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Minutes (Long)

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

5:30 PM

Special Meeting

**Theatre, Oakland High School, 1023 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, CA
94610**

Board of Education

President Gary Yee, Ed.D.

Vice President Jody London

*Directors: Jumoke Hinton Hodge, David Kakishiba, Noel Gallo, Christopher Dobbins,
Alice Spearman*

Student Directors: Isabel Montoya, (Vacancy)

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

A. Call To Order

President Gary Yee called the Special Meeting to order at 10:12 P.M.

B. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: David Kakishiba, Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo, Christopher Dobbins, Alice Spearman, Jody London and Gary Yee
Absent: [Vacant] and Isabel Montoya

**C. Nomination(s) for President of Board - Unexpired 2011 Term
(January 2, 2012)**

Director Alice Spearman nominated Jody London for the Office of President of the Board for the unexpired term (ending January 2, 2012). [Pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, the Board's parliamentary manual, a second is not required for Nomination for Office].

D. Election of President of Board - Unexpired 2011 Term (January 2, 2012)**11-2622 Election of the President, Board of Education - Unexpired 2011 Term (January 2, 2012)**

Shall Jody London be elected President, Board of Education, for the Unexpired 2011 Term (ending January 2, 2012)?

A motion was made that this matter be Elected. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Adv Aye: 0
Adv Nay: 0
Adv Abstain: 0
Aye: 7 - David Kakishiba, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo, Christopher Dobbins, Alice Spearman, Jody London and Gary Yee
Nay: 0
Recused: 0
Absent: 2 - Isabel Montoya and [Vacant]
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0

E. Nomination(s) for Vice President of Board - Unexpired 2011 Term (January 2, 2012)

Director Christopher Dobbins nominated Jumoke Hinton Hodge for the Office of Vice President of the Board for the unexpired term (ending January 2, 2012). [Pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, the Board's parliamentary manual, a second is not required for Nomination for Office.]

F. Election of Vice President of Board - Unexpired 2011 Term (January 2, 2012)

11-2623 Election of the Vice President, Board of Education - Unexpired 2011 Term (January 2, 21012)

Shall Jumoke Hinton Hodge be elected Vice President, Board of Education, for the Unexpired 2011 Term (ending January 2, 2012)?

A motion was made that this matter be Elected. The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Adv Aye: 0

Adv Nay: 0

Adv Abstain: 0

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

Nay: 0

Recused: 0

Absent: 2 - Isabel Montoya and [Vacant]

Preferential Aye: 0

Preferential Abstention: 0

Preferential Nay: 0

Roll Call: Present: David Kakishiba, Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo, Christopher Dobbins, Alice Spearman, Jody London, Gary Yee, [Vacant] and Isabel Montoya

G. President's Statement

President London thanked her colleagues on the Board for their trust in her. She said this is a big responsibility and she appreciates being invited to lead. She said as President she promises: (1) Leadership; (2) Communication; and (3) Organization.

Leadership - President London said leadership is going to be very important.

Communication - President London said on many levels and in many directions the Board will continue to work on its communication between the Board and staff and between the Board and the community. She said the Board will talk about how staff works and communicates with the community, central administration, school sites, communication at school sites, and communication between school sites. She said there is much the Board

can do to improve communication with elected officials from other jurisdictions such as the Oakland City Council. She said in the coming months she will suggest that the Board hold joint meetings so they can learn more about the Strategic Plan and Goals.

Organization - President London had two questions regarding organization. How will the District work to increase its effectiveness? How can the Board work smarter and more cohesively?

She said for the remainder of the year she does not anticipate making changes in Board Committee assignments.

President London thanked former President Yee for his service. She said the Board re-established a vision and a direction for the District. She said former President Yee's leadership has provided the District with a platform from which the Board can strengthen the District and work to ensure that families have schools in their communities where they are comfortable sending their children. She said the budget woes are far from over; yet the successes are many, District-wide and at individual schools. She said the District needs to continue to celebrate the good even as the District addresses its challenges.

President London said strengthening the District is not easy work, but it is the work of the Board. She said now is the time for the Board to come together as the leaders of the school system; to make decisions that may not always be popular but are necessary; to the community she said join the Board. She said every family in Oakland should have a school in their neighborhood to which they are comfortable sending their children. She said the best way for this to happen is for the citizens of Oakland to embrace the public schools.

H. Adjournment

President Jody London adjourned the meeting at 10:23 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____