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## **Minutes (Long)**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2009**

**7:00 PM**

**Special Meeting**

**Farnsworth Theater**

**Skyline High School, 12250 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94619**

**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: [Vacancy] and Eric Adams***

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

## A. Call To Order

*President called the Special Meeting to order at 7:53 P.M.*

## B. Roll Call

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

Absent: [Vacant]

## C. New Business



### 09-2593

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

Adoption by Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the proposed Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement .

**Attachments:** [09-2593 - Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement Plan.pdf](#)  
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*Director London, Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, presented this matter to the Board for approval. She said last year the Board of Education initiated an engagement process in collaboration with some of our community groups and held a series of meetings at some of the focus schools in the District. There was feedback on the process from the community and from the Board. Director London said the Intergovernmental Relations Committee is coming to you tonight with a recommendation on how it believes we should do this for the 2009-2010 school year moving forward. She said our first recommendation will focus all of our community engagement this year around our academic and fiscal solvency goals. Working with our new Superintendent and his intention to build agreement across stakeholder groups about what we value and want for our students and our schools. The Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommends several forms of engagement: Some the Superintendent will lead, some will be lead by the Board, some by individual Board Members, and some of them will be held jointly.*

*Director London read the engagement strategies:*

- 1. The Superintendent will host two or three (maybe more) meetings with key civic and community groups around these issues. Last week our Superintendent participated in a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters with the City and County Administrator.*
- 2. The Superintendent will provide site leaders and our central leaders with the tools so they can gather input with the people they work with at school sites around this same suite of issues.*

3. *The Superintendent will seek on-going support and input from union leaders, community groups, and businesses so that the Superintendent will have a venue to hear from stakeholders about are we on the right track.*

*Director London said in terms of the Board of Education, what the Intergovernmental Relations Committee is proposing is that each Board Member will host at least one larger scale meeting in his or her district. We will provide a standard tool kit so that you can make sure you are presenting the same information and getting feedback in the same format. Jointly we will conduct focus groups with people who really don't engage. It's really critical to hear from the people who don't speak up at a meeting; who don't show up to a meeting. We are going to find a way to speak with them. We will also have an on-line budget survey tool.*

#### *Board Discussion*

*Director Spearman said she needed clarification on the third bullet of the hand-out. She asked Director London was it to create a Budget Advisory Committee or are you talking about the Superintendent will create a guiding coalition? Director London said she wanted the Superintendent to have a guiding coalition. Director London said to strike that language about create a Budget Advisory Committee and she wants it to read "the Superintendent will seek on-going support and input from leaders from unions, community groups and businesses." Director Spearman said she thinks this is a good document. She said this is something we need to do and she looks forward to the engagements in her district with the stakeholders; especially the ones that do not speak up.*

*Director Kakishiba said assuming we are approving this item, is this held by the Superintendent for implementation? Director London said it is held jointly. We will have staff support. The Superintendent will make sure that we have support from staff, Cabinet level staff, the Family and Community Office, and the Communications Team. Director London pledged as the Intergovernmental Relations Chair to work with the Superintendent and his designee to make sure we are moving forward on all these items. Director Kakishiba said he would like whatever is being developed as proposed timelines brought to the Finance Committee and built into the budget calendar. Director London said her intention is to refine this at the October Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting.*

*Vice President Yee said he had a procedural question. He asked was this a policy resolution or what is the nature of the action. Director London said it was a policy statement. Vice President Yee asked if this becomes a replacement for one of the Operational Expectations OE or should we establish it within some framework. Director Hodge said it is not replacing an OE but a strategy behind an OE. She said an OE is a broad statement and this is how you measure and have some success at fulfilling the OE. Vice President Yee said he would vote to approve because he likes the uniformity of the structure and explicitness and the fact that it is building in the lessons learned last year.*

*Director Kakishiba said his understanding of the Coherent Governance work that the Board did is for the Board to interface with different sectors of the general public; to get input and to take that input to develop priorities for the District. He said that should inform any policy changes we make with Operational Expectations or with the results. This is an annual process of the Board of formally being in the community.*

**A motion was made by Jody London, seconded by Alice Spearman, that this matter be**

**Adopted as Amended. 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 - [Vacant]  
Preferential Aye: 0  
Preferential Abstention: 0  
Preferential Nay: 0

**D. Adjournment**

*President Gallo adjourned the Special Meeting at 8:02 P.M.*

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

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