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Minutes (Long)

Wednesday, December 08, 2010

5:00 PM

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

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

*Jody London, Chairperson
Jumoke Hodge, Member
Christopher Dobbins, Member*

A. Call to Order

Chairperson Jody London called the meeting to order at 5:08 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Jumoke Hodge and Jody London
Absent: Christopher Dobbins

C. Modification(s) To Agenda

None.

D. Adoption of Committee Minutes



10-2958 Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - November 10, 2010

Approval by Intergovernmental Relations Committee of Its Minutes of November 10, 2010.

Attachments: [10-2958 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - November 10, 2010](#)

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 - Christopher Dobbins
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0

E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

None.

F. Unfinished Business

10-0354 State Legislative Update - Office of Assemblymember Nancy Skinner

Presentation of California Legislative Update, Field Representative, Office of Assemblymember Nancy Skinner.

Maha Ibrahim, Senior Field Representative for Assemblymember Nancy Skinner's Office, said Chairperson London sent her a series of questions. She said some don't have answers yet but she has several answers available from the Capitol Office.

She said Assemblymember Skinner recently co-authored Assembly Bill 1 with the Speaker and other members of the Budget Committee on December 6th. She said this bill will overcome the veto the Governor placed on Stage 3 Childcare Funding and require about \$1 Billion be taken out of the State's Reserves to deal with it until the end of the year. She said because the Bill is based on urgency, they have to take Reserves to pay for the program. She said currently a court settlement has extended childcare until December 23rd through loans with First Five of California. She said she spoke with Assemblymember Skinner today and she thanked the District for taking a number of these children in District programs from some of the other programs that were in limbo.

She said the Legislative Director reports the recent fiscal forecast tells us to predict a lower Proposition 98 required guaranteed for school funding because of the reduction in tax revenues and the end of short term fixes of the last two years. She said the District could help Assemblymember Skinner's Office by gaining some leadership roles with the Education Coalition. She said not letting there be a new lower standard set is going to be a top priority the first weeks in January. She said their office did not know how many child care centers are planning to close this year but parents are receiving notices. The Assemblymember wanted her to express to the Committee that it would help their office to know what the reports to the District have been. She said some communities have unfilled slots and they are working to share those slots within their county. She said there is a rumor the State maybe taking back those slots.

Chairperson London said the Committee can have Lynne Rodezno, Director of Early Childhood Programs, talk with them if that would be useful.

Ms. Ibrahim reported no changes in the Executive Positions from Governor-Elect Brown except he is keeping the same Fiscal Director from the Schwarzenegger administration, Mara Santos. She said Governor-Elect Brown held his first open budget dialogue in an effort to get everyone on the same page.

Chairperson London asked Ms. Ibrahim is she heard back Governor-Elect Brown views about lowering Proposition 98 minimum?

Ms. Ibrahim said she did watch the meeting and Governor Elect-Brown did not talk about lowering Proposition 98 standards. She said Governor-Elect Brown, Assemblymember Skinner, the Speaker and Senator Leno met last night and the topic was brought up. She said she believes Governor-Elect Brown's efforts right now are to lay everything out on the table and get everybody on the same page as to why the State is in this mess and why it's projected to be getting bigger.

Ms. Ibrahim said Assemblymember Skinner has talked to Governor-Elect Brown's Administration about generating revenue. She said the big message this year will be revenue generating proposals, putting those forward and getting rid of the mantra of programmatic cuts only.

Ms. Ibrahim reported Senator Leno has been designated as Chair of the Senate Side for the Budget Conference Committee. She said they don't know if Assemblymember Skinner will remain on or be on the committee, but they hope so.

Ms. Ibrahim said part of the Democratic Caucus is focusing on delivering a 2010-2011 budget that sustains funding for K-12 and creates reliefs through reasonable mandate suspension. She said Assemblymember Skinner was against the Governor's cut of AB3632, the Mandate for Mental Health Care and the State not funding the program. She said they really need to hear those stories told at the Capitol about the impact on school districts having these unfunded mandates, especially AB3632. She said they think that will be one of the first fights in January to deal with. She said it would be helpful knowing from the District what mandate suspensions are reasonable, what has helped, what has not helped and what would help.

Ms. Ibrahim said they are working to continue extending flexibility on provisions placed on K-12. She said right now the Flexibility Measures passed on the last budget cycle is set to expire in 2012-2013. She said because of this, they are already soliciting recommendations for the continued expansion of flexibility into 2014. She said that is a place the District can have a big voice in.

Ms. Ibrahim said if the District has been brainstorming on any list of actions to maintain Proposition 98 funding as far as local actions, Assemblymember Skinner would be interested in knowing of any way that she can help.

Ms. Ibrahim said as the Chair of the Rules Committee, Assemblymember Skinner is interested in knowing what school districts see as the challenge in their fight for equitable funding, having worked with the Brown Administration, the Speaker's Office and the Transition Team. She said they are trying to identify those things with the Speaker's Office and with Governor-Elect Brown's Transition Team so that in January there can be a media plan and a public outreach plan.

Chairperson London said last month the Board approved entering into a contract with Governmental Solutions [Vernon Billy]. She said that entity is now the District's formal representative in Sacramento and Mr. Billy should be able to assist Assemblymember Skinner's Sacramento Office. Chairperson London said she and President Yee will meet with Mr. Billy next week to review where the District is on things. She said in January there will probably be an agenda setting session with Mr. Billy.

Chairperson London reviewed requests made by Ms. Ibrahim:

- To work with the Education Coalition on defending Proposition 98 by not letting it be further diminished.*
- To get more information from the District regarding unfunded mandates and the impact those mandates have on the day to day operations of the District with particular interest to AB3632, the Mental Health suspension.*
- To hear from the District if there is going to be continued flexibility in future budgets*

and where that flexibility should come from?

· Any recommendations locally around maintaining Proposition 98 and any obstacles from the State level at providing equitable funding.

Ms. Ibrahim said the more Assemblymember Skinners' Office can help the District be at the table being in leadership, to let them know and Assemblymember Skinner will be there.

Discussed



10-2486

Report - Transportation Cards/Issues for K-12 Pupils

An update and discussion regarding the impact of the recent A C Transit change in policy from using monthly Bus Passes to the Clipper Card only and the possible adoption of a Resolution requesting certain solutions of A C Transit.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[10-2486 - A C Transit Clipper Card or Youth Fare Discount for District Students.pdf](#)

Adrian Kirk, Director of the Family & Community Office, provided the Committee with an update on the Clipper Card issues. Mr. Kirk said there are some pilot programs that the District will be flushing out for the new calendar year work with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and A C Transit on some Clipper Card distribution vehicles. He said an ATM like machine that will be located on a few high school campuses and some desktop computers for office use will be used to reload the Clipper Card. He said there is still no good idea on how to obtain Clipper Cards with a good data exchange vehicle. He said this is coming in the fall and MTC has agreed to pay the bill for a lot of this. He said the open question for the District is what to do with those students who have reached their 19 birthday? He said the District has made a commitment to all students in the District and there are a growing number of students in this category. He said he will finalize the numbers on this count so that there is some feel for how many students there are in this category. He said it is projected that the District has 800-900 students that fall into this category. He said there has been communication and he thanked the Board for their Resolution. He said A C Transit is asking for information and he will be working with them including this week. He said as soon as he has more of a response from A C Transit he will report back to the Committee.

Chairperson London said she brought the Board's Resolution on age to the Alameda County School Boards Association and County Trustee, Ken Berrick, will hopefully bring the Resolution to the County Board of Education next week and hopefully we can have conversations with other school districts.

Discussed



10-2487

Amended Report - District Membership - Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

Adoption by Board of Education of Amended Report from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to the Board supporting maintenance of District's membership in the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, specified, as Option Two, in said Report, attached and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[10-2487 - Amended Report - District Membership - Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority \(JPA\).pdf](#)

Chairperson London said the Superintendent did consult with her as he was preparing this report per the Board's direction. She said the report responds to questions received from colleagues at the last Board Meeting. She said the Intergovernmental Relations Committee was asked to look at the Efficacy of the Joint Powers Authority in addressing and meeting the District's Strategic Priorities and to bring forward proposals on how the Board may modify the JPA's mission, purpose, etc., to better reflect the District's Strategic Priorities. She said the report does that but said she would not read the report aloud. She said the report finds there is value to the JPA in meeting the Board's Strategic Priorities, particularly as the District moves toward a Community Model having all the entities who are working on a lot of the wrap-around services that the District is pushing to provide is extremely valuable. She said the question then becomes whether the way the JPA is currently staffed is allowing the JPA to help the District best meet its goals. She said the report provides three options for the Board to consider with its membership in the JPA: (1) To maintain the status quo; (2) The District goes back to the JPA Board with certain suggestions around what the District thinks would better help meet its needs; and (3) Terminate the membership with the JPA. She said attached to the report is the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by then State Administrator, Kimberly Statham, in December 2006.

Public Comments

Antonio Gastelum, Safe Passages, said he and Isabel Moussard, Safe Passages Staff, were present to answer any questions the Committee may have. He said historical documents are available at the Committee's request. He said Josefina Alvarado, JPA Executive Director and David Kears, JPA Board Chair, were unable to attend today's meeting because both are leading a cross-agency delegation that included Representatives of Alameda County, Representatives of the City, the School District and OUSD Parents and Students to a national conference related to the Elev8 Project. He said some of the historical documents he can provide include: Analysis of the different fund opportunities; funding successes that have come through as a result of the District's membership in the JPA; and Board Minutes and other details from previous Board Meetings including when the JPA adopted Safe Passages as its physical agent and operational arm. He said he and Ms. Moussard were available for questions.

Committee Member Comments

Chairperson London said it would be appropriate to have some discussion about the report: Whether the Committee wants to forward the report to their colleagues with recommendations or just sent the report forward and let the discussion happen among the Full Board?

Director Hodge said she wants a little more discussion. She said she would like to hear Committee members thoughts on different recommendations before forwarding the report to the Full Board. She said the report was a good review and yet she did not feel that she got a lot of concrete information about what the relationship has been like. She said there is definitely the discussions and conversations that people have had and she did not feel she had any details.

Chairperson London said if the report is not giving Director Hodge adequate context, the

Committee may need to amend the report.

Director Hodge said at the end of the report she did not know if she could still look at the three options. She said to exit is not a smart option. She said in terms of the functionality and if membership on the JPA is serving the District's purpose, she did not feel the report spoke to that. She said with the new Strategic Plan, the commitment to be more aligned and connected, it is about moving forward. She said the concerns their colleagues raised for the Committee to get into the evaluative process are still a little vague to her. She wanted to know what are the big concerns? Are we going to put the big concerns on the table and say this is how we are going to resolve them?

Vice President Dobbins said he echoes what Director Hodge has been saying. He said when he reviewed the report is the majority of the things the Board saw back in 2006. He said the Executive Summary did not answer a lot of the questions. He said he is unclear with his other colleagues the issues they have. He wanted to know was if they did not like Safe Passages or who was running Safe Passages. He said it seems like a personal issue as opposed to the idea of what's happening. He said he did not know if his colleagues thought that was the major crux of what the Committee was doing. He said he would move for the first two recommendations: (1) To maintain the status quo; (2) To go back to the JPA Board with certain suggestions around what the District thinks would help it better meet the District's needs. He said the District is paying \$150,000 annually in membership dues and in the reports he is seeing they are funding back. He said if it is a numbers game, the District is getting more back than they are paying in membership dues.

Chairperson London said the concern she had heard was some view the JPA as a vehicle for Safe Passages, the non-profit to be pursuing different funding opportunities. She said some people say "Yes", that's exactly how it was designed. She said some people are saying that is wrong, the JPA should be there to look out for the welfare of children in Oakland. She said Director Kakishiba would say the children in the District because we are the ones paying the membership dues. She said it should not necessarily be a given that Safe Passages is the only entity for which grants are pursued. She said that is the gist of the argument. She said when people look at it Safe Passages staffs the JPA. She noted Mr. Gastelum did not introduced himself as staff from the JPA, he introduced himself as being with Safe Passages. She said if other Board Members were present some of them would say, "That's exactly the problem, they don't identify themselves with any allegiance to the JPA. They view themselves as employees of Safe Passages and the JPA is there to help Safe Passages do what it wants to do". She said that is her understanding of what the crux of the concern is.

Director Hodge said she wonders about the recommendation around having a third entity and how realistic that is.

Chairperson London said she did not think the Board had explored that option in depth. She said the JPA Board can specify with whom it signs a contract with. Chairperson London asked Mr. Gastelum if he could provide copies of the contract between Safe Passages and the JPA today or at a later date because she has been unable to find a copy of the contract. She told Mr. Gastelum maybe he could leave a copy of the contract with the committee.

Vice President Dobbins said the broader issue is whether or not the District would be

starting from square one if you say you are going to start a brand new non-profit?

Chairperson London said she did not think the District had to start a new non-profit. She said her understanding there is a contractual relationship between Safe Passages and the JPA and the Board of the JPA can direct the contract as it wishes and can specify what its staff will look like as well. She said that is up to the discretion of the JPA Board. She said that is where she thinks there is room if this Board has these concerns at the level that would merit this kind of consideration. She said this Board can then make that suggestion to the JPA Board and the JPA Board can respond. She said already she has received several telephone calls speaking to the third option of terminating membership in the JPA. She said she would not recommend terminating membership.

Vice President Dobbins said the membership dues have been paid for this fiscal year.

Chairperson London said General Counsel Minor sent Board Members an email last month stating the District has made a commitment and the District has been paying the dues quarterly. She said she believes under the terms of the MOU the District can withdraw at any point with a 30 days' notice to the JPA..

Chairperson London said what she was hearing from Committee members is: The issue of getting more specificity from their colleagues about what precisely are their concerns before the Committee brings the report back to the Full Board so the report can better address their specific issues; the Committee could bring the report forward as it is and have the conversation at the Retreat on Saturday; and/or at the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday and convey whatever message, if any, they wish to convey to the JPA Board.

Director Hodge said she would like to move the item forward and would like to figure out a time and space for people to be explicit around what they would like to see modified. She said we should be talking about a modification to get to in better alignment with the District's Strategic Plan. She said it should not be the status quo, jumping back into the same relationship without measuring other areas. A motion was made by Director Hodge and seconded by Vice President Dobbins to move the report to the Full Board with Option Two, to go back to the JPA Board with certain suggestions around what the District thinks would it help better meet the District's needs.

Vice President Dobbins wanted to know if Options One and Three would be eliminated.

Chairperson London said the options could be left in the report so the report shows several options were looked at.

Director Hodge wanted to know how is it the Committee will do an objective evaluation of the JPA. She said when the Board gets into fuller discussion, she would like to talk about what is the mechanism for evaluating the JPA. She said for the money and if it feels like it is such an issue, the committee has to do better diligence around looking at the monetary piece and looking at the staff time. Who is the staff to the JPA, has that changed, what kind of impact it has internally to the District. She said it is important to be more explicit around the competitive thing, the JPA is raising money and they are doing other kinds of.

Chairperson London said the JPA Board is struggling with a lot of these same issues. She said she is on a sub-committee of the JPA that working on that and her understanding from

Ms. Youngdall with the City of Oakland who is kind of leading that sub-committee she is waiting for the Youth Ventures Staff to come back to her with some recommendations. She said some members of the Board will not be comfortable with an evaluation that's prepared by the staff of the JPA because they feel like that is kind of like the chicken guarding the hen house.

Director Hodge said it would be nice to share that with Board Colleagues.

Chairperson London said she did and it was determined to be not sufficient. Chairperson London said she would talk with the Superintendent about the District's staff perspective.

Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)

Vice President Christopher Dobbins present at 5:16 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Christopher Dobbins, Jumoke Hodge and Jody London

G. New Business

10-2959 Report - Board of Education - 2010-2011 Community Engagement

Adoption by Board of Education of Recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee to the Board that each member of the Board hold at least one Community Engagement Meeting in the Member Electoral District in current School Year.

Chairperson London said Troy Flint, Communications Director, sent an email asking if Board Members wanted to have another round of Community Engagements and he did not hear back from any Board Member. Chairperson London said she told Mr. Flint the item could be brought forward as a recommendation from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Vice President Dobbins made the motion and Director Hodge seconded the motion to have Board Community Engagements around the Strategic Plan. The vote was unanimous to move the item to the Full Board.

A motion was made by Christopher Dobbins, seconded by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, that this matter be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Adv Aye: 0

Adv Nay: 0

Adv Abstain: 0

Aye: 3 - Christopher Dobbins, Jumoke Hinton Hodge and Jody London

Nay: 0

Recused: 0

Preferential Aye: 0

Preferential Abstention: 0

Preferential Nay: 0

Roll Call: Present: Christopher Dobbins, Jumoke Hodge and Jody London

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

There were no Public Speaker Cards Submitted.

I. Superintendent of Schools or Designee's Committee Liaison Report

None.

J. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

None.

K. Adjournment

Chairperson London Adjourned the meeting at 5:50 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____