

# Oakland Unified School District

Board of Education  
Paul Robeson Building  
1025 2nd Avenue, Suite 108  
Oakland, CA 94606-2212  
(510) 879-8199 Voice  
(510) 879-8000 Fax



## ACCESSIBILITY OF AGENDA AND AGENDA MATERIALS

Agenda and agenda materials, if any, associated with this meeting are accessible on the Board of Education's World Wide Web Site at <http://webportal.ousd.k12.ca.us> or from any computer terminal in the Office of the Board of Education at the above-stated address.

## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE

Individuals requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate in meetings other than handicapped access, should notify the Office of the Board of Education seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting at either (510) 879-8678 (VM); or [boe@ousd.k12.ca.us](mailto:boe@ousd.k12.ca.us) (E-Mail); or (510) 879-8739 (TTY/TDD); or (510) 879-8000 (Fax).

## **Minutes (Long)**

**Thursday, April 02, 2009**

**5:00 PM**

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

## **Intergovernmental Relations Committee**

*Jody London, Chairperson  
Noel Gallo, Member  
Jumoke Hodge, Member*

## A. Call to Order

*Committee Chair Jody London called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.*

## B. Roll Call

**Roll Call:** Present: Jumoke Hodge and Jody London  
Absent: Noel Gallo

## C. Modification(s) To Agenda

*There were no Modifications to the Agenda.*

## D. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

*There was no Committee General Consent Report.*

## E. Unfinished Business



### [09-0715](#) 2009 State Legislative Priorities

Update Report from Superintendent of Schools on the adopted 2009-2010 State Budget and the formulation and possible adoption by Committee of recommendations to the Board of Education on legislative priorities or actions by District based on said adopted budget or other District state legislative needs, if any.

**Attachments:** [AB 1377 - Audits for School Districts In Receivership.pdf](#)

*Scott Lucas - Staff person from the Office of State Assemblyman Sandre Swanson - Mr. Lucas said they are seeking the District's support on two Assembly Bills - 980 and 1377.*

*Assembly Bill 980 changes the formula by which the state emergency loan would be repaid. The Bill would require every school, traditional and charter to repay a portion of the debt equaled to the number of students they have enrolled. Currently as enrollment moves from traditional school to charter school, the traditional schools are forced to shoulder the state debt. This Assembly Bill would rectify the inequities.*

*Assembly Bill 1377 allows school districts that are under receivership and undergoing a state audit the chance to correct the audit findings prior to being assessed a financial penalty. The Legislation creates a reasonable period of time in which those findings could be addressed and corrected before any financial penalty. Both Assembly Bills were introduced in Legislative Committee last month and will be heard in Committee next month.*

*Comments from Committee Members*

*Director London said the District has been in receivership for six (6) years and still they are still working on audit reconciliations going back that far and she hopes if the Legislation passes, we are able to participate with any of those previous audit findings. Mr. Lucas said the time starts when the findings have been found, not when the violations (alleged) occurred. He said Assemblyman Swanson's office would be happy to accept amendments to make sure that it does apply to the District if it is determined it does not.*

*Interim Superintendent Mayor recommends the District supports both Assembly Bills.*

*Director Hodge*

*In regards to Assembly Bill 980, Director Hodge asked had anyone in Assemblyman Swanson's Office talked to the Charter School Association. Mr. Lucas said they had not talked to anyone in the Charter School Office to support the legislation because they wanted to speak to OUSD first and then speak with the Charter School Association. Mr. Lucas said charter schools have agreed to repayments in the past. Director Hodge wanted to know if anyone from Assemblyman's Swanson's office had been in contact with State Superintendent Jack O'Connell regarding the state taking money out of the District's General Fund. Mr. Lucas said Assemblyman Swanson's Office was not consulted prior to the State Superintendent's decision the take money out of the District's General Fund.*

**A motion was made by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, seconded by Jody London, that this matter be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Adv Aye: 0  
 Adv Nay: 0  
 Adv Abstain: 0  
 Aye: 2 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge and Jody London  
 Nay: 0  
 Recused: 0  
 Absent: 1 - Noel Gallo  
 Preferential Aye: 0  
 Preferential Abstention: 0  
 Preferential Nay: 0

**09-0348****2009 Federal Legislative Priorities**

Adoption by the Board of Education, upon recommendation of Intergovernmental Relations Committee, proposals for revision of No Child Left Behind, as delineated herein, and authorizing that said proposals be forwarded to District's federal legislative delegation with request for their sponsorship - legislatively in Congress and/or administratively with the federal Department of Education (DOE).

**Attachments:** [NCLB Revision Recommendations #2.pdf](#)

*Superintendent Mayor said tonight's presentation is a modified version of what was shared at the Committee Meeting last month. As Congress looks at reauthorizing the Act, these are some possible suggested revisions:*

(1) Adequate Yearly Progress; (2) Highly Qualified Teacher; (3) Supplementary Educational Services; (4) Title I.

Superintendent Mayor said she attended a workshop where the Education Secretary for the State of California was in attendance and his assurance was any funds that comes to the state, the intent is to pass the funds to districts as quickly as possible. To date we have not received any funds. We had heard 50% of the funds would become available by the end of March or by the end of April. Title I and IDEA Funds are supposed to come directly to the District through the State Department. Those funds cannot be used with a great deal of discretion. Superintendent Mayor said she did hear that 50% of the IDEAS Monies may be used to support programs that qualify for Title I eligibility and could also be used to support NCLS efforts. There are additional monies the District may be eligible to apply for and we will hire someone on a short term contract to help us make application to those funds we think we are going to be eligible for.

**A motion was made by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, seconded by Jody London, that this matter be Recommended Favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Adv Aye: 0  
 Adv Nay: 0  
 Adv Abstain: 0  
 Aye: 2 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge and Jody London  
 Nay: 0  
 Recused: 0  
 Absent: 1 - Noel Gallo  
 Preferential Aye: 0  
 Preferential Abstention: 0  
 Preferential Nay: 0



## 09-0349 2009 City/County Legislative Priorities

Updated Report from Superintendent of Schools on City/County Legislative and Administrative Priorities, if any, and possible recommendations by Committee to Board of Education and review of proposed presentation of District Report on High School Graduation & Drop-Out Data and Programs at the future Education Partnership Committee Meeting.

**Attachments:** [Mayor Ron Dellums Task Force on Education and Community Learning - Findings and Recommendations](#)  
[2009 City-County Legislative Priorities - Current Programs Information.pdf](#)  
[District Report - High School Graduation & Drop-Out Data and Programs.ppt](#)

Ms. Moran said it would be helpful to give this Committee an inventory of all partnerships with the City of Oakland to look at the policy level. Partnerships include:

1. Our after school programs are co-funded by OFCY and Proposition 49.
2. The Oakland Police Department - attendance and truancy as well as Measure Y Programs.
3. Drop-out prevention programs.
4. Teach Tomorrow for Oakland.
5. America's Promise.

*Ms. Moran said the District has done extensive program evaluation where there is joint funding. She said drop-out recovery is an area to go deeper into with our partnership.*

*Director Hodge said we have good events with the City of Oakland but how do we sustain the work. Ms. Moran said we had an event in partnership with the city a month and a half ago; since that time we have been meeting every other week with the organizers of the event to do follow-up; we evaluated all the people that came to the event; we did follow-up with the students to make sure they got a placement.*

## F. New Business



[09-0908](#)

### Early Childhood Education Program - Changed Eligibility Guidelines

Report from Superintendent of Schools and discussion of recent State changes to eligibility guidelines for Early Childhood Education Program and potential or actual impact on District Program.

**Attachments:** [Enrollment Changes CDE Title V Document 08-09.pdf](#)  
[09-0908 - Early Childhood Education Program - Changed Eligibility Guidelines.ppt](#)

*Lynne Rodezno, Director, Early Childhood Education made a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Early Childhood Program.*

#### *Current Enrollment Concerns*

*The CDC preschool program is under-enrolled by 20 children, the CDC school age program is under-enrolled by 92 children the State Preschool program is under-enrolled by 20 children.*

#### *Enrollment Challenges Impacting the Early Childhood Department*

*Income eligibility revisions; declining enrollment; implementation of various after school programs at the elementary school; and challenges around licensing new programs.*

#### *Enrollment Procedures Based on CDE Requirements*

*Use of County Eligibility List and implementation of a centralized enrollment center.*

#### *Enrollment Projection Fall 2009*

*2-4 State Preschool session closures; five (5) CDC preschool classroom closures; four (4) CDC school age classroom closures plus 2 school age morning program closures; and consolidate/close under-enrolled sites based on 2009-2010 enrollment projections.*

#### *Recruitment Practice*

*Use of County Eligibility List; work with Even Start (Head Start); distribution of site specific flyers throughout communities (churches, businesses, neighborhood functions); participation in OUSD Options Fair; informational tables at Back to School Night and Open House; support from Bananas, Alameda County Child Care Council, First Five, and Alameda County Health Department.*

*Revenue and Expenditures*

*We used reserves last year to balance our deficit in the state pre-school program. This year we will have to use what reserves we have to balance the state pre-school Program, full day, and school age program. Next year there will be no reserve*

*Fixed Costs*

*Early Childhood pays for: Teacher Sub, I.A. Sub, utilities, laundry, repairs, Custodial Services, external work lease facility, Food Services, and indirect costs. When Custodial Services went to a centralized format, it made a big difference in custodial costs; repairs have been a challenge since most of the sites were not a part of OUSD Modernization Projects; most legislation does not include Early Childhood Education.*

*Next Steps*

*Close/consolidate under-enrolled classrooms/sites; seek legislative relief; extend state pre-school year from 190 days to 208 days where possible (approved by the state); consider the ages that will be served in school age program; open new state pre-school programs; pursue other funding sources; and lay-off staff.*

*Comments from Committee Members*

*Director Hodge asked when this report is presented again, that the report detail the demographics as it relates to the age groups for each of the seven Districts. Director Hodge asked for clarity on the length of time for getting one Early Childhood Education classroom opened at a school site. Ms. Rodezno said when the fire marshal reviews the school for Community Care Licensing, they look at specific things that need to be in place. Since the Early Childhood Program is a part of the school they review the entire school. Director Hodge asked that the report to also include a breakdown by ethnic groups the number of children affected by the income ceiling shifts.*

*Chairperson London noted in the PowerPoint Presentation the department's enrollment was down 132 students. Ms. Rodezno said that was correct, noting enrollment patterns are monitored weekly. She said if a site's enrollment is under its capacity, it's flagged; if another site is full and a family needs service, we share with the family there are other sites available for enrollment.*

**09-0909****Partnership Academy Applications**

Report from Superintendent of Schools on District Partnership Academy Grant or Other Applications being submitted for funding or other action.

**Attachments:** [09-0909 - Partnership Academy Applications.pdf](#)

*Superintendent Mayor said the District is submitting four California Partnership Academy Grant Applications and will be presenting the applications to the Board for approval. Applications are being submitted for: Oakland International High School, Oakland Technical High School, Far West Alternative High School, and EXCEL High School.*

*Comments from Committee Members*

*Director Hodge said she is concerned that EXCEL High School will not get the adequate support to take on this Academy and she is not in support of the grant application for the International Trade Transpiration Logistics Academy at EXCEL High School.*

**G. Public Comments on All Non-Agenda Items Within the Subject Matter Jurisdiction of the Committee**

*Samuel Bell - Mr. Bell suggested the Board look the length of the school year for students and the length of the instructional day. Director London responded to Mr. Bell saying the District has two programs that addresses Mr. Bell's recommendation. Attend and Achieve - a program that makes sure children are in school and a Truancy Hotline for the public to call.*

**H. Introduction of New Legislative Matter**

*There was no Introduction of New Legislative Matter.*

**I. Adjournment**

*Committee Chair Jody London adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.*

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

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