



**GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING**

July 13, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**EXCUSED:**

Myeisha Lobbins

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Dr. Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

**AGENDA REVIEW (Board Chair Steppe):**

Board members reviewed the agenda items.

**ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Board Chair Steppe):**

**1. Closed Session (Board Chair Steppe)**

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(1) SDEA v. Gompers (3 matters)
- b. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov. Code section 54957.6)  
GPA Representatives: (J. Parsons, J. Levenson, L. Maples, I. Limon, S. Suarez, C. Cooley, A. Robinson) Employee Organization: SDEA
- c. Coalition of Adults Responsive to Every Student Decertification Petition (1 matters)

**2. Return to Open Session (Board Chair Steppe):**

No actionable items to report.

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

- a. Spring Consolidated Application:

Ms. Parsons presented this application to the board. The application reviews how GPA used the federal dollars during the 2020-2021 school year.

*Motion for approval of the Spring Consolidated Application m/s/c Mehan/Hernandez  
11 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Chodzko: aye; Evans:  
aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye;  
Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye*

#### 4. **Chairman's Report (Board Chair Steppe)**

a. Discussion regarding Settlement Agreement/Collective Bargaining Agreement with San Diego Education Association and ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ms. Parsons introduced Ms. Wendy Tucker from Procopio, the law firm representing GPA in collective bargaining. She explained the agreement and the vote needed.

Public Comment to This Agenda Item:

1. San Diego Education Justice Warriors
2. Ms. Ramirez - GPA parent
3. GPA Community with Parents of Students First
4. GPA Parents
5. Parents that have had enough of GTA
6. Disappointed GPA Parent
7. Parents Against GTA
8. Bullied by OC Teachers
9. Jessica G. - GPA Alumni
10. Alma Gonzalez - GPA Alumni
11. Juan Gonzalez
12. Veronica O.
13. Maria M.
14. The Community and GPA Parents
15. Not a Turncoat Against My Community, the Leadership Team, The Founders and a School That Has Shown Nothing But Love
16. Dismayed But Fighting GPA Parents
17. Vallery Campos, Trisha Harding, John Melendez , James Harding, Kelly Martinez, Christina Avila, Alexandra Mobley, Giorgio Selvaggio, Katie Engstrom, Cheryl Carr, Jacob Limon, Brenan Lim, Jackie Glaser, Anna Ahuna, Amanda Morris, Adam Lake, Trevor Snell, Bryan Anderson, Beth Lloyd, May Manookian, Miguel Baltierra, Sally Cohenour, David Sheehan, Elena Facchinei, Michelle Felix, Sarah Alfano, Robyn Hartwell, Diksha Sudarshan, Shismar Johnson, and Ara Jo

*Motion for ratification of Settlement Agreement/Collective Bargaining Agreement with San Diego Education Association and ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement m/s/c Mehan/Pollock 11 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye*

- b. Coalition of Adults Responsive to Every Student Decertification Petition (1 matters)

Ms. Tucker explained this petition and how it might apply to PERB's upcoming decision to have GPA teachers vote for decertification or not.

Public Comment:

1. Jessica Chapman and Viridana Word

#### **5. Adjournment of Special Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):**

Prior to adjournment Mr. Steppe thanked the GPA bargaining committee, the leadership team and Ms. Wendy Tucker for all of their hard work to come to a collective bargaining agreement with GTA/SDEA .

*Motion for adjournment of Special Meeting m/s/c Nevels/Evans 11 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye*

#### **Meeting was adjourned 7:28 pm**

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