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## Minutes (Long)

**Wednesday, September 02, 2009**

**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 5:03 P.M.*

## B. Roll Call

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

## C. Modification(s) To Agenda

*None.*

## D. Adoption of Committee Minutes

*None.*



### [09-2344](#) Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - June 3, 2009

Approval by Intergovernmental Relations Committee of its Minutes of June 3, 2009.

**Attachments:** [Document\(s\)](#)

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

**Votes:** Adv Aye: 0  
Adv Nay: 0  
Adv Abstain: 0  
Aye: 3 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo and Jody London  
Nay: 0  
Recused: 0  
Preferential Aye: 0  
Preferential Abstention: 0  
Preferential Nay: 0

## E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

*None.*

## F. Unfinished Business

[09-2590](#)

## State Legislative Update - Scott Lucas - Office of Assemblymember Sandre' R. Swanson

Presentation of California Legislative Update by Scott Lucas, Field Representative, Office of Assemblymember Sandre' R. Swanson.

**Attachments:** [09-2590 - State Legislative Update - Scott Lucas - Office of Assemblymember Sandre' R. Swanson.ppt](#)

*Scott Lucas from Assemblyman Sandre' Swanson's Office gave a legislative staff report. Mr. Lucas report was a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the budget that was adopted in July and an update on the Governor's Race to the Top proposal.*

### *The State Budget*

- I. May Revised Budget adopted in July. Due to revenue decline and the results of the special election there was a significant shortfall again requiring cuts in spending.*
  - a. Reduced the categorical programs by \$1.6 Billion from the February budget agreement.*
  - b. Reduced the 2009-2010 revenue limit payments by \$4 Billion.*
  - c. Deferred \$1.7 Billion of school district revenue limits from the 2009-2010 year budget to the 2010-2011 year budget.*
  - d. The Quality Education Investment Act towards the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee \$402 Million*

### *The Cuts to Education*

*The Legislature and the Governor approved the "May Revise" of the State Budget at the end of July.*

*Facing a significant shortfall between revenues and expenditures, the revision drastically cut spending.*

- Reduced 2008-2009 funding for categorical programs by \$1.6 Billion from the February budget agreement.*
- Reduced 2009-2010 revenue limit payments by \$4.0 Billion compared to the 2009-2010 Budget enacted in February and adjusts the revenue limit deficit factor to 18.4 % for school districts and 18.6 % for county offices of education.*
- Deferred \$1.7 Billion of school districts' revenue limit payments from 2009-2010 to 2010-2011.*
- Counted \$402 Million in 2009-2010 funding for the Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) toward the Proposition 98 minimum funding guarantee. The budget agreement extends the QEIA Program by one year, to 2014-2015.*

### *Budget Update*

- Provided \$496 Million in 2009-2010 Proposition 98 funding for home-to-school transportation - a reduction of approximately 20 % from the \$618.7 Million provided for the program in 2008-2009.*
- Reduced 2009-10 funding by \$80 Million for Basic Aid school districts' categorical programs.*
- Allowed school districts to reduce the school year by up to five instructional days through 2012-2013.*
- Suspended the requirement that school districts purchase newly adopted instructional materials through 2012-2013.*
- Allowed school districts to sell surplus property and use the proceeds for General Fund purposes through 2011.*

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*Assemblymember Swanson voted against these provisions, but they did pass. Our office is exploring methods of stabilizing and increasing education funding. We will inform the Board as soon as a plan coalesces.*

#### *Race to the Top Proposals*

*In response to proposals by the Federal Secretary of Education, the Governor has proposed:*

- *Adopting a merit pay system designed to reward effective teachers and incentive work at low-performing campuses.*
- *Abolishing the current cap on the number of charter schools that can open every year.*
- *Forcing school districts to shut down or reconstitute the lowest-performing schools or turn them over to charter schools' independent management.*
- *Allowing students at low-performing campuses to transfer to a school of their choosing.*
- *Requiring school districts to consider student test data when evaluating teachers, something the federal government believes is prohibited under state law.*
- *If adopted, California would become eligible for \$4.35 billion in federal grants.*
- *The Legislature will meet in a Special Session to discuss these proposals.*
- *Assemblymember Swanson has a number of concerns with these proposals: Some are simply symbolic, some are poorly thought-out; but all of them are rushed.*

#### *Current Legislation*

*AB 788 - Would have prohibited the Superintendent of Public Instruction from transferring funds to charter schools in OUSD.*

*Status - Held under submission in Assembly Committee on Education. Local control obviated the need for this bill.*

*AB 791 - Would have returned full control of the District to the School Board.*

*State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell did return control at the end of June. Our bill kept up the pressure.*

*AB 980 - Would have required charter schools located within the District to pay a prorated amount of the annual payment made by the District on the State loan.*

*Status - Failed in the Senate Education Committee.*

*AB 1377 - Would have provided a 180-day window for the District to correct audit findings before assessment of financial penalties.*

*Status - Held under submission to the Assembly Appropriations committee, as part of the process in adopting the May Revision to the State Budget.*

*AB 572 (Brownley) - Charter school records disclosure. Passed the Assembly by a 51-29 vote on May 28th. Assemblymember Swanson voted for it.*

*Status - Held on the floor of the Senate. Will not become law this session.*

#### *Committee Discussion*

*Director Hodge noted in District 3 a CDC located next to a large housing development was closed in October and there are 40 kindergarten spaces available.*

*Mr. Lucas said the Bill Assemblymember Swanson is considering to encourage private school teachers to teach in public schools. He said we have not committed to the proposal, it's in the developmental stage. Private school teachers who have spent more than six years teaching in private schools can automatically qualify for a California Teaching Credential if they choose to teach in public schools. If they have taught one to five years they expedited the process of intern teaching. The way the Bill has been interpreted by the California Teaching Commission that it only applies to private schools through WASP or one of the five regional affiliates in the western states. Mr. Lucas said he was interested the Board's feedback and would be happy to provide more data. Chairperson London requested Mr. Lucas provide background information and Committee Members could review the background information and talk about it at the October meeting as unfinished business.*

*Chairperson London highlighted a written update she received from Senator Loni Hancock's Staff. Senate Bill 1 Introduced last week will eliminate any barrier to linkage of student achievement data or California Pupil Data System (an integration bill around student tracking). SB640 was signed by the Governor; the Bill improves the Regional Occupation Program legislation. SB515 would require Regional Occupational Centers, high schools, and community colleges to ensure at least 50% of the courses they offer are in career sectors where there is a high priority need. There are 42 New Green Academies established this year. Tomorrow night Senator Hancock is holding a press conference at Oakland Technical High School at 5:30 P.M.*

*From Senator Skinnners Office SB680 will be voted on soon - the District Choice Act.*

#### **Discussed**

### **09-2592 Report - Federal Stimulus Funds**

Presentation of a Report by the Superintendent of Schools or designee on the latest kind of and the estimated amounts of Federal Stimulus Funds the District is eligible to receive, the status of District applications for same, if any, and consideration of any proposals to affect same, if any.

*Laura Moran, Chief Services Officer gave the staff report. Ms. Moran reported how Oakland is using the Stimulus Money that all school districts received is posted on the District's web site. She said a lot of the budget has been loaded with a majority going to school sites saving jobs. The two goals of the Bill are to save jobs and promote innovation. Over \$5 Million has gone to schools saving teaching jobs, instructional aides jobs, and professional development. She said about \$900,000 has been loaded centrally for high priority programs around teaching and learning, safety and school climate. The District did apply for the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant with Mills College in the amount of \$2.5 Million. We requested \$1.3 Million for nutrition services allowing us to continue to purchase kitchen equipment that allows for more scratch cooking and upgrade our facilities. We received \$314,000 of the requested amount. We just signed an additional authorization for EETT (Instructional Technology) for about \$500,000. The proposal is on the way and we are waiting for the results.*

#### *Committee Discussion*

*Committee Chair London requested a list of where we were going to spend the nutrition money to upgrade kitchen equipment and what we are going to be able to do as a result of the upgrades. This information will show the loss energy savings. Committee Chair London reported that the Facilities Department has applied for two \$500,000 grants through US Environmental Protection Agency. One grant would fund a Sustainability Coordinator for the District helping with climate action planning and the other grant would make the Downtown Educational Complex Project a zero carbon project. The City of Oakland put in a proposal for Broadband technology and we were included although it is primarily for city facilities.*

#### **Discussed**

## **G. New Business**

### **09-2591 Report - Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) (Measure K) - Update**

Presentation of a Report by the Superintendent of Schools or designee on the present or prospective status of or impact on City of Oakland Measure K Funding as a result of the recent City Election regarding such and consideration of any proposals to affect same, if any.

*Laura Moran gave the staff report. Ms. Moran reported that the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) is going through a planning process in preparation for putting out the next round of Request for Proposals and they have interviewed several staff persons in the District getting their prospective and we just saw the first draft.*

*Jane Nicholson, Complementary Learning, gave additional updates on OFCY. Ms. Nicholson reported the areas of funding:*

*(1) Early Childhood Strategy - Mental Health; Developmental Consultation; Family and Child enrichment activities that would include sponsoring play groups and helping families access the resources they need for their children.*

*(2) Out of School Time Strategy (ages 6-14) - School Based After School Programming for*

elementary and middle school children; neighborhood based community programming; centers providing services for after school and summer programming for elementary and middle school children.

(3) *Wellness and Healthy Transition Strategy* - Youth leadership programs; peer health education; conflict resolution programs for the middle schools.

(4) *Older Youth* - Support services for academic and career success and planning for older youth (ages 15 and up) job shadowing; career counseling; exam preparation and/or college entrance preparation.

#### Committee Discussion

Committee Chair London requested additional information on where the funding goes currently and how this proposal is different from the current proposal.

Director Hodge said we have a lot of that information already in terms of the after school programming.

Committee Chair London requested the Committee continue this report at the October meeting under Unfinished Business.

#### Discussed



#### [09-2593](#)

#### **Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement Plan**

Presentation by Sara Nuno, OUSD Family and Community Office, on proposed 2009-2010 Board - Community Engagement Plan.

**Attachments:** [09-2593 - Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement Plan.pdf](#)  
[09-2593 - Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement Plan.pdf](#)  
[09-2593 - Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement Plan.pdf](#)  
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Laura Moran gave the staff report. Ms. Moran reported the District has a partnership with the East Bay Community Foundation, our fiscal agent for the grant.

Darien Louie, East Bay Community Foundation, reported the success in the fall was due to the Project Leadership Team formed for the project. The desired outcome of the project was to find a way to integrate the community convening process into a sustainable model with the District and to measure the impact of the parental involvement in the process. The program was redesigned to see community engagement becoming a sustainable part of the way the Board and the District works and to measure the impact of the parent participation in the project. The creation of an effective tool kit was used to plan the meeting. In the fall we conducted the first set of meetings with 27 schools (red schools and high schools) with the focus being on parent participation; for them to learn their voices will be heard; and to make an impact on the way the Board sets policy. We created new procedures for outreach planning, attendance incentives, and documentation of the parent/community input. In the spring we aligned the Board's engagement with existing governance committees of the schools. Meetings were held with SSC and ELAC Committees. The outcome was to bring some sense of importance to those groups representing the parent and community in their engagement and communication with the Board. In the spring during the time the District

was looking for a new Superintendent, and addressing budget concerns, we were able to address 16 schools.

Sarah Nuno, Family and Community Office gave additional highlights. She said the structure offers some best practices to principals on how to engage their parents and students with what's happening at the school. She said she enjoyed being able to bridge relationships between Board Members and Principals that had not already been established.

Laura Moran said we want to get started as soon as possible engaging the community to get their thoughts and feedback before we have to make some critical budget decisions in December or January.

#### Committee Discussion

President Gallo said the experience from last year was a positive one and he commended the staff that participated. President Gallo said he recommends that we randomly invite parents to participate with a purpose and an outcome. He said we should solicit bright ideas from the parents such as how they can improve the neighborhood they live in and the District as a whole. He said although the District has made academic gains, we are still behind other school districts. President Gallo wants us to encourage the parents that would not normally attend a meeting but have a lot to contribute.

Chairperson London said she thinks the suggestions from President Gallo would be interesting to do. She said we are going to be sorry if we don't do a broader community engagement around the budget priorities. She said we are going to spend a lot of time in non-agenda/public comments in Board Meetings if we don't do something that is comprehensive.

Director Hodge said she agrees with President Gallo in that we have to think about Oakland and what's best for Oakland. She said this was a conversation at the City Council and Mayoral level, not just at OUSD.

#### Discussed

### 09-2594 Report - State QEIA Funds

Presentation of a Report by the Superintendent of Schools or designee on status of District QEIA funding and the impact or potential impact of the State budget adoptions or proposals affecting funding and prospective positions District should take regarding such.

Chairperson London said she would prepare something for the Full Board to consider next week regarding QEIA Funds.

Director Hodge said the recommendation from the county is not to receive the QEIA Funds because there are some resources you would not receive if we received the QEIA Funds.

#### Discussed



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



Discussion by the Committee of issues, topics for future meeting of the City - District Education Partnership Committee.

**Attachments:** [Document\(s\)](#)  
[Joint Resolution - City - District - Promoting Collaboration Between the City and the School District Addressing Specific Youth Problems Within the City.pdf](#)

*Chairperson London said there is a Resolution regarding the District's Education Partnership with the City that will go before the Full Board and go back to the City with the issues we want to address in this Committee.*

#### *Committee Discussion*

*Director Hodge said her experience of the Intergovernmental /City Council School Board Meetings is that she does not know the purpose of the Committee. She said she does not see the committee being efficient, effective or very relevant. Director Hodge said she would like to do something different in the realm of building relationships and rapport with City Council. She recommends we do some rapport and relationship building within that group. She said as a new person on the Board she did not feel valued at the meetings. We need to be connected with other people in city who have power and authority in a respectful and meaningful way. She said we all need the opportunity to bring forward our wisdom and bring forward our sense of cooperation to do something different.*

*President Gallo said that Committee has been around a long time and it depends on the participation from both sides. He said the City/District Committee it is not action orientated. President Gallo said the City and the District alternate on setting the Agenda for each meeting.*

*Director Hodge said she does not understand the purpose of the City/District Committee and said Laura Moran and Superintendent Smith need to be part of the conversation. Director Hodge said she would do a Round Table conversation asking the questions:*

- 1. What brought you here?*
- 2. What do you care about?*
- 3. Why do we want to do this work together?*

*President Gallo said his goal for the City/District Committee would be have a joint effort between the City and the District coming up with an idea for the City to match.*

*Laura Moran said there two ways in which we should be influencing how the City is funding things we care about, OFCY and Measure "Y". Another way to partner is to get in-kind resources from departments such as Polices Services, Parks & Recreation, and other groups. We need a partnership between the City and the schools. We don't have a forum for the City Council, the Mayor, and the Board to work collectively. There is a forum that is being underutilized, the Youth Ventures JPA.*

*Chairperson London said she agrees there is no sense of we are here together making decisions on behalf of the children of Oakland. She said anyone can approach a Committee Member asking what your values are for this Committee. She said she like the idea of a session where we talk about what are our goals.*

*President Gallo said it is the District's turn to set the agenda for the next meeting and to*

*call a meeting. He said we need to choose three items and define something both parties can invest in, monitor each other, and hold staff accountable.*

*Director Hodge said her three suggestions for the agenda would be Safety, Youth Policy and Green City idea.*

*Sue Piper, from Councilmember Jean Quan's Office, said she likes the idea of sitting down and focusing on what are we here for and getting a shared vision on what this committee will do.*

**Discussed**

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

**I. Introduction of New Legislative Matter**

*None.*

**J. Adjournment**

*Chairperson London adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.*

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

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