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Minutes (Long)

Monday, January 04, 2010

11:00 AM

Annual Organizational Meeting

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

Board of Education

President Noel Gallo and Vice President Gary Yee

***Directors: Jody London, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Alice Spearman, David Kakishiba,
Christopher Dobbins***

Student Directors: Wesley Sims and Eric Adams

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

A. Call To Order

President Noel Gallo called the meeting to order at 11:07 A.M.

B. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: David Kakishiba, Jumoke Hodge, Christopher Dobbins, Jody London, Alice Spearman, Gary Yee and Noel Gallo
Absent: Eric Adams and Wesley Sims

C. Public Comment on Agenda Item

None

D. Nomination(s) for President, Board of Education - 2010 Term

Director David Kakishiba nominated Vice President Gary Yee for President, Board of Education, 2010 Term. Director Jody London seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.*

**Second not required for nomination's pursuant to Robert's Rule of Order, Revised, the Board's adopted parliamentary authority.*

E. Election of the President, Board of Education - 2010 Term

10-0001 Election of the President, Board of Education, 2010 Term

Shall Gary Yee be elected President, Board of Education for the 2010 Term?

A motion was made by David Kakishiba, seconded by Jody London, that this matter be Elected. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Adv Aye: 0
Adv Nay: 0
Adv Abstain: 0
Aye: 7 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, David Kakishiba, Christopher Dobbins, Jody London, Alice Spearman, Gary Yee and Noel Gallo
Nay: 0
Recused: 0
Absent: 1 - Eric Adams and Wesley Sims
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0

Preferential Nay: 0

F. Nomination(s) for Vice President, Board of Education - 2010 Term

Director Alice Spearman nominated Director Christopher Dobbins for Vice President, Board of Education, 2010 Term. Director Jumoke Hodge seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.*

**Second not required for nomination's pursuant to Robert's Rule of Order, Revised, the Board's adopted parliamentary authority.*

G. Election of the Vice President, Board of Education - 2010 Term

10-0002 Election of the Vice President, Board of Education, 2010 Term

Shall Christopher Dobbins be elected Vice President, Board of Education for the 2010 Term?

A motion was made by Alice Spearman, seconded by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, that this matter be Elected. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Adv Aye: 0

Adv Nay: 0

Adv Abstain: 0

Aye: 7 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, David Kakishiba, Christopher Dobbins, Jody London, Alice Spearman, Gary Yee and Noel Gallo

Nay: 0

Recused: 0

Absent: 1 - Eric Adams and Wesley Sims

Preferential Aye: 0

Preferential Abstention: 0

Preferential Nay: 0

H. President's Address (5 Minutes)

President Yee thanked his colleagues for selecting him as President of the Board for the coming year. He offered his thanks to Director Spearman and Director Gallo for their leadership this past year citing their professional and outstanding work in selecting our Superintendent, Dr. Tony Smith as our Superintendent. He said that was not an easy effort. He said many people doubted that we could come up with such a fine candidate, but we did. President Yee said of the selection process that it was open, transparent and rigorous. Secondly, President Yee said he did not [initially] believe the [standing] committee structure could work. He commended Director Gallo and Director Spearman for putting that structure in place and making sure each Board Member had their share of leadership.

Thirdly, he wanted say how much he respects the language to the community. He cited both Director Gallo and Director Spearman as demonstrating a respect for the community in terms of the celebration of volunteerism. He further cited the last remarks by Director Gallo as he turned over the gavel appreciating and respecting the fact that people allowed us into their homes. He said that language of respect for the community is something that will be Director Gallo's hallmark and he congratulates him for that and thanked Director Gallo for setting the example for each of them.

President Yee said this coming year is going to be challenging but many of us know that every year is challenging. President Yee identified three things the Board should pay attention to:

1. Enhancing our revenues in as many ways as possible.
2. Controlling our expenditures.
3. The Collective Bargaining Contracts with our employees. He said it is important to resolve them in a fair way and fiscally prudent way. He said as Board Members we have to make sure staff reflects the budget priorities we set for them.

President Yee thanked the Board Members for their work saying he knows we have the right people in place.

President Yee said he would give Vice President Christopher Dobbins some time to speak.

Vice President Christopher Dobbins thanked his colleagues for their trust and confidence in him. He said it is a huge honor to be on the School Board.

President Yee said he and Vice President Dobbins will optimize each Board Member's time and talents around the appointments to the Committees as well as other Committee appointments. President Yee said he would keep everyone in place [on standing committees and other agency representatives] until the first Regular Board Meeting next week at which time he will recommend for the Board's Consent the appointments to the various committees [and other bodies].

I. Adoption of the Annual Organizational Meeting General Consent Report



[10-0003](#)

Adopting, Consolidating, Complying with Annual Organizational Meeting Requirements

Adoption by Board of Education of Resolution No. 0910-0148 - Adopting, Consolidating, Complying with Annual Organizational Meeting Requirements, Except Board Member Increased Compensation, of Board Bylaw 9100 including but not limited to creating standing or special committees; affirming presidential appointments thereto and of official representatives to other governmental agencies and organizations; confirming appointed officers; designating calendar or annual regular meeting dates of the Board of Education, and standing committees, if any; goals and objectives for the year.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[10-0003 - Adopting, Consolidating, Complying with Annual Organizational Meeting Requirements, Except Board Member Increased Compensation, of Board Bylaw 9100 and Other Bylaws.pdf](#)
[Document\(s\)](#)

A motion was made by Alice Spearman, seconded by Christopher Dobbins, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Adv Aye: 0
 Adv Nay: 0
 Adv Abstain: 0
 Aye: 7 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, David Kakishiba, Christopher Dobbins, Jody London, Alice Spearman, Gary Yee and Noel Gallo
 Nay: 0
 Recused: 0
 Absent: 1 - Eric Adams and Wesley Sims
 Preferential Aye: 0
 Preferential Abstention: 0
 Preferential Nay: 0



10-0005

Authorizing An Increase In Board Member Compensation

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 0910-0149 - Authorizing An Increase In Board Member Compensation Within the Limits of Education Code Section 35120.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[10-0005 - Authorizing An Increase In Board Member Compensation.pdf](#)
[Document\(s\)](#)

Board Discussion

Director Spearman said this item authorizes an increase within the limits of the state [Education Code] regarding the Board's stipend. Director Spearman said this Board has not had an increase in its stipend in a number of years. She said this Board works very hard for the public and with the increase she calculated it comes to \$.92 a day. The monthly increase totals \$37.50 increasing their stipend to \$787.50 per month for each member.

Director London said she agree with Director Spearman that the Board works very hard and deserves an increase. She said we are unable to offer an increase to any of our employees right now, particularly our teachers. She said we have heard our custodians say they have not had an increase in 10 years. She said she is not comfortable sending a signal that we should get an increase before our employees do. Director London said hopefully next year Board Members will be able to take advantage of the provision in the Education Code. She said she is not comfortable authorizing an increase right now.

Director Spearman said she has talked with several Union Leaders and they are not opposed to the Board receiving this increase. She said all the unions have had increases before this Board has had an increase. She said the Board has not had an increase in about ten years.

Director Gallo said we are all experiencing financial challenges at home and school. He said this is an amount the state allows us to have and he said this Board has not received any type of increase since he has served on it [17.5 years]. He said the funds he receives he support car washes and help young people in different ways. Director Gallo said the amount he receives he doesn't use personally . He advises the Board to consider to accepting the additional \$37.50 per month. He said in terms of working with the union that is our responsibility. He said this item only comes before the Board once a year at the Annual Organizational Meeting.

A motion was made by Alice Spearman, seconded by Noel Gallo, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Votes:** Adv Aye: 0
- Adv Nay: 0
- Adv Abstain: 0
- Aye: 5 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, David Kakishiba, Christopher Dobbins, Alice Spearman and Noel Gallo
- Nay: 2 - Jody London and Gary Yee
- Recused: 0
- Absent: 1 - Eric Adams and Wesley Sims
- Preferential Aye: 0
- Preferential Abstention: 0
- Preferential Nay: 0

J. Adjournment

President Gary Yee adjourned the meeting at 11:21 A.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____