



GPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

June 17, 2025 - 10:00am

Dr. Cecil H. Steppe Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maria Cruz Avalos, Michelle Evans, Raphael Hernandez, Edith Mendoza, Jenny Parsons, Vincent Riveroll, Cecil H. Steppe, and Viridiana Word.

EXCUSED:

Pete Chodzko, Jeremy Hurlbert, Bud Mehan, Jacque Nevels, Mica Pollock, Michael Rodrigues.

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Chair Steppe called the meeting to order at 10:03a.m. and the roll was called.

AGENDA REVIEW:

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 :

1. Review of the Minutes:

- 1a. Board members reviewed the minutes from the May 20, 2025 board meeting.
There were no changes needed.

*Motion to approve May 20, 2025 minutes m/s/c Word/Mendoza -7 In favor – 1
Abstention – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye;
Mendoza: aye; Parsons: Abstain; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: 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. 2025-26 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and 2024-25 Annual Update:

Chief Levenson explained the 25-26 LCAP and annual update components that have been approved and recommended by SSC and DLAC. The current plan follows the same 4 goals that were initiated in the 24-25 LCAP and GPA overwhelmingly met the metrics set out in last years plan.

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan and 2024-25 Annual Update m/s/c Evans/Word 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

2b. 2024-2025 Local Indicators:

Chief Levenson explained Local Indicators which are self-reflection tool used by districts in CA to assess progress on state priorities not measured by statewide assessments, such as parent engagement, school climate, and implementation of academic standards. These indicators must be reported annually through the California School Dashboard to promote transparency and continuous improvement.

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Local Indicators m/s/c Word/Parsons 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

2c. 2025-2026 Instructional Minutes:

Chief Levenson explained there was an update to the instructional minutes that were approved at the May Board meeting due to the addition of early dismissal days on state testing days in April of 2026. GPA still exceeds the state requirement of instructional minutes.

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Instructional Minutes m/s/c Parsons/Word/Riveroll 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

2d. 2025-2026 Comprehensive School Safety Plan:

Chief Levenson explained the new requirement for the 25-26 school year of the Instructional Continuity Plan to the CSSP. This portion of the plan focuses on the schools plans if the school were closed for in person instruction.

Motion to approve the 2025-2026 Comprehensive School Safety Plan m/s/c Word/Parsons/Hernandez 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call:

Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

2e. Ethnic Studies Requirement:

Chief Levenson explained the 25-26 Ethnic Studies graduation requirement in CA schools. GPA students will fulfill the requirement through our Social Justice and US History courses which have been modified to incorporate ethnic studies content, values, and principles in their courses.

Motion to approve the Ethnic Studies Requirement m/s/c Word/Parsons 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

3. Finance Committee Report (Finance Chair Word/Consultant L. Tamayo)

Finance Chair 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. 2025-26 Draft Budget:

Mr. Tamayo presented the 2025-26 draft budget including the assumptions. The school has ample reserves to cover the overage. In addition the school is expecting some one time funds based on the Governors budget, as well as applied for the ERC which will have a positive impact on the budget. Board members Parsons and Hernandez commended Superintendent Riveroll and Mr. Tamayo for their excellent work over the last 20 years, keeping GPA in strong financial standing to weather time like these.. The Finance committee recommended board approval.

Motion for approval of 2025-26 budget as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Parsons/Hernandez 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

3b. 2025-26 EPA Spending Plan:

Mr. Tamayo presented the 2025-26 EPA Spending Plan. This annual plan represents GPA's plan for spending LCFF funds for non-administrative costs. GPA will use the funds for a portion of teacher salaries.

Motion for approval of 2025-26 EPA Spending Plan as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Parsons 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None

opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

3c. 2025-26 Spring ConApp:

Mr. Tamayo presented 2025-26 Spring ConApp which is an annual application GPA completes to apply for the following Federal Funds for Title I, II, III and IV. It represents approximately 500K in funds for the school. The application states how GPA will meet the requirements for the funds.

Motion for approval of the 2025-26 Spring ConApp as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Parsons 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

3d. Prop 28 Annual Report:

Mr. Tamayo presented the Prop 28 Annual Report which shows how the Prop 28 funds are spent. This year GPA spent the funds on portions of VAPA teacher salaries.

Motion for approval of the Prop 28 Annual Report as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hernandez 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

3e. Flooring:

Board member Word presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee for replacement of the wood flooring in the Dance Studio and Event Center that was damaged in the January 2024 flood. The total cost of the project was quoted as \$362,000. The SDUSD insurance claim will cover \$322,441.91 and GPA will need cover the remaining cost not to exceed 40K.

Motion for approval of the Flooring as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Hernandez 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

3f. Salary Table Recommendation:

Board member Word presented a recommendation from the Finance Committee for the adjustment of classified salary tables to meet the salary requirements for exempt employees.

Motion for approval of the Salary Table Adjustments as recommended by the Finance Committee m/s/c Finance Committee/Mendoza 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

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

No public comments were received.

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

Superintendent Riveroll shared gratitude for the Board for serving another year. Board member Hernandez commended Superintendent and GPA for the 4-year college acceptance data from 2012-2025 and the great work that is being done at GPA.

Motion for adjournment of regular meeting m/s/c Evans/Word/Riveroll/Hernandez/Steppe 8 In favor - No Abstentions – None opposed Roll Call: Avalos, aye, Evans: aye; Hernandez: aye; Mendoza: aye; Parsons: aye; Riveroll: aye; Word: aye; and Steppe: aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50am

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