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Meeting Minutes Long - Final

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

6:00 PM

Special Meeting

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

Board of Education

President Jody London

Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge

Directors: Gary Yee, David Kakishiba, Noel Gallo, Christopher Dobbins, Alice Spearman

Student Directors: Isabel Montoya, Donovan Reid

Staff: Edgar Rakestraw, Jr., Secretary, Board of Education

A. Call To Order

President London called the meeting to order at 9:28 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Present 7 -

Director David Kakishiba, Director Gary Yee, Director Noel Gallo,
Director Christopher Dobbins, Director Alice Spearman, Director
Jumoke Hodge, and Director Jody London

Absent 2 -

Student Director Isabel Montoya, and Student Director Donovan Reid

C. New Business

[12-1384](#)**California State Legislature - Endorsement - Legislative Bills AB 2087, AB 2278 and AB 2079**

Adoption by the Board of Education of endorsement or support of the following California Assembly Bills:

- **AB 2087 - This bill allows The Educational Audit Appeals Panel to waive or reduce a penalty levied on a school district if the SCO determines that the district has taken the appropriate corrective action.**

(Although the bill is on hold in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, it is understood that Assembly Member Swanson would like to move quickly with the bill if the committee releases it from "suspense" on Friday).

- **AB 2278 - This bill allows the governing board of a school district that is under state receivership to annually evaluate the district's appointed administrator.**

(This Bill is scheduled to be heard June 13 in the Senate Education Committee.)

- **AB 2279 - This bill allows the SPI to remove a trustee from a school district that is still repaying an emergency loan.**

(This bill is pending on the Assembly floor and will be taken up by the Senate Education Committee in roughly the next six weeks.)

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Attachments: [12-1384 California State Legislature - Bills Summary by K Street Consulting](#)

Pam Bachilla, District Lobbyist in Sacramento, provided the Board with an update on three pieces of legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Sandre Swanson that are related to districts in State Takeover.

AB 2087 – Allows the educational audit appeal panel to waive or reduce the penalty levied on a school district if the State Controller's Office (SCO) determines the district has taken the appropriate corrective action.

Ms. Bachilla said the Bill gives school districts facing fines and penalties a two-year window to address SCO audit findings before fines and penalties would be accessed. It also gives districts a little longer to address findings before facing findings and penalties.

AB 2278 – Allows a Governing Board of a school district in receivership that has a State appointed administrator to annually evaluate the administrator.

Board Member Comments

Director Kakishiba wanted to know the purpose of the Bill.

Ms. Bachilla said the intent is in the future if a school district is under the control of a State Administrator and the State Administrator is not carrying out his/her duties to the best interest of the District, there is a way for the District to waive a flag and say there are problems here, our State Administrator is not taking good care of the District.

Director Yee wanted to know why the Bill only identifies State Administrators and not State Trustees. He said the State Trustee should be included.

Ms. Bachilla said it was her understanding that it was the author's office to be specific with each of their Bills. The third Bill they are recommending support gives the Superintendent of Public Instruction the authority to remove the State Administrator from a district post

receivership if he/she feel the district has successfully transitioned into local control.

AB 2279 – Allow the Superintendent of Public Instruction to remove the Trustee from a school district that is still repaying an emergency loan.

**A motion was made by Dobbins, seconded by Gallo, that this Motion be Adopted .
The motion carried by the following vote.**

Aye: 7 -

Director David Kakishiba, Director Gary Yee, Director Noel Gallo,
Director Christopher Dobbins, Director Alice Spearman, Director
Jumoke Hodge, and Director Jody London

Absent: 2 -

Student Director Isabel Montoya, and Student Director Donovan Reid

Non-voting:

D. Adjournment

President Jody London adjourned the meeting at 9:33 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____