

# Oakland Unified School District

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## Minutes (Long)

**Tuesday, April 06, 2010**

**6:00 PM**

**Closed Session - 6:00 P.M. - Public Session - 7:00 P.M.**

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

## Safety Committee

**Alice Spearman, Chairperson  
Jumoke Hodge, Member  
Noel Gallo, Member**

**A. Call to Order**

*Chairperson Alice Spearman called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.*

**B. Roll Call**

**Roll Call:** Present: Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman

Absent: Jumoke Hodge

**C. Chairperson's Statement Disclosing Item(s) To Be Discussed In Closed Session Today**

*Chairperson Spearman said the meeting will recess to Closed Session to take up student matters and will return to Public Session in about one hour.*

**D. Closed Session Item(s):****Pupil Matter(s)****Admission(s)**

**10-0559 Admission Hearing - Student S**

**10-0560 Admission Hearing - Student T**

**Expulsion(s)**

**10-0561 Expulsion Appeal Hearing - Student S**

**Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)**

*Jumoke Hodge present at 6:20 P.M.*

**Roll Call:** Present: Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman

10-0562     **Expulsion Appeal Hearing - Student T**

**E.    Recess To Closed Session**

*Chairperson Spearman recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 6:06 P.M.*

**F.    Reconvene to Public Session**

*Chairperson Spearman reconvened the meeting to Public Session at 7:00 P.M.*

**G.    Second Roll Call**

**Roll Call:** Present: Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman

**H.    Chairperson's Statement of Reportable Action Taken In Closed Session and the Vote or Abstention of Members Present, If Any**

*Chairperson Spearman stated there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.*

**I.    Modification(s) To Agenda - Public Session**

*None.*

**J.    Adoption of Committee Minutes**



**10-0607     Minutes - Safety Committee Meeting - March 16, 2010**

Approval by the Safety Committee of Its Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2010.

**Attachments:**     [Minutes - Safety Committee Meeting - March 16, 2010](#)

**A motion was made by Noel Gallo, seconded by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, that this matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Adv Aye: 0

Adv Nay: 0

Adv Abstain: 0

Aye: 3 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman

Nay: 0

Recused: 0

Preferential Aye: 0

Preferential Abstention: 0  
Preferential Nay: 0

## K. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report



[10-0512](#)

### Professional Services Contract - The Podesta Group - School Climate and School Security

Approval by the Board of Education of a Professional Services Contract between District and The Podesta Group, for the latter to provide strategic counsel to the District regarding school safety, school climate and restorative justice programs and funding such programs, for the period February 2, 2010 through September 1, 2010, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for services; \$10,000.00 separately for expenses.

**Resource Code - 0000-946**

**Funding Source: General Purpose**

**Attachments:** [Document\(s\)](#)

*General Counsel, Jacqueline Minor, said the Podesta Group is a Washington, D.C. firm that facilitates public entities in obtaining Earmarks. She said the current focus is on Restorative Justice, School Safety and School Climate. She said this is a short term contract for the period of February through September. Ms. Minor said the Family and Community Office and Laura Moran worked with her in putting together a grant proposal that Senator Feinstein's office is considering on the Second Chance Initiative.*

#### *Committee Discussion*

*Director Hodge said during the Council of Great City Schools Conference she got to witness the Podesta Group and their relationship with the elected officials staff. She said they are known on Capitol Hill and understand the process well.*

*Director Hodge asked Adrian Kirk to explain what the Earmark is for.*

*Adrian Kirk, Director of the Family and Community Office, said the Second Chance Program is an expansion of the re-entry work the District is doing at the Juvenile Justice Center. He said it adds additional staff and additional case management to address a larger number of students.*

*There were no public speaker cards submitted on this item.*

**This Matter was Recommended Favorably on the Consent Agenda.**

**Votes:** Adv Aye: 0  
Adv Nay: 0  
Adv Abstain: 0  
Aye: 3 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman  
Nay: 0  
Recused: 0  
Preferential Aye: 0  
Preferential Abstention: 0

Preferential Nay: 0

## Passed The Committee General Consent Report

**A motion was made by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, seconded by Alice Spearman, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Adv Aye: 0  
Adv Nay: 0  
Adv Abstain: 0  
Aye: 3 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman  
Nay: 0  
Recused: 0  
Preferential Aye: 0  
Preferential Abstention: 0  
Preferential Nay: 0

## L. Unfinished Business



### 09-2460 Presentation of Attendance & Truancy Plan for 2009-2010

Presentation of the Attendance & Truancy Plan for the 2009-2010 School Year.

**Attachments:** [09-2460 - Presentation of Attendance & Truancy Plan for 2009-2010.ppt Document\(s\)](#)

*Adrian Kirk distributed to Committee Members a Truancy Analysis Report for review.*

*Chairperson Spearman requested that each Board Member receive a copy of the report at the Board Meeting on April 14th.*

#### *Committee Discussion*

*Chairperson Spearman asked Mr. Kirk for strategies for middle and high schools.*

*Mr. Kirk suggested said drawing attention to attendance, the SART/SARB process and in early middle school the District Attorney will take those cases.*

*Director Gallo said for him the report represents a community challenge as well as an institutional challenge. He said he just returned from seeing student's world wide compete and to see what other countries are doing. He said we are not close to meeting the future world competition.*

*Director Hodge made a motion that the current 2009-2010 Truancy Analysis Report be forwarded to the Full Board as an agenda item for the upcoming Board Meeting.*

*There were no public speaker cards submitted on this item.*

**A motion was made by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, seconded by Noel Gallo, that this**

**matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Votes:** Adv Aye: 0  
 Adv Nay: 0  
 Adv Abstain: 0  
 Aye: 3 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo and Alice Spearman  
 Nay: 0  
 Recused: 0  
 Preferential Aye: 0  
 Preferential Abstention: 0  
 Preferential Nay: 0

**10-0004 Report - District Police Services Department**

Oral Report on the mission, functions, responsibilities, and related issues, of the District's Police Services Department.

**Tabled**

**M. New Business**



**10-0572 Juvenile Justice Board Report**

Presentation of Juvenile Justice Report.

**Attachments:** [Document\(s\)](#)  
[10-0572 - Juvenile Justice Board Report.ppt](#)

*Castle Redmond, Program Manager for the Juvenile Re-entry Collaborative at the Juvenile Justice Center, made the presentation. Highlights of Mr. Redmond's presentation:*

*The Measure "Y" Wrap Around Strategy aims to reduce truancy among 265 of the 900 youth exiting Juvenile Hall to the District providing community based case management services and a smooth re-entry back into school. Upon release from Juvenile Hall they enroll students into District schools; communicate with schools about the students they receive; connect families to District and community resources.*

*School Placement and Measure "Y" Criteria: What does the student and family want? Is there an IEP? Attendance pattern and school space.*

*Community Based Organizations include: Youth Uprising, California Youth Outreach, East Bay Asian Youth Center, East Bay Agency for Children, and the Mentoring Center.*

*Impact of the Collaborative: Over 95% of youth leaving the Juvenile Justice Center are placed in an educational placement within three days.*

*Creating a Soft Landing: Identify a Juvenile Justice Center person at the school site and develop a needs assessment.*

*Welcoming Circles: Hold circle within a week of release from Juvenile Justice Center and*

*focus on support, healing and accountability.*

*Special Education Students: Thirty three percent of the 629 students released through January 2010 were identified Special Education Students.*

*Students with Disabilities: Forty three percent were identified as severely emotionally disturbed.*

*Snap Shot of Current Caseload: Average reading and math level per intake testing was 2nd/3rd grade.*

*Mr. Kirk said we are now aware of the problems because we are staffed at the Juvenile Justice Center and we are getting students back into school. He said we are able to identify problems and start working on solutions to the problems.*

*Mr. Redmond said at the Juvenile Justice Center they are identifying needs and getting a good idea on what they can do that will really work. He said it starts with the booking, assessment, and the whole re-entry process. He said there is an issue of resources. Mr. Redmond offered to schedule a tour of the Juvenile Justice Center and the Transition Center for Committee Members*

#### *Committee Discussion*

*Director Hodge said she would like an ethnic and gender brake down of the report.*

*Chairperson Spearman said a lot of our programs started on soft money and when the money runs out the program goes no matter how good the program.*

*There were no public speaker cards submitted on this item.*

**Discussed**

#### **10-0622 District's Restorative Justice Practice**

Staff report on District's Restorative Justice Practice.

**Tabled**

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

*None.*

### **O. Superintendent of Schools or Designee's Committee Liaison Report**

*None.*

**P. Introduction of New Legislative Matter**

*None.*

**Q. Adjournment**

*Chairperson Spearman adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.*

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

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