



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 18, 2025 - 5:30 pm

Board Vice Chair Bud Mehan Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Michelle Evans, Pete Chodzko, Myeisha Lobbins, Edith Mendoza, Bud Mehan, Vincent Riveroll, Michael Rodrigues, Viridiana Word and Maria Cruz Avalos (arrived late).

EXCUSED:

Rafael Hernandez, Jeremy Hurlbert, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock, Anne Spitzberg, and Cecil H. Steppe

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Vice Chair Mehan called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and the roll was called.

AGENDA REVIEW (Board Vice Chair Mehan):

Board members reviewed the agenda items and agreed to discuss the finance portion of the meeting before the Superintendent's Report.

ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS (Board Vice Chair Mehan):

1. Review of the Minutes: (Board Vice Chair Mehan)

- 1a. Board members reviewed the minutes from the January 21, 2025 board meeting. There were no changes needed.

*Motion to approve January 21, 2025 minutes m/s/c Lobbins/Evans 8 In favor
– 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye;
Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: 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.

2a. Comprehensive School Safety Plan:

Chief Levenson explained the Comprehensive 2025-26 School Safety Plan. Annually the board must review and adopt the CSSP. SSC reviewed the CSSP at their January 13, 2025 and March 10, 2025 SSC meetings and approved them to go to the board.

Motion to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan Policy m/s/c Word/Evans 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

2b. Title IX Policy:

Chief Levenson explained this policy was just updated and approved in September of this year, but in January the US Department of Education determined that it will now be enforcing the 2020 Title IX regulations. This policy follows the 2020 Title IX regulations.

Motion to approve the Title IX Policy m/s/c Chodzko/Word 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

2c. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Teachers (DON)

Chief Levenson explained the Declaration of Need process. Our current DON expires in June, 2025 and this DON will begin on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Motion to approve the Declaration of Need m/s/c Evans/Chodzko 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

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 in their monthly meetings.

3a. Monthly Financials:

Mr. Tamayo presented the January financials, which have been provided in advance to board members. He then answered questions from board members.

Motion for acceptance of January monthly financials as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

3b. Second Interim Report:

Mr. Tamayo presented the Second Interim Report, which has been provided in advance to board members. He then answered questions from board members.

Motion for acceptance of the Second Interim Report as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Lobbins 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

3c. Independent Auditor Selection Certification:

Mr. Tamayo presented the Independent Auditor Selection Certification, which has been provided in advance to board members. The approved auditor of the State will be CliftonLarsonAllen. He then answered questions from board members.

Motion for acceptance of the Independent Auditor Selection Certification as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Lobbins 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

3d. GPA 24-25 Recurring Expenses:

Mr. Tamayo presented the Recurring Expenses, which have been provided in advance to board members. With approval, this will allow Kaiser, Blue Shield and STRS recurring expenses to be paid without the need for a second signature to expedite the process. He then answered questions from board members.

Motion for acceptance of GPA 24-25 Recurring Expenses as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

3e. Fiscal Control Policy Update:

Mr. Tamayo presented the updates to the Fiscal Control Policy, which has been provided in advance to board members. The proposed update increases the boards need to review and approve all contracts, purchases and non-budgeted expenditures above \$80,000 to the policy. He then answered questions from board members. Superintendent shared that he is comfortable with the increase but still

would want the policy to reflect the need for a second signature on all checks over \$60,000.

Motion for acceptance of Fiscal Control Policy Update as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Evans 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye

3f. Ratify purchase of school vehicle for student transport (2024 Lincoln Aviator):

Ms. Word presented the ratification purchase of a school vehicle for student transport which had been discussed by the finance committee in December.

Motion for acceptance to Ratify purchase of school vehicle for student transport (2024 Lincoln Aviator) as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Lobbins 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

4. Public Comment on Non Agenda Items (Board Vice Chair Mehan)

No public comments were received.

5. Adjournment of Regular Meeting (Board Vice Chair Mehan):

Dr. Mehan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion for adjournment of regular meeting m/s/c Chodzko/Evans 9 In favor – 0 Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos: aye; Evans: aye; Chodzko: aye; Lobbins: aye; Mehan: aye; Mendoza: aye; Riveroll: aye; Rodrigues: aye; and Word: aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm

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