



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 16, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Chodzko, Rafael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock, Vincent Riveroll, Michael Rodrigues and Cecil H. Steppe

EXCUSED:

Maria Cruz Avalos, Michelle Evans and Anne Spitzberg

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

AGENDA REVIEW (Board Chair Steppe):

Board members reviewed the agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS - 20 MINUTE TOTAL LIMIT ON PUBLIC COMMENT (Board Chair Steppe):

1. **Review of the Minutes:** Board members reviewed the minutes from the January 19, 2021 board meeting.

Motion to approve January 19, 2021 minutes m/s/c Hurlbert/Mehan 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

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

No report given

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

Director Riveroll submitted the Director's Report to the board for review prior to the meeting. Director acknowledged the excellent work of GPA's Custodial Crew in preparing the campus for phased reopening in the coming months. He also mentioned that a 10th grade GPA student received a full scholarship to the premier

Deerfield Boarding School in Massachusetts. Thirty-three seniors from the Class of 2021 have been accepted to 4-year universities so far. AD Hurlbert spoke about GPA's health and safety protocols and supplies to prepare for reopening. Director Riveroll and AD Chodzko described GPA's first phase of gradual reopening, "Recess at GPA."

a. Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) Policy:

Ms. Parsons presented the Education for Homeless Children and Youths updated Policy for approval.

Motion to approve Education for Homeless Children and Youths Policy m/s/c Mehan/Nevels 10 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

b. Parental Involvement Policy:

Ms. Parsons presented the updated Parental Involvement Policy for approval. Due to COVID public health restrictions, Coffee with Director parent meetings have been held virtually this school year and parent attendance has been higher than ever. Additionally, parents have been utilizing Virtual Office Hours to stay connected to GPA and get their questions answered throughout the school year.

Motion to approve Parental Involvement Policy m/s/c Chodzko/Hernandez 10 In favor - 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

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

AD Chodzko spoke about 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, recommended by the Finance Committee for acceptance. He also spoke about the In-Person Instruction Grant and the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant.

Motion for acceptance of January's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Nevels 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

b. Second Interim Report 2020-2021:

AD Chodzko presented the Second Interim Report required by San Diego Unified School District from charter schools, recommended by the Finance Committee for approval.

Motion for approval of the Second Interim Report 2020-2021 as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hernandez 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

c. Form 990 - Federal & State Tax Returns:

Mr. Tamayo presented the Form 990 Federal & State Tax Returns, recommended by the Finance Committee for approval.

Motion for approval of Form 990 Federal & State Tax Returns as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hurlbert 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

d. Independent Auditor Selection Certification:

Ms. Parsons presented the Independent Auditor Selection Certification that was approved by the GPA Board below in item E.

e. 2020-2021 Engagement Letter for Audit and Tax Services:

Ms. Parsons presented the 2020-2021 Engagement Letter for Audit and Tax Services from CliftonLarsonAllen, recommended by the Finance Committee for approval.

Motion for approval of 2020-2021 Engagement Letter for Audit and Tax Services from CliftonLarsonAllen as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Nevels 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

f. GPA Marquee:

AD Chodzko presented the importance of having a new GPA Marquee in order to communicate well with our GPA community, recommended by the Finance Committee for approval.

Motion for approval of a new GPA Marquee as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Pollock 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

g. PowerSchool Renewal:

Mr. Chodzko presented the PowerSchool Renewal, recommended by the Finance Committee for approval.

Motion for approval of PowerSchool Renewal as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Lobbins 10 In favor - 0 Abstention - None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; Steppe: aye

5. Public Comment on Non Agenda Items

AD Levenson and AD Robinson read the public comments from the following people during the meeting:

- a. "Parents that demand the SDEA Teachers' Union attacks to stop"
- b. Norma Arguelles
- c. "Mother of GPA students"
- d. "A concerned father"
- e. "Parents who demand transparency and democracy"
- f. Yessenia Perez
- g. "Proud GPA parent"
- h. Princess Ramirez
- i. Dr. Kristie Chiscano
- j. Shelly Buono
- k. James Harding
- l. Katie Engstrom
- m. Trisha Harding
- n. Vallery Campos
- o. Puneet Gill
- p. Mary Davis
- q. Taneisha Sett
- r. Viridiana Word

- s. Jessica Chapman
- t. “San Diego Educational Justice Warriors (comment for Closed Session)”

6. Closed Session (Board Chair Steppe)

- a. Conference GPA Negotiating Team (Gov. Code & 54957.6) School Designated
Representatives: J. Parsons, J. Levenson, A. Robinson I. Limon, L. Maples, C.
Cooley, S. Suarez Employee Organization: SDEA/CTA/NEA
- b. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code & 54956.9 (d)(1)
San Diego Education Association, LA-CE-6531 & LA-DP-441

No actions to report from Closed Session

7. Return to Open Session (Board Chair Steppe):

No actionable items to report.

8. Adjournment of Regular Meeting (Board Chair Steppe):

*Motion for adjournment of Regular Meeting m/s/c Chodzko/Evans 10 In favor – 0
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Hernandez: aye; Hurlbert: aye;
Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Nevels: aye; Pollock: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye;
Steppe: aye*

Meeting was adjourned 7:25 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>