



**Virtual
GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**
September 15, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.
Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cecil H. Steppe, Maria Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Rafael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock, Anne Richardson, Michael Rodrigues, & Vincent Riveroll.

EXCUSED:

None

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. He reminded all in attendance of the submission protocol for public comment on non-agenda items that will be read before closed session.

AGENDA REVIEW (Board Chair Steppe):

Board members reviewed the agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Board Chair Steppe):

1. **Review of the Minutes:** Board members reviewed the minutes from the June 23, 2020 board meeting.

*Motion to approve June 23, 2020's minutes m/s/c Hurlbert/Mehan 13 In favor
– 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye, Chodzko: aye, Evans: aye;
Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye;
Richardson: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye*

2. **Chairman's Report (Board Chair Steppe):**

- a. Bargaining Team Update - San Diego Education Association

Board Chair Steppe reported that Ms. Dolores Garcia and Ms. Judith Franceschi have stepped down from the GPA Bargaining Team.

b. Brown Act Training

Board Chair Steppe has asked the leadership team to schedule a Brown Act Training for board members.

3. **Director's Report (Director Riveroll):**

Director began by thanking ExED and Mr. Tamayo for 16 years of dedicated service to our school, especially during this pandemic crisis. He also mentioned AD Bartholomew's resignation at the end of summer and thanked him for his service. An appropriate tribute to AD Bartholomew will be announced at a later time. Director discussed the beginning of the first three weeks of distance learning and mentioned the dedicated staff, students and parents that are working hard to make it successful.

Director also explained the five "Pop Up" Departments that have provided additional service to GPA families and staff. He also mentioned that "Coffee with Director" by grade level is happening this week at GPA.

a. WASC Update:

Assistant Director Robinson explained that GPA will have a virtual WASC Visit from Oct. 5-7. Over the last year, there has been focused work done on our self-study. Our visiting chairperson will be the same as was scheduled for Spring 2020 along with 4 other educators visiting virtually.

b. Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP):

Ms. Parsons explained this draft plan, which states our Continuity of Learning and Attendance Plan for distance learning to begin the school year and later possibly going into a hybrid learning model. Input from the community and a survey of parents will occur before the final meeting to approve the plan, possibly Tuesday, September 29th.

c. Parent Involvement Policy:

Ms. Parsons explained the policy which is approved annually by the Board. She noted the new addition added to the end of the policy.

Motion to approve Parent Involvement Policy m/s/c Nevels/Chodzko 13 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye, Chodzko: aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Richardson: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

4. **Finance Committee Report (Board Member Chodzko/Tamayo):**

Mr. Chodzko called the board's attention to the financial reports on Board Docs.

a. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Chodzko spoke about June's financials. Board members reviewed June's finances on Board Docs. The documents are also available on our website through a Board Docs link. Mr. Tamayo reminded the board about the debt of the PPP loan.

Motion for acceptance of June's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Lobbins 13 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye, Chodzko: aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Richardson: aye; Riveroll: aye, Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: yes

b. 2019 - 2020 Unaudited Actuals:

Mr. Tamayo reviewed the Unaudited Actuals with the board.

Motion for approval of the 2019 - 2020 Unaudited Actuals as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Nevels 13 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None Opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye, Chodzko: aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: yes; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Richardson: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

c. Spring ConApp:

Mr. Tamayo explained the Spring ConApp that the State delayed the release of until recently. It shows how federal funds were spent at GPA and is also the application for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion for approval of the Spring ConApp as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Rodrigues 13 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye, Chodzko: aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Richardson: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

5. **Education Committee Report (Board Member Pollock):**

No report presented.

6. **Development Committee Report (Board Member Nevels):**

No report presented.

7. **Board Affairs Committee Report (Board Member Steppe):**

No report presented.

8. Executive Committee Report (Board Member Steppe):

No report presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

The following people submitted an email during Public Comment, about non-agenda items:

1. Anonymous
2. Anonymous Parent
3. Anonymous Parent
4. Anonymous Parent
5. Ms. Viridiana Word, GPA Teacher and Parent

9. Closed Session (Board Member Steppe):

a. Conference GPA Negotiating Team (Gov. Code & 54957.6) School Designated Representatives: J. Parsons, J. Levenson, S. Suarez, C. Cooley, I. Limon, A. Robinson, L. Maples

Employee Organization: SDEA/CTA/NEA,

b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Gov. Code & 54956.9 (d)(1) San Diego Education Association, LA-CE-6531 & LA-DP-441

10. Return to Open Session (Board Member Steppe):

No actionable items to report.

11. Adjournment of Regular Meeting (Board Member Steppe):

Motion for adjournment of Regular Meeting m/s/c Mehan/Hernandez 13 In favor – 0 Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye, Chodzko: aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Richardson: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

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<https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/gpa/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>