



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

June 20, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. (in person)

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bud Mehan, Maria Cruz Avalos, Pete Chodzko, Rafael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Jacque Nevels, Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe and Viridiana Word

EXCUSED:

Michelle Evans, Mica Pollock, Michael Rodrigues, 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 6:05 pm (Board Chair Steppe)

- a. Conference GPA Negotiating Team (Gov. Code § 54957.6) School Designated Representatives: L. Maples, J. Levenson, A. Robinson, I. Limon, 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 6:42 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 May 16, 2023 board meeting.

Motion to approve May 16, 2023 minutes m/s/c Chodzko/Hernandez 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

4. Chairman’s Report (Board Chair Steppe)

5. Superintendent’s Report (Superintendent Riveroll)

Superintendent Riveroll reported that board members received the Director’s report in advance and highlighted these items.

a. 2023-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP):

Chief Levenson explained that this is an annual report that first gets approved by the School Site Council. SSC also asks for feedback from staff, students and parents. Once approved at the board meeting, it gets sent to the State.

Motion to approve 2023-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) m/s/c Mehan/Hurlbert 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

b. Local Indicators:

Chief Levenson explained that at the same board meeting where the LCAP is approved, LEA’s must also approve their Local Indicators. The Local Indicators evaluate GPA’s status on the state’s priorities where data is not collected at the state level.

Motion to approve the Local Indicators m/s/c Mehan/Nevels 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

c. 2023-2024 Calendar:

Chief Levenson explained that this document is our academic calendar for next school year. Maintains the same number of school days. This goes to SDUSD after it’s been board approved.

Motion to approve 2023-2024 Calendar m/s/c Chodzko/Nevels 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

d. 2023-2024 Instructional Minutes:

Chief Levenson explained that similar to calendar, we also have to send SDUSD our instructional minutes for middle school and high school. This looks at our school days, how many early dismissal days, full day, etc. We have an excess of minutes and meet the requirements.

Motion to approve 2023-2024 Instructional Minutes m/s/c Hurlbert/Lobbins 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: 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 April financials, which have been provided in advance to board members.

Motion for acceptance of April's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Chodzko/Nevels 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

b. 2023-2024 EPA Spending Plan:

Mr. Tamayo explained the Education Protection Account (EPA) spending plan was developed in 2013-2014 when the Local Control formula was created. They made this plan to guarantee a portion of LCFF funds would go towards classrooms/non-administrative costs. We do this every year and we have to vote on. Dr. Mehan shared appreciation for Larry Tamayo and his exceptional work in keeping GPA in strong financial standing.

Motion for approval of the 2023-2024 EPA Spending Plan as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Chodzko/Hernandez 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None

opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

c. 2023-24 Budget:

Board Member Chodzko introduced Larry Tamayo to present the 23-24 budget. The budget shortfall has risen to \$31.5 billion. There has been an 8.22% increase to COLA. Arts, Music, and instructional Materials Discretionary Block Grant Reduction increased to 50%. PERS increasing from 25.37% to 26.68% and is projected to reach 30% by 27-28 school year. In 24-25 there can be a decline in revenues by the state so that can mean a decline in revenue for the school. One time funds won't be available in the future. We'll have to live within the means of COLA. We are approaching a Fiscal cliff, caused by years of the state giving ADA relief, COVID funds, and all that goes away. Expenses are rising. Lots of schools are facing that. A matter of modifying and changing as we go on. The funding for our school requires fundraising efforts by all, especially the finance committee and philanthropy. We need to promote our school and continue to navigate the fiscal cliff. We've always had to fundraise more to provide more for our students.

Motion for approval of the 2023-2024 Budget as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Word 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

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

We have received 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/Nevels 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm

Due to COVID-19, Gompers Preparatory Academy campus may implement intermittent and long-term campus closures to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and families.

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