



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 21, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. (via Zoom)
Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Rafael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock (arrived late), Vincent Riveroll and Cecil H. Steppe

EXCUSED:

Maria Cruz Avalos and Michael Rodrigues

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

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 15, 2021 and July 13, 2021 board meetings.

*Motion to approve June 15, 2021 and July 13, 2021 minutes m/s/c Chodzko/Hurlbert 9
In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Chodzko: yes; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye,
Hurlbert: aye, Lobbins: aye, Mehan: aye, Nevels: aye, Riveroll: aye and Cecil H.
Steppe: aye*

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

No report given.

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

Director Riveroll thanked the staff that made sure our policies were compliant and updated with the new state law. Director also shared a video of his class of 9th grade Science students.

- a. **Independent Study Board Policy:**

AD Maples presented the Independent Study Contract with a new policy that was amended per the new state bill AB130. Changes to the policy were required to align with the new law. These agreements are subject to audit, so there are provisions to document student participation. Counselors and our website will inform parents/guardians of the updated policy.

Motion for approval of GPA's Independent Study Board Policy m/s/c Mehan/Hernandez 9 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye

b. Parental Involvement Policy:

Ms. Parsons explained this policy is reviewed and approved on an annual basis. This policy will also go to our School Site Council to review.

Motion for approval of GPA's Parental Involvement Policy m/s/c Chodzko/Hernandez 9 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye

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

AD Chodzko spoke about how items are added to the agenda in the finance section after being completely vetted, in advance, by the Finance Committee.

a. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Tamayo presented the June financials to the board for the end of the previous school year, which have been provided in advance to board members.

Motion for acceptance of June's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Lobbins 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye

b. 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals:

_____ Mr. Tamayo presented the 2020-2021 Unaudited Actuals based on the year end actuals. This is a standard form that is presented to SDUSD and then the State Controller's Office.

Motion for approval of the 2021-2022 Unaudited Actuals as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Nevels 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: had to leave; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye

c. ASES Program Grant Extension:

AD Chodzko explained the ASES Program Grant Extension will go until December 31, 2021. This is the grant that funds GPA's Encore program.

5. **Public Comment on Non Agenda Items**

Ms. Parsons and AD Levenson read the public comments from the following 13 people during the meeting:

- a. Unhappy mother
- b. Parents who are not happy with the changes in the SDEA contract
- c. The parents who get ignored and disrespected
- d. Mother upset about the negative changes from SDEA in our school
- e. Concerned parents whose children have been affected by Ms. Trisha Harding
- f. SD Education System
- g. GPA parent of 2 students
- h. Parents who are tired of being retaliated against in speaking up for our students
- i. Parents of students damaged by SDEA Union teachers
- j. GPA Parents
- k. Various parents: Maria Guerrero, Ruben Aguilar, Elena Sanchez, Veronica Aguilar, Teodoro Velasco, Angelica Martinez, Beatriz Lopez, Olivia Guzman, Jose Guzman, Silvestre Soto, Silvia Soto, Victor Sagrero, Erica Mora, Gilbert Gardino, Lirio Leon, Miguel Molina, Maria Gonzalez, Jesus Lomeli, Parvin Lomeli, Brianna Rodriguez, Mario Doval, Joel Benitez, Monica Solano, Vicente Munoz, Virginia Hernandez, Anabel Saldana, Maria Valle, Yesenia Perez, Elizabeth Galicia, Pablo Mejiaz, Erica De Leon, Francisco Beltran, Elva Beltran, Martha Leonardo, Maria Leonardo, Jordan Genaro, Mercedes Almeida, Roosevelt Blackmond, Claudia Cuevas, Victor Ramirez, Edith Mendoza, Gregorio Mendoza, Maria Magaña, Amador Haines, Sofia Jaimes, Esmeralda Cuevas Dia, Lucio Cuevas, Jose Mendoza, Alexandra Sosa Lopez, T. Rodrigues.
- l. An alumnus prayer
- m. Jameia Johnson

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

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

No actions to report from Closed Session

7. Return to Open Session (Board Chair Steppe):

No actionable items to report.

8. Adjournment of Regular Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):

*Motion for adjournment of Regular Meeting m/s/c Chodzko/Evans 10 In favor – 0
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye;
Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe:
aye*

Meeting was adjourned 6:51 pm

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