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Minutes (Long)
Wednesday, March 04, 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 Chairperson Jody London called the meeting to order at 5:12 P.M.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Modification(s) To Agenda

None.

C1. Committee Minutes



[09-0692](#) Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - February 4, 2009

Adoption by Intergovernmental Relations Committee of its Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2009.

Attachments: [09-0692 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - February 4, 2009.](#)

D. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

None.

E. Unfinished Business



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

Report from District staff on the adopted 2009-2010 State Budget and the formulation and adoption of recommendations by the Board of Education of any further 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](#)

Interim Superintendent Mayor gave a report highlighting the state budget. She said the finance staff is working on the Second Interim Report to be presented at the Finance Committee on Monday and will be presented to the Full Board for adoption. She said there

would be cuts for this school year. We had anticipated there would be major cuts this year in the unrestricted funds; although the cuts are not as deep as we thought they would be, we prepared for some cuts by identifying cost saving measures. The cuts in the restricted funds are much deeper than we had anticipated particularly for this year. We will not see any growth in revenues, but we are well positioned because we took some action early on to try and protect the District.

Teacher Layoffs

There will not be a lot of teacher lay-offs this year. We will be noticing teachers who are being paid with Categorical Funds, teachers on temporary contracts, and non re-elected probationary teachers.

Cash Flow

Our cash flow will be a problem this summer and we are not eligible to apply for short term loans. We have other funds that we may be able to borrow from on a temporary basis. The state has delayed apportionment for this school year; normally we would get the apportionment July 1st and last year the apportionment was not provided until September. We will ask the Board to approve inter-fund borrowing in the event it becomes necessary.

Discussed

Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)

Jumoke Hodge present at 5:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo and Jody London



09-0348

2009 Federal Legislative Priorities

Report from District staff on the American Recovery and Reinvestment [Federal Stimulus] Act of 2009 and adoption of recommendations by Board of Education of Federal Legislative and Administrative Priorities including but not limited to proposals for taking maximum advantage of said Act, and of revisions to the No Child Left Behind Act, if any.

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

The Superintendent gave a report on staff's recommendations how the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act might be improved when reauthorized. Staff believes the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) should be changed to an annual growth measure instead of an absolute threshold measure. A school might improve its scores, but if they don't reach a particular threshold they are found not having met their AYP. If they haven't met their threshold for two consecutive years, it becomes a school in program improvement.

For the highly qualified teacher, the personnel requirements have added a federal compliance layer on top of already rigorous California State requirements. The NCLB Highly Qualified Teacher requirements requires a large amount of staff time to implement with very little relationship between these requirements, actual teacher quality, and instructional effectiveness. All of our teachers are qualified teachers and have met the California State Credentialing requirements. The District annually publishes a report to our parents identifying teachers by name who have not met the NCLB requirements.

Supplementary Educational Service (SES)

Superintendent Mayor said the Supplementary Educational Services System requires a huge amount of Title I Funds set a side and does not allow the District to evaluate the quality of these programs. It also does not allow Program Improvement districts to provide their own SES Services from Title I Funds even though in many instances the teachers at a given school are better equipped to provide those support services. A school could offer the services much more effectively than an outside provider. There are providers in the community who have made it a business to provide after school services to Oakland students and there is no real evaluation of these programs. Superintendent Mayor asked Laura Moran, Chief Services Officer to comment on the SES providers. Ms. Moran said we have a large amount of money we have to spend every year for SES programs. The administration of the SES program is expensive; it takes almost three District staff members to run the program; and we have no supervision or control over the programs. We have to set up the fairs, prepare contracts for every SES provider, collect and verify all attendance records. The hope would be not to always out source but to use some of our best teachers to help students to get up to grade level in reading and math. Ms. Moran said the SES is not a great service model, but since we are in Program Improvement status we are not allowed to have flexibility. For school districts in Program Improvement, they need more flexibility with the distribution of funds for professional development.

*Comments from Committee Members**Director Hodge*

Director Hodge said she understands the difficulty in the SES programs. She said she would have to be convinced that the solution would be that the teachers during the day are going to be the ones who are capable and refreshed enough to deliver an after school program. She said there are some valuable SES providers. Ms. Moran said she would like to the schools and the District to have the flexibility to make sure the programs are quality programs.

Chairperson London

Chairperson London asked Superintendent Mayor to provide a brief overview of the Federal Stimulus Package. Superintendent Mayor said it is estimated that OUSD will received approximately \$30 Million over the next two years - Title I, \$17.6 Million and IDEA Part B, \$12.9 Million. She said Title I is a restricted program and current restrictions will likely apply to any new Title I monies received. IDEA monies is for a specific targeted group of students. There was some discussion about Federal Stimulus dollars being available for construction; this will no longer be available. There are a couple of possible Bond programs that may be available and Legal Counsel looking at how we can access any construction money available.

Kim Shipp, Parent - Ms. Shipp spoke in regards to the SES programs. Ms. Shipp said if the parent asks, the principals can recommend a good provider to the parent. She said if your school is in Program Improvement, you have very little to do with how SES programs operate in your district.

Discussed**09-0349****2009 City/County Legislative Priorities**

Adoption by Board of Education of City/County Legislative and Administrative Priorities, if any, and review of proposed presentation of District Report on High School Graduation & Drop-Out Data and Programs at the Education Partnership Committee Meeting of March 10, 2009.

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's report will be presented at the City of Oakland Partnership Meeting next week. She said the drop-out data in the report shows 9th grade is our biggest challenge and we will be our focus. Data in the report indicates the bulk of our drop-outs happen in the 9th grade declining significantly after that. We have made some progress in our drop-out rate. Our 12th grade graduation rate is 82% this year which is only 2% behind the county average and better than the state average.

Vice President Gallo

Vice President Gallo said the 9th grade drop-out rate is alarming and needs to be addressed. We need to get to the real issue of why we are failing our students at that grade level.

Chairperson London

Chairperson London asked Superintendent Mayor for a list on the different SES providers. Superintendent Mayor said the Finance Department will make a presentation on Monday and the contracting process will be a part of the presentation which may include a list of the contractors.

Discussed

F. New Business

None.

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

None.

H. Chairperson's Statement Disclosing Item(s) to be Discussed in Closed Session Today

Not applicable.

I. Closed Session Item(s):

Not applicable.

J. Recess to Closed Session

Not applicable.

K. Reconvene to Public Session

Not applicable.

L. Second Roll Call

Not applicable.

M. Chairperson's Statement of Reportable Action Taken in Closed Session and the Vote or Abstention of Members Present, if any

Not applicable.

N. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

O. Adjournment

Chairperson London adjourned the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____