



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)

- 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
- 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: aye; Lobbins: 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 Levenson who reviewed the 3rd party Auditor engagement letter and requested approval to move forward with CliftonLarsenAllen 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 Levenson 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 Levenson 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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