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## Minutes (Long)

**Wednesday, January 06, 2010**

**5:00 PM**

**Board Room, Paul Robeson Building, 1025 2nd Avenue, Oakland, CA  
94606-2212**

## Intergovernmental Relations Committee

*Jody London, Chairperson  
Noel Gallo, Member  
Jumoke Hodge, Member*

## A. Call to Order

*Chairperson Jody London called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.*

## B. Roll Call

**Roll Call:** Present: Jumoke Hodge and Jody London  
Absent: Noel Gallo

## C. Modification(s) To Agenda

*None.*

## D. Adoption of Committee Minutes



### [09-3503](#) Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting - December 9, 2009

Approval by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of Its Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2009.

**Attachments:** [09-3503 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting - December 9, 2009](#)

**A motion was made by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, seconded by Jody London, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Adv Aye: 0  
Adv Nay: 0  
Adv Abstain: 0  
Aye: 2 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge and Jody London  
Nay: 0  
Recused: 0  
Absent: 1 - Noel Gallo  
Preferential Aye: 0  
Preferential Abstention: 0  
Preferential Nay: 0

## E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

*None.*

## F. Unfinished Business

**09-2602****City - District Education Partnership Issues**

Update on Board of Education suggested topic(s) for future meeting of the City - District Education Partnership Committee.

**Attachments:** [09-2602 - Draft Letter - City Council Members, Education Partnership Committee.pdf](#)

*Chairperson London said a letter was sent to City Council Members in November suggesting some priorities for the Education Partnership. She said we have not yet heard back from our colleagues from the City. She said it was her understanding they would have a discussion about issues they would like to see the Partnership focus on at the Life Enrichment Committee.*

*Laura Moran, Chief Services Officer, gave a staff update. Ms. Moran said on Monday she and Dr. Smith were invited and attended a meeting with Oakland Police Chief, Anthony Batts, called by the Mayor and the Mayor's Public Safety Director. She said it was a call to action by Chief Batts to partner with different municipalities and community organizations around public safety and asking for the group's ideas on how to do that. She said part of what they will be doing is looking at how to engage with Chief Batts around some of the things we are already doing and asking the Joint Education Committee Partners if there is the need to do a joint Public Safety Plan. One of the follow up suggestions we will make to Chief Batts is that we actually do an integrated Safety Plan with OUSD/Oakland Housing Authority/Sheriff's Department and some of the key entities that were there. Ms. Moran said she shared with Chief Batts some of the District's experiences and how important it is to work on that.*

***Committee Comments***

*Director Hodge said perhaps we should re-write our letter and address it to these other stakeholders with the same intent and the same ideas. She said the public doesn't know that while we put the letter out and we began to talk to people and see people, it was met with a lot of resistance. The idea of safety being an important issue for schools and in some kind of way it was not a relevant issue to be partnering on. She said she would like for us to make some relevant statement around going around that and moving in another direction. Director Hodge said she had a conversation with Larry Reid who is on the City's Public Safety Committee and he liked the idea of it. Perhaps a letter addressed to Councilmember Larry Reid and another to Chief Batts and OHA.*

*Chairperson London said we could re-address the letter or we could take the letter and it could be attached to a letter that the Superintendent might send to these different people who were at the meeting as part of his follow-up to the meeting.*

*Ms. Moran said she likes the idea of Dr. Smith sending a follow-up letter to Chief Batts with the previous letter attached saying we would like to work at both staff to staff level and at the policy level making sure those two are connected. She said for the District with the truancy issue, working more closely with the Oakland Housing Authority and it could be a Safe Routes to Schools issue. Ms. Moran said Oakland has the BART Police, Oakland Housing Authority Police, OUSD Police, OPD Police and Alameda Sheriff Department. She said part of what Chief Batts was saying with the reduction in the staffing, he knows that he doesn't have enough staff do as much as he wants to do. Chief Batts believes he is*

*not going to be able to make the city safe just with the Oakland Police Department alone; it has to be collaboration among the different units.*

*Director Hodge said she feels like School Board Members should be at the table or designees. She said we have been kind of ignored in this process of the conversation for the six years we were under State Receivership. We were never in dialogue with the City Council. Director Hodge said she is ready to skip that if necessary if we need to show to Chief Batts there is collaboration.*

*Ms. Moran said maybe what Director London was saying there is a partnership with our group and the Public Safety Group which is another three or four City Council Members. She said maybe they could talk to Councilmember Brooks if you want to get together to talk about the PEC.*

*Director Hodge said maybe safety is where we need to be over the next three years and that is where we need to be meeting. She said otherwise she doesn't know what we are doing in the other meeting. She said she doesn't know if she will be on the Intergovernmental Relations Committee because Board Members are going to have new assignments. She said she is going to encourage that some stuff stays the same because we are building some continuity and relationships and we should not be flipping our Board Committees at this particular point.*

*Chairperson London said she thinks Director Hodge's idea is a good one and she wants to make sure that we follow up on her idea. She said President Yee could forward the letter to Councilmember Reid.*

*Secretary Rakestraw said the letter states the Board's position and they had to be careful about how they approach changes.*

*Chairperson London said we will bring this up again next month assuming we are still on this committee and she said we have no reason to believe we won't be.*

#### **Discussed**



#### **09-2834**

#### **Community Engagement Process**

Presentation from Superintendent of Schools or designee of a Progress Report, discussion and possible further action and/or direction from Board, upon recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, on implementation of the Community Engagement Guidelines approved by the Board on September 23, 2009.

**Attachments:** [Community Engagement - Academic and Fiscal Solvency](#)

*Chairperson London said the Committee should be looking ahead to the spring whether we are going to have Community Engagements; what that's going to look like; and start to think about going back into the community with the decisions we are going to be making in the next few months.*

*Director Hodge said for District Three the particular Fiscal Solvency and Academic Solvency Meetings were dovetailing into Focus Schools conversations. She said Focus Schools conversations and Portfolio Management is supposed to be moving forward with*

another round of intense Engagements because there are schools that have been either recommended for another Program Improvement year; some drastic changes; one closure in District Three; and District Seven has significant school closures and shifting going on. She said she feels for those two Districts we should be piggybacking the same conversation because they are connected in a lot of ways. Director Hodge said she would like to see us highlight and publicize our Asset Management Report initial draft report in the next round of Community Engagements.

Chairperson London said we talked about the Asset Management Report last night at the Facilities Committee Meeting and we highlighted the need to publicize the plan. She said she has updated the deck that we all have been using to include the Asset Management Plan and she said she can share that. She said it was her understanding that the Superintendent will be bringing us a strategic plan for how we are going to trim back our budget and do everything we need to do; a significant piece will be the Asset Management Report.

Director Hodge asked Chairperson London if Portfolio Management had a timeline or calendar out there.

Ms. Moran said we don't have a calendar yet.

Chairperson London said we should plug into existing networks that are already there. She said we know every community in the City has a Crime Prevention Council. Ask our Community based organization to help us host. She asked Ms. Moran to convey back to the Cabinet that as the Board had their conversations around all these issues, we need to build in a discussion. Chairperson London noted that we do have the survey about the District's Budget on-line. She said it is located on the home page at <http://www.ousd.k12.ca.us/budgetfeedback>.

#### Public Speakers

Liz Vance, Urban Strategies Council, said she just received a draft agenda from Director Kakishiba's upcoming meeting and she said it would be interesting for people to look at having some potential features for the spring meetings. She said he is helping schools and delegations from schools envision what these changes might look like at their school. She said it is an interesting model that allows people to come and engage at the next level and give Board Members some important feedback.

Director Hodge wanted to know if there a report from the fall and winter Engagements.

Ms. Vance said there were individual reports from each meeting that she just completed last week. She said the reports needs to be sent for internal review. The final report will be completed after Director Kakishiba's meeting on January 30th.

#### Discussed

## G. New Business

[09-3554](#) State Legislative Update - Office of Assemblymember Sandre' R. Swanson

Presentation of California Legislative Update, Office of Assemblymember Sandre' R. Swanson.

*Katrina Frazier, Communications Assistant for Assemblymember Sandre' Swanson, gave an update on the budget and other legislative matters. Ms. Frazier said the budget is pretty grim. The Governor will not release the budget until January 8th but the Legislative Analysis Office (LAO) have some projections for the fiscal year:*

- 1. California will have a budget deficit of approximately \$21 Billion and that number may increase.*
- 2. The LAO projects further shortfalls in future budgets. In 2011/2012 the shortfall is expected to be \$22 Billion. In 2012/2013 it is expected to be \$23 Billion.*
- 3. The LAO projects the minimum Proposition 98 guarantee will decrease by \$400 Million in 2010/2011. Analysis note the funding is \$600 Million higher than the current budgeted 2009/2010 level.*
- 4. The LAO projects schools may face increased financial pressure in 2010/2011 due to the loss of federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Assemblymember Swanson does not support any further cuts to education.*
- 5. The Assembly passed legislation last night that will make California eligible for the Federal Race to the Top Grant. California is eligible to receive \$700 Million in one time federal funding. The two Bills SBX51 and SBX54 are currently double joined and both have to pass for either one to take effect. SBX51 will enable California to compete for Federal Race to the Top Grants by changing portions of the Education Code relating to curriculum standards and assessment; student, teacher and administrators evaluations in failing schools. The Bill also establishes a Science Technology, Engineering, Math and Career Technical Education Educator Credentialing Program to develop a process to authorize non-governmental organizations to offer credentialing. She said Assemblymember Swanson did not support this bill because it was doubled joined to the SBX54 which would establish an open enrollment program and a parent empowerment program; neither is required to apply for the Race to the Top Grant. The Bill excludes charter schools, community schools and juvenile court schools from this enrollment policy.*

*Chairperson London wanted to know what did this exclusion mean.*

*Ms. Frazier said it was not addressed in the Bill and Assemblymember Swanson is looking for more clarification. She said the Assemblymember feels SBX54 limits transfers to children in the state's lowest performing schools but essentially forces all districts in the state to participate in open enrollment. This Bill would also exempt charter schools from open enrollment. The Bill would allow parents and/or legal guardians at a school that is not identified as persistently low achieving but has an API Score below 800 to force the school board to implement one of these interventions: Firing the Principal or 50% of the staff; turning the school into a charter school. She said Assemblymember Swanson has issues with this Bill because 50% of the students, parents and/or legal guardians of a school will simply sign a petition making this request and the school board will be forced to implement the requested intervention. She said the Assemblymember feels this will circumvent elected School Boards and provides no language that the petition signing*

*process is open and democratic.*

*Opportunities for OUSD and Assemblymember Swanson's Office to work together:*

- 1. Assemblymember Swanson wants the District continue keeping his office apprised of what is going on. Information on how cuts will affect the District will be helpful to staff and the Assemblymember.*
- 2. Communication about proposed legislation indicating the District supports, opposes or remains neutral on a specific Bill will be helpful.*

*Assembly Bill Updates*

*None of Assemblymember Swanson's Education Bills made it to the Governor's desk.*

*AB788 - This Bill would have prevented the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or his appointed State Administrator from transferring funds from OUSD to charter schools within the District. This Bill is no longer necessary since control of the District has been returned to the School Board.*

*AB791 - This Bill would have required the Superintendent of Public Instruction to return governing control over the District's finances and pupil achievement to the School Board by January 2010. This Bill is no longer necessary because control has been returned to the School Board.*

*AB980 - This Bill would have required charter schools located within geographical boundaries of a school district that is repaying an emergency loan to the state to pay a pro-rated amount of the district's annual payment. This Bill failed passage in the Senate Education Committee. The Bill may be re-introduced in 2011.*

*AB1977 - This Bill would have given school districts under state receivership a window of time to address audit findings and fix problems before penalties were assessed. This Bill was held up in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.*

*Committee Discussion*

*Chairperson London said when there are Bills the Assemblymember would like input from Board Members to let them know early because they have a legislative process they have to go through before getting an official School Board position.*

*Director Hodge wanted to know if AB1977 will be re-introduced.*

*Ms. Frazier said most of the time when Bills are held up in Committee they are re-introduced. She said they don't have a status on this Bill yet.*

**Discussed**



**09-3555**

## **Federal, State and Other Funding Opportunities**

Discussion and/or status report on Federal, State and Other Funding Opportunities, possible collaboratives with other entities for District including but not limited to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Race to the Top and other sources.

**Attachments:** [09-3555 - Meeting Handout - January 6, 2010.pdf](#)

*Ms. Moran reported to the committee on December 19th she and Kitty Kelly Epstein, from the Mayor's Office, attended a Department of Education all day session on Race to the Top. She said all 50 states are applying for Race to the Top and there is not enough funding for all the states to receive funding. They are looking to reward states that are already proven they are willing to take innovative action around these four main strategy areas: (1) Standards and Assessments; (2) Teachers and Principals; (3) Community; (4) School Environment. Ms. Moran said we have filled out all the paper work to be one of the district's that can participate and Dr. Smith will follow-up with them as well. The hope is the State Department will pick seven to ten districts in California to possibly super fund those who are already doing some of these innovative practices. Dr. Smith did sign a letter in support of Race to the Top along with eight or nine superintendents to go forward. Ms. Moran also reported we are working on getting funding for gang intervention at Fremont High School and Castlemont Community of Small Schools.*

*Chairperson London said she has had conversations with Congresswoman Barbara Lee's office about Appropriations Funds and said she was wondering if the time to apply is the January/February time frame.*

*Ms. Moran said she had one meeting about the Appropriations and we are working on Restorative Justice with Councilmember Nancy Nadel. She said we are talking with them about the safety issue and they are working with Congresswoman Barbara Lee's Office.*

*Margaretta Lin, from the Mayor's Office, said they are pleased with the opportunities the Stimulus Grants have offered the City in terms of the collaboration with the School District, the Oakland Housing Authority, PG & E and a number of other public agencies. She said the Mayor's charge to them when the Recovery Act passed was to use this as an opportunity to solve community problems and connect the dots between all the grant opportunities. Ms. Lin distributed to Committee Members a diagram showing the focused approach on connecting our Green Job Training Program as well as expanding those training programs with energy retrofit opportunities. So far the City has received over \$65 Million with over half of that coming from competitive grant opportunities. These grants are in five areas: (1) Economic Development; (2) Energy Work; (2) Human Services; (4) Job Training and Public Works; and (5) Public Safety. The City just received a \$5.7 Million Early Head Grant. She said they have looked at all the energy grants and have been creative by taking the Community Development Block Grant and creating the Weatherization and Energy Retrofit Loan Fund for low to moderate income residents. The Housing Authority is receiving retrofit dollars, PG & E and the Port of Oakland are making sure there is alignment between those new projects and job opportunities with the differing Green Jobs Training program.*

*Director Hodge said she sees OUSD listed on the diagram with Municipal, School District & Housing Authority Building Energy Retrofits and asked for clarification on how it impacts the District. She said the \$65 Million did not touch the District or the students; just their parents.*

*Ms. Lin said there have been two major areas of collaboration with the District and both are pending grants. The Broadband Grant is designed to utilize school districts centers, parks and recreation centers, libraries, community and faith based centers as access points*



*to go deeper around education and outreach. The other grant we submitted in December was the Competitive Energy Efficiency and Conversation Block Grant. The primary focus of the grant application the City submitted is to provide monies for energy retrofit of school district buildings. That would build upon the new school district program on solar installation. The request is \$5.7 Million with the majority going to the school district. The third piece is to provide funds for energy retrofits for affordable housing projects operated by non-profits.*

*Chairperson London said her understanding was one of the ideas of the grant we would be installing in the schools much of the same technology that we would want people to put into their residential and small commercial buildings.*

*Ms. Lin responded to Director Hodge's previous statement. She said they are working on having a partnership with the high schools so there is a pipeline outreach for them into the job training programs. She said they also want to work more closely with the Local Hire Policies and enhancing the Policy.*

*New Opportunities for Partnership*

*The House recently passed a Bill for Recovery Act II and she said there was funding for school district's facilities. She said her understanding the Bill was going to the Senate in January.*

*Director Hodge said she wanted to know how intent are we to making sure the grant applications are in some way dovetailed to one another or different.*

*Ms. Lin they have had a number of meetings with HUD regarding Promise and Choice Neighborhoods. She said the Mayor expressed to HUD officials that he thought Oakland was ready to go on more than one Neighborhood and to enable communities to select more than one than Neighborhood for funding. No final decision had been made.*

*Chairperson London said when we are further along with our strategic planning process it will be useful to talk with her about the Asses Management Plan we are developing.*

**Discussed**

## **H. Public Comments on All Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Committee**

*There were no public speaker cards submitted.*

## **I. Introduction of New Legislative Matter**

*None.*

## **J. Adjournment**

*Chairperson London adjourned the meeting at 6:16 P.M.*

Prepared By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_