



**GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

January 17, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pete Chodzko, Rafael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, Mica Pollock, Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe and Viridiana Word

**EXCUSED:**

Maria Cruz Avalos, Michelle Evans, Jacqueline Nevels, Michael Rodrigues, and Anne Spitzberg

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chair Steppe called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and the roll was called.

**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 Chair Steppe)**

Board members reviewed the minutes from the September 20, 2022 board meeting.

*Motion to approve September 20, 2022 minutes m/s/c Hurlbert/Hernandez 8 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: abstain; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

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

No report submitted.

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

Superintendent Riveroll reported that GPA enrollment is 1275 and ADA will be presented in the Finance Report. GPA currently has 21 teacher vacancies, 19 support staff vacancies and 2 athletic vacancies.

a. 2022-23 School Calendar & Instructional Minutes

Chief Levenson explained that the SDUSD audit will be on February 14, 2023. The school calendar and instructional minutes need board approval prior to the audit. They essentially are the same as last school year.

*Motion to approve the 2022-23 School Calendar & Instructional Minutes m/s/c Chodzko/Lobbins 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye, Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye and Word: aye*

b. Uniform Complaint Policy

Chief Levenson explained the policy is approved every year. The change this year is Chief Levenson is the responsible person to receive any complaints.

*Motion to approve Uniform Complaint Policy m/s/c Mehan/Chodzko 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye, Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye and Word: aye*

c. Math Placement Policy

Chief Levenson explained the last update to this policy was 2019. The primary changes now to the policy are updated software programs and assessments.

*Motion to approve updated Math Placement Policy m/s/c Chodzko/Hurlbert 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

d. Written Emergency Action Plan

Chief Jane Levenson explained this new plan is needed for our Athletic teams and afterschool programs.

*Motion to approve Written Emergency Action Plan m/s/c Hernandez/Lobbins 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

e. Human Trafficking Awareness Policy and Protocols

Chief Maples explained the policy has been updated with additional resources.

*Motion to approve Human Trafficking Awareness Policy m/s/c Chodzko/Lobbins 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

f. Suicide Prevention Policy

Chief Maples explained that suicide is the leading cause of death in young people. This policy guides the education and training of staff members . Additionally, Ms. Jane Kinyua is the **secondary responsible person** for the school.

*Motion to approve Suicide Prevention Policy m/s/c Mehan/Hurlbert 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

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

Board Member 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. Mr. Tamayo explained that the ADA was currently trending lower than pre-pandemic years.

*Motion for acceptance of September's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hurlbert 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

b. Third Party Audit Draft Review:

Board Member Chodzko introduced Chief Leverson who explained the third party audit and that this is a draft, so please review for January's meeting.

5. **AB 361 Teleconference Meeting Vote (Board Chair Steppe)**

a. Proclaimed State of Emergency:

Chief Leverson said State officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing. Every 30 days the board has to vote to meet via Zoom versus in person.

*Motion for approval of the Proclaimed State of Emergency m/s/c Mehan/Hernandez  
8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye, Hernandez: aye;  
Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock (technical issues); Riveroll: aye;  
Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

**6. Public Comment on Non Agenda Items (Board Chair Steppe)**

No public comment.

**7. Adjournment of Regular Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):**

Dr. Steppe asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

*Motion for adjournment of Regular Meeting m/s/c Chodzko/Hurlbert 9 In favor – 0  
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye;  
Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm**

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