



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
November 16, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. (via Zoom)
Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

Maria Cruz Avalos, Myeisha Lobbins and Michael Rodrigues

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:06 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 September 21, 2021 and October 26, 2021 board meetings.

Motion to approve September 21, 2021 and October 26, 2021 minutes m/s/c Chodzko/ Mehan 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye, Hurlbert: aye, Mehan: aye, Nevels: aye, Riveroll: aye and Cecil H. Steppe: aye

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

Mr. Steppe explained the need for the following motion due to recommended social distancing guidelines.

- a. Continued Teleconference Board Meetings due to Recommended Social Distancing

Motion for approval of Continued Teleconference Board Meetings due to Recommended Social Distancing m/s/c Chodzko/Mehan 7 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: no response; Riverroll: aye; Steppe: aye

3. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Riveroll)

Director Riveroll reported on the 22 vacant teaching positions at GPA. He then introduced CBO Parsons.

a. Request for Information from SDUSD:

CBO Parsons explained the district's request of questions asked and the board will meet in closed session at the end of this meeting to hear GPA's responses to those questions.

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

AD Chodzko explained 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 September financials to the board, which have been provided in advance to board members.

Motion for acceptance of September's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hernandez 8 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riverroll: aye; Steppe: aye

b. Third Party Audit:

CBO Parsons reported that the third party audit showed no findings and questioned costs for the 2020-2021 school year. The Business Services Team takes pride in navigating clean audits through their continued professional development as a department. Their work was complimented by various board members

Motion for approval of the Third Party Audit as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hurlbert 8 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riverroll: aye; Steppe: aye

c. Updated GPA Fiscal Policy to include Nvoice Pay:

CBO Parsons explained that adjustments are made to cash disbursements with Nvoice when possible with vendors. This will save time to make payments to the vendors and is more efficient. Mr. Tamayo explained Nvoice is a more secure payment process and it is a free service for GPA.

Motion for approval of the updated GPA Fiscal Policy to include Nvoice Pay as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hurlbert 9 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye

5. Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

AD Chodzko introduced the 2 phone callers who made public comments.

- a. Ellen Nash
- b. Michelle Anderson

6. Closed Session (Board Chair Steppe)

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code section 54956.9 (d)(2): 1 matter

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 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye

Meeting was adjourned 7:00 pm

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