



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

September 17, 2024 - 5:30 pm

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Chodzko, Michelle Evans, Jeremy Hurlbert, Myeisha Lobbins, Edith Mendoza, Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe and Viridiana Word

EXCUSED:

Maria Cruz Avalos, Rafael Hernandez, Bud Mehan, Mica Pollock, Jacque Nevels, Michael Rodrigues, and Anne Spitzberg

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Steppe called the meeting to order at 5:39 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 June 18, 2024 board meeting.

*Motion to approve June 18, 2024 minutes m/s/c Hurlbert/Word 7 In favor – 1
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: abstain; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye;;
Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.*

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

Superintendent Riveroll introduced Chief Levenson to speak about the next items. The Director's Report is sent in advance to board members.

a. 2024-2025 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update:

Chief Levenson explained that although the 2024 LCAP was approved in June, we

made updates to the location of certain target group information and included completed Data Tables.

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) m/s/c Chodzko/Evans 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye

b. Suspension/Expulsion Policy:

Chief Levenson explained that in collaboration with our legal team, GPA updated our policy to sync with our Charter and all current legislation.

Motion to approve the Suspension/Expulsion Policy m/s/c Word/Chodzko 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: aye

c. Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Update:

Chief Levenson explained that our code needed to be updated to reflect changes to the Form 700 submission at the county. Moving forward, all Form 700's will be submitted electronically.

Motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Code Biennial Update m/s/c Evans/Lobbins 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye, Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: aye; and Word: aye.

d. Public Hearing and Adoption of Independent Study Board Policy:

There were no comments for Public Hearing. Chief Levenson explained the updates are done in collaboration with our legal team. There are new regulations that must be met. Dr. Steppe asked for the community to have access to the policy. Chief Levenson explained that it will be on our website for community access and they can also get a copy in the office.

Motion to approve the the Independent Study Board Policy m/s/c Chodzko/Word 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: aye

e. Title IX Policy:

Chief Levenson explained there were updates as of August 1st. New language was added to our Website, Employee Handbook as well as our Student Handbook. Additionally, GPA's Title IX team has attended the updated and training and all staff have received updated Title IX training.

Motion to approve the Title IX Policy m/s/c Hurlbert/Evans 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: yes; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: yes; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes

f. EL Master Plan:

Chief Levenson explained the function of our EL Master Plan. The EL team and our DLAC/ELAC Committee met on Sept. 10th to review and approve the plan.

Motion to approve the EL Master Plan m/s/c Word/Lobbins 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: yes; Evans: yes; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: yes; Riveroll: aye; 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 June financials, which have been provided in advance to board members. He then answered questions from board members.

Motion for acceptance of June's monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Chodzko 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: yes; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes

b. 2023-24 Unaudited Actuals:

Ms. Word introduced Mr. Tamayo who explained the unaudited actuals. San Diego Unified School District uses this to determine solvency for schools.

Motion for approval of the 2023-24 Unaudited Actuals as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Word/Hurlbert 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: yes; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: aye

c. Fiscal Control Policy:

Ms. Word introduced Mr. Tamayo who explained these are the policies and procedures for GPA and changes have been made to the policy to align with directives from SDUSD.

Motion for approval of the Fiscal Control Policy as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Word/Lobbins 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: aye; Evans: aye; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: aye

d. Leadership Salary Table:

Ms. Word invited Director to speak on this item. This salary table has gone through approval with the Finance Committee. This is needed for STRS/PERS purposes.

Motion to approve the Leadership Salary Table as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 8 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: yes; Evans: yes; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes

e. Extra Comments from Questions:

Director added to the minutes how impressed he is with the teaching, professional development, and alignment with all teachers in all classes in all grade levels in the first 6 weeks. GPA hired 23 new teachers this year. Veteran teachers are modeling lifelong learning. Students are engaged, focused and learning...some might call it “20 Years of Wonder.” Chief Levenson spoke about the “7 Alignment Essentials” that Superintendent Riveroll wrote over the summer. This alignment tool has been our focus of Professional Development and is being used by our teachers and students to enhance learning.

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

No public comments were received.

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 Chodzko/Evans 8 In favor – 0
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Chodzko: yes; Evans: yes; Hurlbert: aye; Lobbins:
aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Steppe: yes; and Word: yes*

Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm

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