snelson

Others Present: Sharon Moss, Debbie Kauvaka, Christine Giles, Sharna Rowe, Shelbi Kelly and Rachel Richins.

GWA Year Goals:

- Expanding student Leadership opportunities for ALL students
- Ensure ALL students are learning at High Levels
- Focus on Employee Mental Health with Better and Quicker Access

Approval of Minutes:

Kevin Made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 26th, 2025 board meeting. Laura P seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer.

Public Opportunity to Address the Board:

None

Set time for adjournment Brady set time for adjournment at 8:15.

Teacher Reports: N/A

Administration Report:

Blake Clark gave the report. The enrollment numbers will change as it gets closer to school starting and even once school begins. Parents will forget to call and tell us they aren't coming so these numbers change. As of right now, there are 1,052 students enrolled with 154 on the wait list. If we had the space we could add two more kindergarten classes, one more second grade and well as one more third. In the past two weeks Blake has given 10-15 tours to new families to GWA and they are just grateful to be part of the school. All reports have been completed. Once the new calendar is sent out it will be sent to Shelbi and everything will be updated. Shannon asked that Blake cc her when the report gets sent out. They are talking about celebrations they are planning for when the students as well as the teachers come back. The all employee meeting will be August 1 and Shannon would like to have a board member present for that.

Financial Report:

Spencer Adams gave the financial report. The report is as of the end of June. He put in a disclaimer that the numbers that we are seeing are likely to change a little bit. They shouldn't be changing drastically but there's always some moving parts at the end of the year, some transactions that trickle in right at the end or some transactions that get moved around during the audit process. It shouldn't be a whole lot. He said everything is looking great. Similar to the past several years we did better than the forecasted amount that was approved for the final budget. Very positive year, nothing too concerning. Some lines were over the forecast by a little but overall . Looking at the net income column we had about 738,000, currently, based on the transactions we have the year-to-date actuals column, you can see we have exceeded that by about 230,000, so again a very good year. That's reflected in our ratios as well. The ratios are based on the forecasted column, so they will be higher as far as the operating margin goes. Spencer said that there were some line items that were slightly over that forecast column. But when we look at the major categories as a whole, we came in underneath each of those. We like to have a little padding in each of those just to cover any unexpected transactions. Casey wanted to know why the deferred revenue was showing a negative, he would expect it to be at zero since it was sent back. Spencer said that he noticed that and if you look a couple accounts up its going to be roughly the same amount, just the opposite, it was hitting the wrong account.

Committee Reports (3 min each):

- **Policies Committee** – Just what is in the board packet. Feel free to email Blake if there are any questions or concerns.
- **Finance Committee** – Nothing
- **Audit Committee** - Nothing
- **Benefits Committee** – Nothing
- **Curriculum Committee** – Nothing
- **Outreach Committee** – Laura Pressley said that Blake is taking a videographer all over St. George. He is getting footage of current and past students going through what they are doing now. The footage will be used for several different purposes.
- **Technology Committee** - Nothing
- **LAND Trust Committee** – Nothing

- **PTO Committee** – Nothing
- **Board Development Committee** – The schedule for meetings has been handed out.
- **Campus Management Committee** – Nothing

Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Kevin made a motion to approve the 25-26 IXL Subscription in the amount of \$16,081.25 as outlined in the packet. Casey seconded. Casey asked how the summer usage has been. Christine said that it's been a really good program, they have had quite a few parents call to get their clever badge. Casey commented that the previous report that was given shows that the usage was substantive. They've used it for the past three years now. Shannon asked that the usage be included in Blake's board update. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer.
- Casey made a motion to approve the updated Policy 305 - Attendance as outlined in the packet. Brady seconded. Kevin asked how many kids are chronically absent. Blake said that there were 35 students last year. Shannon asked why they are gone. Blake said it is hard to track why they are gone. He said that per law, if they miss a certain amount of days they need to send out an official letter, they need to sign that they have received it and meet with one of the administrators. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer.
- Kevin made a motion to approve the Microsoft Licensing Renewal in the amount of \$5,292.72 as outlined in the Board Packet. Laura P seconded the motion. Casey asked what it was used for. Christine said it's used for powerpoint and word. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer.

Time was exceeded. Kevin made a motion to continue the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer.

- Laura made a motion to approve the Blocks i in the amount of \$8,610 as outlined in the Board Packet. Kevin seconded the motion. Casey asked if GoGuardian was STS's solution. Christine said that the teachers found it not as reliable as Blocks i when they did a pilot of it. They preferred this. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer.
- Kevin made a motion to accept the invoice in the amount of \$10,692 for Advanced Email Security as outlined in the Board Packet. Brady seconded the motion. Casey asked who the actual vendor was. Nobody could see who the actual vendor would be. Kevin pointed out that Steve had said that STS was the vendor. The motion passed. Those who voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer. Casey opposed. Blake came back later and said it was through a company called GRAF US.
- Apple Device Management did not need to be voted on.

- Casey made a motion to approve Powerschool Hosting License Renewal in the amount of \$12,547.69 as outlined in the Board Packet. Kevin seconded the motion. Casey noted that they raised the price significantly. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer.
- Kevin made a motion to approve the Powerschool Enrollment License Renewal in the amount of \$11,698.99 as outlined in the Board Packet. Brady seconded the motion. Kevin said that he liked that the invoices were split up. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer.
- Kevin made a motion to approve Basin Land Survey Proposal as outlined in the Board Packet. Laura seconded the motion. Casey asked why there aren't three quotes, it's because it came through the builder. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Shannon Greer.

Hughes Construction Update: Shannon Greer said they are making good progress in figuring out the footprint. The team had to manage the expectations, the original date was 2027. Shannon is in the process of appealing to the State Charter Board to push the open date back to August of 2028. They have put a hold on a grant we were going to receive. We had two years to use it but with the date being pushed back, we will need to apply for it next year. There will not be a new auditorium, but they are on track with expectations for what the new addition will have.

Sponsorship Update: Shelbi Kelly gave the update that there have been several to commit to donating again this year. Only one said that they won't be sponsoring again. We have had a few sponsors willing to take the new \$2,000 level Patriot sponsorship level.

Confirm New Board Members: Sharon Moss, Sharna Rowe, and Rachel Richens were administered the Oath of Office by Shelbi.

Confirm Board Chair: Kevin made a motion to approve Shannon Greer as Board Chair. Rachel Richins seconded the motion. Shannon said that she is passionate about what she does, about the growth of the school but she knows that anyone around the table could do a great job in the Chair position. The motion passed unanimously. All present voted in favor: Kevin Peterson, Casey Unrein, Brady Pearce, Laura Pressley, Sharon Moss, Sharna Rowe, Rachel Richins. Shannon Greer abstained from voting.

Closed Meeting – *None*

Reconvene — Take all appropriate action in relation to closed session items.

Next Meeting: The next regular Board Meeting will be held during the retreat on August 27, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48.

Written by Shelbi Kelly