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Minutes (Long)

Wednesday, October 07, 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

Chairperson Jody London called the meeting to order at 5:07 P.M.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Modification(s) To Agenda

D. Adoption of Committee Minutes



[09-2830](#) Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - September 2, 2009

Approval by Intergovernmental Relations Committee of its Minutes of September 2, 2009.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[09-2830 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - September 2, 2009](#)

A motion was made by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, seconded by Jody London, that this matter be Adopted. 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



[09-2831](#) Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - September 15, 2009

Approval by Intergovernmental Relations Committee of its Minutes of September 15, 2009.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[09-2831 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - September 15, 2009](#)

A motion was made by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, seconded by Jody London, that this matter be Adopted. 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

E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

F. Unfinished Business

09-2591 Report - Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY) (Measure K) - Update

Presentation of a Report by the Superintendent of Schools or designee on the present or prospective status of or impact on City of Oakland Measure K Funding as a result of the recent City Election regarding such and consideration of any proposals to affect same, if any.

Ms. Moran reported that she met with the Superintendent for an overview and update of the OFCY Team. She said one of the biggest things we do with OFCY Funding is a lot of our after-school programs which leverages a lot of the money we get from the state. Ms. Moran introduced Sarah Bedford, Policy and Planning Manager for the Department Human Services - City of Oakland.

Ms. Bedford distributed packets to Committee Members. She said in the packet there was a sheet highlighting the programs that the city is in partnership with the District. She said we have two major citizen's initiatives, Measure "Y" - Violence Prevention and OFCY. Other programs include the Safe Walk to School and the Head Start Program. Also included was a list and description of the programs funded through Measure "Y".

Kelsey Crow, Program Planner with Oakland Fund for Children and Youth (OFCY), gave some background information about OFCY. Ms. Crow said they were authorized by Oakland voters to administer a City of Oakland set aside of Unrestricted General Fund revenues authorized by Measure "K" in 1996 and now by Measure "D" for another 12 years of funding. She said we are overseen by a Public Oversight Committee comprised of representatives nominated by City Council and the Mayor's Office. We are in the last year of our four year strategic plan 2006-2010 and at the peak of the plan last year we awarded \$13.8 million to programs serving children 0-20 years of age. She said next year funding will decrease to \$10 million. She said under the current plan they have funded physical health services sports programming with Sports 4 Kids and Bay Area Scores and some gardening programs. Going forward we will be funding the same activities integrated into the after school programming so that the Office of Health and Wellness, Instructional

Services and the After School Department are all talking together on how we can integrate these service with OFCY Funding supporting the dollars to make it happen. Another component in after school programming is the family engagement, an area of activity that OFCY has not funded much in the recent past but now is very conscious and has decided to integrate family engagement programming into the after school strategy.

Chairperson London asked if any School Board Members sit on the Oversight Committee?

Ms. Crow said "No", but members from staff come to most of the meeting. She said Director Kakishiba comes.

Chairperson London said Director Kakishiba was there in his professional capacity.

Ms. Crow said Council Members appoint the Committee Members. They have two appointees; one is an adult and one is a youth. The Mayor has one appointee. She said they are looking for people from Districts 6 and 7.

Director Hodge asked if the Commission had an equal number of adults and youth?

Ms. Crow said there is one more adult.

Chairperson London asked Ms. Crow what they did with evaluation information. She wanted to know how it affects whether a group is given a follow-on contract for the following year.

Ms. Crow said this was the first year of a shared evaluation with the District around the school-based after school programming and we have been implementing it for about two months.

Chairperson London said this evaluation pertains to only programs funded by OFCY. She said we have other after school providers.

Ms. Moran said Jane Nicholson did an evaluation on all our schools.

Chairperson London asked about the fee for service programs.

Ms. Moran said "No."

Chairperson London said there are schools in this District, several of them she represent do not qualify for Prop 49 Funding. She said parents do not know when school starts whether or not they are going to have a spot in the program.

Ms. Moran said that was something she could look into with Julia Ma and Jane Nicholson.

Ms. Crow talked about Early Childhood. She said they do fund mental health and developmental consultation for early child care settings. Currently we provide programming to about 11 CDC sites in Oakland. This programming supports early child care providers who are having trouble working with kids that might have some social/emotional delays or behavioral issues.

Director Hodge said last year the CDC was closed at Prescott Elementary School and the impact of that closure was felt at the opening of the new school year. She said Head Start Program pretty much monopolized by the city and those Federal dollars around early child care. She said she is interested at an Intergovernmental level around how it is we can share some of the resources that are coming at a federal level into our CDC's.

Discussed



09-2602

City - District Education Partnership Issues

Discussion and possible adoption by the Committee of issues, topics for future meeting of the City - District Education Partnership Committee.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[Joint Resolution - City - District - Promoting Collaboration Between the City and the School District Addressing Specific Youth Problems Within the City.pdf](#)
[Joint Resolution - City - District - Promoting Collaboration Between the City and the School District Addressing Specific Youth Problems Within the City.pdf](#)
[09-2602 - Draft Letter - City Council Members, Education Partnership Committee.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said at our last meeting we talked about sending a letter to the City Council that outlines the areas for action that we would like to pursue. A draft of the letter was posted with today's agenda. The issues we want to pursue are Youth Policy, Safety and Green City. The idea is we are taking this letter forward to the Board for approval next week, if we can, and we will send it to our counterparts in the City.

Director Hodge said raising the issues is good and we can make sure they are really relevant. She said one of the things she did last week was to look for a real definition for the Intergovernmental Group. She said she did not find a lot on the City's Education Partnership Committee. She said she went to the City's web site and didn't really get a good definition. Director Hodge asked if there was a working definition and asked Mr. Moran if she has ever seen a mission/vision for that group. Ms. Moran said, "No." Mr. Rakestraw said he would ask for the information. He said it might not be what you are looking for but at the time it was created that would be the historical record.

Chairperson London asked Director Hodge if the Committee wanted to bring this letter forward to the Board next week or do we want to hold off get the research from Mr. Rakestraw?

Director Hodge said she would like to try it again and maybe not press ourselves for the next Board Meeting unless there is a sense it is time certain and needs to happen now. She said assuming we get something to the Board by November, in January there is going to be a new cycle of committee appointments. She said if we started to vet it with ourselves and the letter sent to the City Council, they can consider it at the beginning of the new year.

Ms. Moran said one of the things she would like the Committee to consider is the joint proposal she developed based on direction from the Intergovernmental Relations Committee. She said she would like to revisit some of that since we did not have the Green City Policy.

Chairperson London said she has a meeting next week with the Facilities Department to talk about some very specific things we would like partner with the City. She said she would like the Committee to have a revised draft of the letter ready for the next Committee meeting on November 12th. Chairperson London said we would bring this item again up next month.

Tabled to a Date Certain

G. New Business



09-2834 Community Engagement Process

Presentation from Superintendent of Schools or designee of Progress Report and discussion by the Committee on implementation of the Community Engagement Guidelines approved by the Board on September 23, 2009.

Attachments: [09-2593 - Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement Plan Next 10](#)
[Open Town Hall](#)

Chairperson London used her notebook computer and the projection screen demonstrating how the web site called opentownhall.com works. She said this web site allows governing boards to get public opinion on different issues selecting Berkeley, California as an example. She explained that at the website the public is able to register a vote or opinion and it becomes a part of the public record. Chairperson London confirmed with Ms. Moran that the District's IT Director has started looking at this and Mr. Moran said, "Right".

Ms. Moran said we want to something like this. She said we have looked at a couple of the tools. We are working with the Cabinet to build it so we can give people some of the trade off scenarios. We want to wait until we have the budget. Ms. Moran noted that we are now going to have a Budget Study Session and she wants to talk about. She said the question is how do we frame three to four critical budget questions that we want to get input on from the communities. Monday we had our Executive Team Retreat where we tried out some of the similar budget materials that Chairperson London piloted in her Town Hall Meeting. She said the questions come down to how it would look like if you cut 80% from Central Office and 20% from school sites. She said the first thing we need is input on where do we land. The second question is once you decide what that split is, how to make those cuts at school sites and how do you make those cuts at Central Office?

Chairperson London said at the Town Hall Meeting she held last week with the Superintendent we did not advertise it as a meeting to talk about those particular issues. We did not dwell on them a lot but they certainly came up in the course of the conversation. She said she had an opportunity to talk to people who were at the meeting and the people feel like the District is being very transparent about money.

Director Hodge said she feels like there are two conversations going on at one time. One is about a budget conversation, how to roll that out and the engagement process of it. She said she thinks as a Board we have to have more information and education now.

Ms. Moran said because we are under a tight timeline, it would be helpful to least get an agreement from the Board to list five or six standard questions that we want to ask and we have to decide very soon on those questions. She said the Superintendent wants to frame the conversation around academic and fiscal solvency. She suggested that the first three questions might be:

- 1. What does educational equity means to you? If you had to prioritize that what would it look like? What are some of your values?*
- 2. Ask for some high level input about what are some of the services provided by the Central Office that are benefiting schools you want to see preserved?*

Ms. Moran said if there is a way to get enough agreement with the Board and the Superintendent on five or six standard questions we can start using them to collect some information over the next two months. We have the Board Meeting next week so if we can get approval of at least a set of questions. She said we would like to get the dates as soon because we would like to advertise them all as a block listing with all seven Director's names, dates and locations so that we can help with getting that on the internet and local newspapers.

Director Hodge said she would like to see this advertised on the City of Oakland's web site. She said staff could make those phone calls to City Council to ask them to be engaged with us that would be great.

Chairperson London said she liked the ideas of advertising the meetings in a block. She said if we can do it she would be happy to share her list of where she advertises things and post things.

Director Hodge asked if they could have a conversation gathering people without an agenda. She said she feels a Restorative Circle needs to happen because there is a need for people to do some of that venting and also for us to come back to the center.

Chairperson London said that is what her meeting last week ended up being.

Director Hodge said she raised that not as an additional thing to do. She said it may not be in October, November or December when we do that.

Chairperson London said we need to have flexibility. She said each Board Member should have the same basic hand-outs about the academic and fiscal situation. She said when we start to talk about the District's academic achievements as a whole, we can talk in the same language and have some agreement around some of the things we want to highlight as our successes. She said the issues Director Hodge will talk about are different than the issues another Director is going to talk about because issues are different across the city. She said we need to have some agreement around how to frame certain issues, but we also need the flexibility to talk about them in different formats as we move forward.

Ms. Moran said how do you make it coherent and yet flexible. She said we can do both. In order to have that flexibility we need to make sure we have Board Members over the next two week sign up for some time to do to planning primarily with Ms. Nunoz so that we can be prepared to support you in the way that feels best for your community.

Chairperson London said the Community Engagement Process will become a standing item on the agenda.

Referred to Board of Education



09-2856

Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 5 - State of California Annual General Fund Budget - Loni Hancock

Review of and possible action on proposed Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 5 by Senator Loni Hancock, which if adopted by the voters, among other things, will provide for the passage of the annual State of California General Fund Budget by 55% vote, replacing present 2/3s vote requirement, of the Legislature.

Attachments: [SCA 5](#)
[SCA 5 Fact Sheet April 17.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said the constitutional amendment that would go to the voters and it would relax the two-thirds requirement to pass a budget bill to a simple majority of 55%. She said because we are so heavily impacted by the state budget, she would like the Committee to bring this item to the Full Board for endorsement.

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

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

There were no speaker cards submitted.

I. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

- 1. Early Childhood Education Coordination (funding).*
- 2. Youth policy conversation looking at the composition of the Board for the OFCY.*

J. Adjournment

Chairperson London adjourned the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____