



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

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

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Jeremy Hurlbert, Bud Mehan, Mica Pollock, Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe and Viridiana Word

EXCUSED:

Maria Cruz Avalos, Rafael Hernandez, Myeisha Lobbins, 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. Closed Session began at 6:06 pm (Board Chair Steppe)

- a. Conference GPA Negotiating Team (Gov. Code § 54957.6) School Designated Representatives: L. Maples, J. Levenson, A. Robinson, I. Limon, M. Evans, S. Suarez, D. Garcia, C. H. Steppe
Employee Organization: SDEA/CTA/NEA

2. Returned to Open Session at 6:33 pm (Board Chair Steppe)

3. Review of the Minutes: (Board Chair Steppe)

Board members reviewed the minutes from the November 15, 2022 board meeting.

Motion to approve November 15, 2022 minutes m/s/c Evans/Hurlbert 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: yes; Riveroll: yes; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes

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

a. AB 361:

Chief Levenson explained recently approved AB249 now states that board meetings need to be in person versus online. Individual members may be online up to two times per year, if needed. The GPA board meeting on March 21, 2023 will return to in person at 6:00 pm.

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

Superintendent Riveroll reported that board members received information in advance about the items noted below.

a. Title I, Part A Local Educational Agency (LEA) Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Chief Levenson explained that LEAs must create this policy that shows how they involve parents and families in the educational program. This is for initial approval of this policy and will be brought back to the board if the School Site Council (SSC) makes any changes at their time of approval.

Motion to approve the Title I, Part A Local Educational Agency (LEA) Parent and Family Engagement Policy m/s/c Mehan/Evans 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye

b. Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Chief Levenson explained the board approves this annually. This plan is reviewed each year and approved by the board. This year the format has changed and has been updated with current policies and reflects personnel changes. This is for initial approval of this policy and will be brought back to the board if the School Site Council (SSC) makes any changes at their time of approval.

Motion to approve Comprehensive School Safety Plan m/s/c Evans/Pollock 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye

c. Suspension/Expulsion Policy

Chief Maples explained that minor updates were made including the sexual harassment section and expulsion procedures.

Motion to approve Suspension/Expulsion Policy m/s/c Evans/Mehan 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye

6. 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 November financials to the board, which have been provided in advance to board members. He also gave a budget update for the 2023-2024 school year per the Governor's plan at this time.

Motion for acceptance of November's monthly financials 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; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye

b. First Interim Report:

Board Member Chodzko explained the report is in a format preferred by the SDUSD district. This report is the actuals through October 31, 2022.

Motion for approval of First Interim Report as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye

c. Annual Independent Financial Audit Report:

Board Member Chodzko introduced Mr. Tamayo who explained GPA had a clean independent financial audit without findings.

Motion for approval of Annual Independent Financial Audit Report as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye

d. Addition of Authorized Signer to GPA Bank Accounts:

Board Member Chodzko explained that Chief of Staff Jane Levenson needs to be an additional authorized signer to GPA bank accounts..

Motion for approval of Chief of Staff Levenson as Authorized Signer to GPA Bank Accounts as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/ Mehan 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye

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

No public comment.

8. **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/Evans 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm

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