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Minutes (Long)
Wednesday, May 05, 2010
5:00 PM

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

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

Jody London, Chairperson
Jumoke Hodge, Member
Christopher Dobbins, Member

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Christopher Dobbins, Jumoke Hodge and Jody London

C. Modification(s) To Agenda

Vice President Dobbins requested Legislative File 10-0557, United Nations International Peace Day be taken up around 6:15 P.M.

D. Adoption of Committee Minutes



[10-0829](#) Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - April 1, 2010

Approval by Intergovernmental Relations Committee of Its Minutes of April 1, 2010.

Attachments: [10-0289 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - April 1, 2010](#)

A motion was made by Christopher Dobbins, 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 - Christopher Dobbins and Jody London
Nay: 1 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge
Recused: 0
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0

E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

None.

F. Unfinished Business

[09-2834](#)**Board of Education - Community Engagement Process - May Revise**

Discussion and possible recommendation to Board of Education on revised community engagement process for May.

Attachments: [09-2593 - Board of Education - 2009-2010 Community Engagement Plan1.pdf Document\(s\)](#)
[09-2834 - Urban Strategies Council - OUSD Board Community Engagement Report - 2009-2010 Engagements.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said she had conversations with her colleagues on the Board and the Superintendent about further Community Engagements before the end of the school year.

Laura Moran, Chief Services Officer, said staff is ready to serve Board Members when they are ready to schedule their individual meetings. She said Dr. Smith has located some additional funds to help with the cost of child care, food and translation. Ms. Moran said invitations will be sent to Board Members by Sara Nunoz or herself asking Board Members to let them know the date of their Community Engagement. She said one meeting per Board Member will be staffed.

Vice President Dobbins said he has already talked to the Principal at the school site he plans to hold his meeting and he said he will forward the dates to Ms. Moran.

Discussed[09-2602](#)**City - District Education Partnership Issues**

Update on District's relationship with the City of Oakland and possible mutual topics/issues to be pursued with the City via the City - District Education Partnership Committee.

Attachments: [09-2602 - Draft Letter - City Council Members, Education Partnership Committee.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said she has nothing new to report regarding the Education Partnership with the City of Oakland. She said the Board's colleagues on the City Council were going to contact each Board Member regarding their concerns around access to school yards after school hours during the week and on the weekends. Chairperson London said she had not had that conversation with her counterpart on the City Council.

Vice President Dobbins said he had a conversation with Chairperson London's City Council counterpart, Jane Brunner, at a meeting on Saturday. He said President Brunner says the schools are already open, just let them hold meetings at the schools. Vice President Dobbins said the issue for the District is who pays for the custodians? He said he heard some concerns from the Skyline community that if the District will allow the use of the facilities for events, the facilities should be opened to anyone who may want to have a concert.

Director London said the District already has a fee structure in place. She said if anyone wants to rent District facilities, there is the Civic Center Office in the Facilities Department where the public can make a reservation to use school facilities. Chairperson London said there are several issues. She said the City Council has never formally responded the District's request to have safety be the focus of the Life Enrichment

Committee. She said the Life Enrichment Committee has said they would like to focus on the Promise Neighborhoods. She said the issue around joint use keeps coming up in the Facilities Department. She said the Chair of the Life Enrichment Committee has resisted her suggestions to put the MOU on the table. She said the City wants to see school yards open after school during the week and on the weekends for the community. The issue from the Facilities Department is around the liability and who would cover the estimated cost of \$1 million dollars a year. Chairperson London said street parking in her district as well as other districts is an issue at school sites where there is no on-site parking. She said teachers in District 1 are interested in being able to purchase parking stickers to use while they are at work.

Discussed



09-3555 Promise and/or Choice Neighborhood Program

Discussion and/or status report on Federal, State and Other Funding Opportunities, possible collaboratives with other entities for District including but not limited to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Race to the Top, Promise and/or Choice Neighborhoods proposals and other sources.

Attachments: [09-3555 - Meeting Handout - January 6, 2010.pdf](#)
[09-3555 - USDOE - Promise Neighborhoods Summary Document.ppt](#)
[09-3555 - USDOE - Promise Neighborhoods Summary Document.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said the RFP's for the Promise Neighborhoods came out last week.

Ms. Moran made a presentation of the Promise Neighborhood.

She said the application deadline for the Notice of Intent to Apply is May 21, 2010 and the application deadline is June 25, 2010.

Ms. Moran the vision of the Promise Neighborhood is in alignment with the District's emerging District strategy to integrate services for families and students at schools and across a continuum. She said the District has identified at least six neighborhoods and ranked them. What they are looking for in these communities is effective community services, high performing schools, academic programs and strong family supports.

Promise Neighborhood Program Summary

Purpose - To significantly improve the outcomes of children in our most distressed communities by: 1) Supporting efforts to improve outcomes that are communicated and analyzed by leaders and members of the community. 2) To identify and increase capacity of eligible entities focused on results from cradle through college to career.

Funding - Fiscal Year 2010 - \$10 million for up to 20 one-year planning grants

Applicants - 1) Eligible applicants are nonprofits (which may include faith-based organizations) and institutions of higher education that are representative of the neighborhood. 2) Most will manage or partner with at least one school in the neighborhood. Applications are encouraged to partner with LEA, Federal, State, and local leaders, and other providers of family and community supports.

Ms. Moran said President Yee, Dr. Smith and a number of organizations who have been

involved in the process have been meeting on a regular basis. She said Cal Endowment did some funding for Urban Strategies to play a facilitation role. Mayor Dellums and Dr. Smith decided each would like to have a small advisory committee with both submitting the names of four persons. Ms. Moran said there can be only one anchor organization.

Chairperson London asked for the process by which staff is proposing the Board authorize the District's participation in this grant?

Ms. Moran said based on thinking there would be only one neighborhood, the District would launch the small committee with Urban Strategies facilitating the committee. She said this committee will make a recommendation for the anchor organization to Dr. Smith and Mayor Dellums and review the recommendation with the Board. Ms. Moran said Youth Uprising, Prescott Joseph Center and Safe Passages have all said they want to be an anchor organization.

Chairperson London said she is concerned there has been no opportunity for the Board to provide input for the criteria for the neighborhood or the anchor organization. She said she would encourage the Superintendent to have some discussion with the Board around that.

Chairperson London requested this item be placed on the meeting agenda for the May 12th Board of Education Meeting.

Discussed



[10-0554](#)

U.S. Department of Education March 2010 Blueprint - Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

Discussion and possible adoption of further and/or revised recommendations to Board of Education on U.S. Department of Education's March 2010 Blueprint - Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, commonly known as the No Child Left Behind Act.

Attachments: [A Blueprint for Reform - Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act](#)

Tabled



[10-0557](#)

Endorsement - United Nations International Peace Day - September 21, 2010

Discussion and possible adoption of Resolution No. 0910-0195 - Endorsing United Nations International Day of Peace.

Attachments: [UN Day of International Peace Document\(s\)](#)
[10-0557 - Endorsing United Nations International Day of Peace - September 21, 2010.pdf](#)

Andy Anderson, Listen for Life, said their organization help people restore music as a unifying force for peace. She said they were asked by the Mayor of Oakland and the City commissioned them to help create as many events as possible throughout the City for Peace Day starting in September 2010. She said as part of that process they have been going into schools helping the children to create their own music messages for peace that the students

will perform on Peace Day in September.

Discussed

G. New Business



[10-0834](#)

Report - Nutrition Services Department - Oakland School Food Alliance

Presentation of Report from the Director of Nutrition Services on funding, program, and District's relationship with the Oakland School Food Alliance.

Attachments: [10-0834 - Report - Nutrition Services Department - Oakland School Food Alliance.pdf](#)

Jennifer LeBarre, Director of Nutrition Services, made a presentation on the Meal Program Improvements and Funding Update.

National School Lunch Program

Ms. LeBarre said this program is a federally assisted meal program operating in over 101,000 schools throughout the country providing nutritionally balanced, low cost or free meals to students 18 years of age or younger. She said reimbursements are based on the number of free, reduced, and paid meals served daily that meet the meal program nutrition standards. Families fill out Meal Program Applications annually to determine their meal eligibility status of free, reduced, or paid.

Snapshot of District's Meal Program

The District operates 91 cafeterias with 68 % of District students qualifying for free/reduced meals. The District offers lunch at all schools, breakfast is served at 94 schools and after school snacks are served at 75 schools. The District employs approximately 300 employees in the Nutritional Services Department. The Salad Bar Program is at 54 schools. The District is looking to receive about \$14.8 million dollars for next school year. Most of the money the District receives is spent on food, employee salaries and benefits. The department has a \$208,000 General Fund repayment monies owed prior to the State takeover.

Meal Program Improvements

The department has eliminated the following unhealthy items from the meal program offerings: Soda, 2% milk, limited chocolate milk to one time per week, trans fats are at the USDA standards, removed fryers from all schools and removed high sodium items like Cup Of Noodles and pre-made/processed foods.

The department has increased the availability of fresh fruit and vegetables through various strategies. Fresh fruit is offered daily at breakfast and fresh produce is offered daily at lunch for all schools. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant operated at two schools and purchased produce from local farmers.

Current Meal Program Improvement Work

Some of the current improvements include developing a local produce purchasing policy, expanded the scratch cooking pilot program at all elementary schools with full operating kitchens and piloting a Meal Program at Roosevelt Middle School that removed the a la

carte offerings.

Programs Improvements for 2010-2011

The implementation of the Farm to School policy, a focus on breakfast participation and increasing scratch cooking in middle schools.

What would it take to cook from scratch

Scenario 1: One-time cost would be about \$7 million for equipment improvements and purchasing the small wares needed. The recurring costs are about \$14.4 million. She said these costs are high because of labor. If cooking from scratch you will need more employees. She also said cooking the types of food we want will cost more such as whole grains and anti-biotic free foods.

Scenario 2: Build a new Central Kitchen consolidating the operations of the current three kitchens. She said instead of individually prepackaged meals for the students bulk meals would be used. Students will be served on trays and using a dishwasher to clean the trays. She said that would improve the dining experience for the students. The cost for scenario 2 without constructions cost is about \$11 million with a recurring cost of \$12 million.

Summary of the pros & cons for a Central Kitchen: Pros

Lower labor cost, consistency of product and better management oversight.

Cons

Large up-front costs and food will not be cooked from scratch at each site.

Summary of the pros & cons of cooking kitchens at all sites

Pros - Full operating kitchens at all sites and kitchens can be used as community/teaching kitchens.

Cons - Increased labor costs and no control over product consistency.

Committee Discussion

Vice President Dobbins asked why were the fryers removed from school sites?

Ms. LeBarre said the department decided to discontinue frying food. She said the fryers were sold at auction.

Vice President Dobbins said in District 6 there is an interest for scratch cooking.

Ms. LeBarre said further discussions will take place at the Cabinet Level to make sure the proposal is right for the District. She said part of the proposal is to create community kitchens throughout the District. She said the hope is to start the process by the end of this school year going out to get funders.

Vice President Dobbins asked why the District does not allow other companies to contract with the cafeteria providing food to the students?

Ms. LeBarre said this has been tried in the past, but one of the problems is you can do this for one school but not for all schools. She said it is an equity issue.

Chairperson London said if the District leans towards a central kitchen there will be some properties that the District can be converting. She said the McClymonds community was never given the appropriate kitchen they have been promised for many years.

Discussed



10-0835

Relationship/Evaluation Review - District's Membership - Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority

Review of and evaluation of the governance, operation of, membership of District in the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority and possible recommendations to the Board of Education regarding same.

Attachments: [06-1497 - Agreement Creating the Youth Ventures Joint Powers Authority Youth Ventures Submitted Documents.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said two weeks ago Director Kakishiba asked that this committee look at the Youth Ventures JPA to evaluate if they are meeting the intended purposes reporting back in August. She said we pay yearly dues of \$150,000 to this organization.

Chairperson London said tonight she hopes the committee can structure how to conduct the investigation and at the June meeting have some reporting out. She said in August the committee can adopt some recommendations that can be brought to the Board.

Chairperson London said she would like to look at is JPA doing what the Resolution said it would do.

Vice President Dobbins said he is sure the JPA does fantastic work. He said it comes to if we are getting the bang for our bucks.

Chairperson London said she would like to see some reporting via Annual Reports.

Laura Moran said it is the responsibility of the members (five from each municipality) to evaluate the effectiveness of the JPA.

Alicia Perez, Safe Passages and Youth Ventures, said the organization would be happy to present a full report and answer any questions the Board may have. She said the five principles of the JPA are: 1) Shared development; 2) Research; 3) Policy; 4) Improved coordination; 5) Better improve and the delivery of services to the students.

Vice President Dobbins said the issue is the District is paying \$150,000 in yearly dues and the District is cutting staff.

Ms. Perez said their organization could show the benefit of the yearly \$150,000 dues paid by the District.

Chairperson London said the JPA is meeting May 17th and she asked Ms. Perez if it was possible to add to the agenda the District's request to perform a self-evaluation and the performance of the CEO?

Ms. Perez said "Ok".

Ms. Moran noted the District's next payment is due July 1, 2010. She said it would be good

to perform the evaluation before that time. She said it would be a good idea to get some input from Board Members as to the criteria for the evaluation.

General Counsel Minor said the JPA Agreement specifies the terms and conditions for termination of the membership. She said the District should be mindful of that timeline. She said the Agreement is very clear that the annual payment is not refundable upon withdrawal.

Discussed

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

There were no speaker cards submitted.

I. Superintendent of Schools or Designee's Committee Liaison Report

None.

J. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

None.

K. Adjournment

Chairperson London adjourned the meeting at 6:23 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____