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Meeting Minutes Long - Final

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

6:30 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 Jody London called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

[12-0004](#)**Facilities Master Plan (FMP) - Revised - Fiscal Year Commencing 2012 - Community Engagement**

Adoption by the Board of Education of Facilities Master Plan - Revised - Fiscal Year Commencing 2012.

Attachments: [12-0004 - FMP - Revised - FY Commencing 2012 - Community Engagement .pdf](#)

President London, in opening the first Study Session of the year, stated that the Board had heard over several months about resources including an Assets Management Plan, and tonight this was the first time that the Board had an opportunity to study how it is going to engage the use of Facilities in the adopted Strategic Master Plan.

President London, among other comments, noted that it is staff's prediction that the District will exhaust Measure B, passed by the voters in 2006, by mid-2013 and it is an issue the Board needs to think about, given that there is more facilities need than resources.

Superintendent Smith, in his opening comments, stated that this study session, among other factors, was a first opportunity for the Board to engage staff in the District's work, many of which are experts in their particular specialty, including Tim White, who has engaged in Facilities work for more than 10 years and who has just been recognized for his work, along with the District, as a 2011 Golden Bell Award from the California School Boards Association.

Timothy White, Assistant Superintendent, used a powerpoint for his presentation on Guiding Principles - Master Plan Process Steps. Mr. White reviewed the Facilities Cycle Overview, Facilities and Projects Moving Forward, Strategic Plan Vision and Goals, District Assets Overview, Seismic Safety Enhancement Program, Demographics and Enrollment/Planning Capacity, Bridging Outcomes/Finding the Balance, Facilities Master Plan: Improve Facilities Physical Conditions and Project Categories, and Next Steps. He said community input would take place from January to April and adoption of the Facility Master Plan is expected to take place in April, 2012.

Board member discussion ranged from the need to modernize facilities for current academic trends such as STEM Corridor instruction to potential construction of a central kitchen to support better quality delivery of food services to pupils to the need to reduce number of schools, how to use excess property and a variety of a number of issues.

Joel Valezquez expressed that it is important for the District to engage the community in decisions including facilities.

President London, in summary, asked staff and her colleagues what should be the priorities. Tim White responded that there are equal priorities, around the \$1.5 billion need for facilities, in three broad categories: Health and Safety, Academic choice, Revenue Generation. President London said personally that removal of old portables is a priority.

Ruth Alahoydian, Financial Advisor, responding to question about capacity for future District indebtedness, stated that is driven by District's tax rate and debt limit, that the District is at 2.5% and if District wanted to issue, say another \$500 million, the District would be at 3.5% which may require a waiver from state.

Director Yee stated that facilities priorities should revolve around implementation, alignment with the Strategic Plan and designating the District as Full Service.

Director Gallo stated that priorities should be given to neighborhood schools, either around

planning for enrollment growth or decline and quality education at such sites. He later stated that his support for another Bond must be academically driven, like the STEM Project, technology..

Director Kakishiba stated that while he agreed with colleagues input, he was not prepared to prioritize, pending answers o enrollment projections, use of property, potential sharing of space for 47,000 pupils of which 9,000 are in Charters. He later stated that seismic safety; solar utilization and replacement of portables are issues.

Director Spearman stated that addressing foundational issues - enhancement of academic basics by hiring experienced personnel, spending less money in professional development training of inexperienced hires and focusing on acquiring experienced personnel - should be District priorities. She recommended, among other considerations, beyond foundational issues, replacement of the Administration Building, because of safety concerns regarding structure, also should be on the Board's radar.

Director Dobbins stated that its hard to prioritize but he supports moving forward as staff has outlined.

Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge, among other comments, asked that some professional development investment be made in personnel responsible for upkeep of buildings, i.e., custodians; investment in optimization of buildings through maintenance, upkeep and cultivation by vested personnel, including teachers.

President London recommended to her colleagues that they determine what input is wanted from the community on facilities

President London, asked that staff comeback before April, perhaps in February, to give an update to Board member questions; also report on what the community engagement piece looks like.

Superintendent Smith pledged, after three years of experience with community input on District issues, that the community engagement piece for facilities will be brought back to the Board in mid-February.

Discussed

D. Adjournment

President London adjourned the meeting at 9:05 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

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