GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING
March 21, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. (in person)
Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Maria Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe and Viridiana Word

EXCUSED:
Rafael Hernandez, Jacqueline Nevels, Mica Pollock, Michael Rodrigues, and Anne Spitzberg

CALL TO ORDER:
Board Chair Steppe called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and the roll was called.

AGENDA REVIEW (Board Chair Steppe):
Board members reviewed the agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (Board Chair Steppe):
Sean Bentz made a public comment on closed session agenda item a.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Board Chair Steppe):

1. Closed Session began at 6:06 pm (Board Chair Steppe)
      Employee Organization: SDEA/CTA/NEA
   
      b. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) 1 Matter - Gompers Preparatory Academy and Group of Employees and San Diego Education Association, CTA/NEA, Case No. LA-DP-465-E

2. Returned to Open Session at 6:33 pm (Board Chair Steppe)
There was nothing to report out from closed session.
3. **Review of the Minutes: (Board Chair Steppe)**
   Board members reviewed the minutes from the January 17, 2023 board meeting.

   *Motion to approve January 17, 2023 minutes m/s/c Chodzko/Evans  9 In favor –
   0 Abstention  – None opposed  Roll Call: Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye;
   Hurlbert:  aye; Mehan: aye; Lobbins: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

4. **Chairman’s Report (Board Chair Steppe)**
   a. **Public Comment on Agenda Items from the Chairman’s Report:**
      Jessica Chapman and Michelle Anderson made public comments on SDEA and GPA's initial proposals.

   b. **SDEA to Sunshine Initial Proposal:**
      GPA received the initial sunshine proposal from SDEA/GTA.

   c. **GPA Sunshine of Initial Proposal:**
      Chief Levenson shared GPA's Initial Proposal

      *Motion to approve the GPA Initial Proposal  m/s/c Evans/Lobbins  8 In favor – 1
      Abstention – None opposed  Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye;
      Hurlbert:  aye; Mehan: aye; Lobbins: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: Abstain*

5. **Superintendent’s Report (Superintendent Riveroll)**
   Superintendent Riveroll reported that board members received information in advance about the items noted below.

   a. **Uniform Complaint Policy:**
      Chief Levenson explained the updates that were made to the UCP and requested Board approval.

      *Motion to approve the Uniform Complaint Policy  m/s/c Chodzko/Word  9 In favor – 0
      Abstention – None opposed  Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert:  aye; Mehan: aye; Lobbins: 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 January financials to the board, which have been provided in advance to board members.

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

b. **Second Interim Report:**
   Board Member Chodzko explained the report is in a format preferred by the SDUSD district. This report is the actuals through January 31, 2023.

   *Motion for approval of Second Interim Report as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Word 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed  Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Lobbins: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

c. **Independent Auditor Selection Certification/Engagement Letter:**
   Board Member Chodzko introduced Chief Leverson who reviewed the 3rd party Auditor engagement letter and requested approval to move forward with CliftonLarssenAllen LLC for the 23-24 school year.

   *Motion for approval of Independent Auditor Selection Certification/Engagement Letter as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hurlbert/ Board member Evans asked a question which Chief Leverson responded to. 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed  Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Lobbins: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

d. **LCAP Federal Addendum:**
   Board Member Chodzko introduced Chief Leverson who reviewed LCAP Federal Addendum. This is an information item.

7. **Public Comment on Non Agenda Items (Board Chair Steppe)**
   Rory Kelly and Cindy Ornelas made public comments on non-agenda times.

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 Evans/Lobbins 9 In favor – 0
Abstention – None opposed  Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye;
Hurlbert: aye; Mehan: aye; Lobbins: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye*

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm**

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