



**GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

March 19, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Maria Cruz Avalos, Michelle Evans, Rafael Hernandez, Myeisha Lobbins, Bud Mehan (arrived late), Mica Pollock (left early), Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe and Viridiana Word

**EXCUSED:**

Pete Chodzko, Jeremy Hurlbert, Jacque Nevels, Michael Rodrigues, and Anne Spitzberg

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chair Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:37 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. Review of the Minutes: (Board Chair Steppe)**

Board members reviewed the minutes from the January 16, 2024 board meeting.

*Motion to approve January 16, 2024 minutes m/s/c Word/Hernandez 6 In favor – 2 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: abstain, Evans: yes; Hernandez: yes; Lobbins: abstain; Mica Pollock: yes; Riveroll: yes; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes.*

**2. Superintendent's Report (Superintendent Riveroll/GPA Leadership)**

Superintendent Riveroll reported that board members received the Director's report in advance. He then introduced Chief Leverson to speak on the items below. He also spoke about the Teacher PD presentations happening on Monday afternoons where faculty present "Ed Talks" to help improve everyone's teaching practices.

Superintendent Riveroll also recognized Ms. Jane Kinyua for her work with our homeless (McKinney-Vento) students.

a. 2023-2024 Comprehensive School Safety Plan Update

Chief Levenson explained the new additions to this year's school safety plan. New requirements that have recently come out are now part of this plan and have been approved by the SSC.

*Motion to approve the 2023-2024 Comprehensive School Safety Plan Update m/s/c Evans/Word 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Evans: aye; Hernandez: yes; Lobbins: yes; Pollock: yes; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes and Word: yes.*

b. 2024-2025 Comprehensive School Safety Plan:

Chief Levenson explained that this plan is for the 2024-2025 school year and GPA is working in advance to be compliant.

*Motion to approve the 2024-25 Comprehensive School Safety Plan m/s/c Evans/Word 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Evans: yes; Hernandez: yes; Lobbins: yes; Pollock: yes; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes.*

c. Reclassification Criteria:

Chief Levenson explained the reclassification criteria and process for our English learners. GPA will add an additional assessment (DORA) to allow students to meet the achievement criteria as part of this process.

*Motion to approve Reclassification Criteria m/s/c Pollock/Hernandez 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Evans: yes; Hernandez: yes; Lobbins: yes; Pollock: yes; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes.*

d. Form J13A:

Chief Levenson explained Form J13A is a request to receive attendance for the day when GPA had an emergency closure due to the January 23, 2024 flooding.

*Motion to approve Form J13A m/s/c Hurlbert/Evans 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Evans: yes; Hernandez: yes; Lobbins: yes; Pollock: yes; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes.*

e. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2024-2025:

Chief Levenson explained the process and that this is an annual form to request emergency permits or limited assignment credentials for educators for next school year.

*Motion to approve Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators 2024-2025 m/s/c Evans/Lobbins 8 In favor – 1 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Evans: yes; Hernandez: yes; Lobbins: yes; Mehan: abstain; Pollock: yes; Riveroll: yes; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes.*

### 3. **Finance Committee Report (Board Member Word/Consultant L. Tamayo)**

Ms. Word 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, which have been provided in advance to board members. He also gave a State update for the budget for 2024-2025.

*Motion for acceptance of January's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Evans: yes; Hernandez: yes; Lobbins: yes; Mehan: yes; Riveroll: yes; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes.*

#### b. Second Interim Report:

Ms. Word introduced Mr. Tamayo to explain the report which is submitted to the district and shows GPA's financial status and assets.

*Motion for approval of the Second Interim Report as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hernandez 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Evans: yes; Hernandez: yes; Lobbins: yes; Mehan: yes; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: approve; and Word: yes.*

#### c. Independent Auditor Selection Certification/Engagement Letter:

Ms. Word introduced Chief Levenson to explain that Clifton Larson Allen will be our auditor for this next school year.

*Motion for approval of the Independent Auditor Selection Certification/Engagement Letter as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mehan 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes;*

*Evans: yes; Hernandez: yes; Lobbins: yes; Mehan: yes; Riverroll: yes; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes.*

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

No public comments were received.

**5. Closed Session (Board Chair Steppe)**

**Excused from Closed Session (Evans, Riverroll and Word)**

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to 54956.9(b): (1 matter)

**Returned to Open Session at 7:19 pm (Board Chair Steppe)**

There were no reportable items from closed session.

**6. 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 Mehan/ 8 In favor – 0  
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: yes; Evans: yes; Hernandez: aye;  
Lobbins: yes; Mehan: aye; Riverroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: abstain.*

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm**

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