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Minutes (Long)

Thursday, June 02, 2011

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

B. Roll Call

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

C. Speaker Request Cards/Modification(s) To Agenda

D. Adoption of Committee Minutes



[11-0033](#)

Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - December 8, 2010

Approval by Intergovernmental Relations Committee of its Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2010.

Attachments: [11-0033 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - December 8, 2010](#)

This file and Legislative File 11-1011 were adopted concurrently.

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 - Christopher Dobbins
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0



[11-1011](#)

Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - April 6, 2011

Approval by Intergovernmental Relations Committee of its Special Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2011.

Attachments: [11-1011 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - April 6, 2011.pdf](#)

This file and Legislative File 11-0033 were adopted concurrently.

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 - Christopher Dobbins
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0

E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

None.

F. Unfinished Business

None.

G. New Business

10-2765 Board of Education - Implementation - District's Strategic Initiative

A discussion of the Community Engagement Elements of District's Strategic Plan, opportunities and the role of the Board of Education in the implementation of the Strategic Initiative.

Chairperson London said Troy Flint and Perry Chen will talk about the Strategic Plan that the Board will adopt and what will happen as the Board prepares to adopt the plan and what happens after the Board adopts the plan.

Perry Chen said the Board's Coherent Governance alignment with the plan is a high priority for the Board to immediately start working on and figuring out how Board Policy Results and organizational expectations start to function. The idea of how the District does communications and community engagement particularly in the fall when school are in session and how the District is thinking about getting the message out to parents, families, guardians and caretakers and how the Board plays a role in that. He said the District has a large investment from Kaiser Permanente both financially and in human resources. Kaiser is interested in how they can help the District reach parents and families in a meaningful way. He said the Strategic Plan presentation is long, but the District must bring the videos to a length that gets the message to families about what the District wants to see in its schools; what the District wants for its students; what must change; and what the District must build over the next few years. The District wants to make sure the video goes to places parents already go to such as Back to School Night, a Reading Night, or

where parents come to that are already engaged with their schools.

Troy Flint, Public Relations Director, talked about some things the District can do in the near future. The District will continue to use thrivingstudents.org as the vehicle to get the message out. When some of the videos are finalized they will be made available on thrivingstudents.org. He noted some are available now. The District is working on a summary video of the Strategic Plan which will be displayed on KDOL and it can be streamed from the website.

Videos that will be available

- A retrospective of the whole community engagement plan the District had over the years
- A summary of what the District is doing with Community Schools
- A video that will exemplify the activities and things that took place in the District during the year that will highlight what the District thinks is good about Community Schools and what the District is working toward
- A summary of the plan that can be reduced to a few pages. The District hopes to distribute this video during Back to School Nights

Mr. Flint reported that on Saturday at 9:00a.m. there will be a meeting at Lincoln Elementary where the District will take feedback on the Strategic Plan; have a question and answer session; and breakout groups. On Monday at the Administration Building at 7:00 p.m. there will be another session where the District will discuss the Strategic Plan and there will be another meeting on Tuesday at Santa Fe Elementary School at 5:00p.m. The District will continue to have these events on a regular basis to take feedback from the public. He said the Strategic Plan is a living document that will grow and change over the next five years. The District will highlight more events over the summer on KDOL.

Committee Member Comments

Director Hodge said she is interested in the internal part of the Strategic Plan. She said the first group of people she thinks of is teachers being involved and engaged. She said she hopes the engagement spreads to the classified staff and contractors.

Director Hodge said the Intergovernmental Relations Committee has not talked about the relationship the Strategic Plan has to other institutions [AC Transit, City Government, Housing Authority, etc.]. She wanted to know if there are priorities that are important for the community and families.

Mr. Flint said in terms of internal communications, he thinks there has to be various entry points designed for a specific constituency. He said there can be more definition in the role of the principal and how they are managing the organizations that will be involved. In terms of staff communication, Mr. Flint said the District wants communication from support staff to teachers. The District wants to have a steady stream of information regarding what the District is doing and not just when it is a hot button issue.

Mr. Chen said there are a lot of things the District has to think about in terms of how people get information and how they absorb the information. He said in terms of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, the City, and County the District has been working on that. The District has formalized agreements with those Intergovernmental Agencies and said he thinks they understand and they are buying into the Strategic Vision.

He said the District has been working with the City around the Strategic Planning. He said the Oakland Education Cabinet is meeting regularly now and pulling together around some big questions it thinks the City and the District can address together.

Chairperson London wanted to know how the Board can help get the word out about the Strategic Plan and the work the District is doing.

Director Hodge said she thinks it's critical and does not want the District to be behind the ball.

Chairperson London suggested at the August Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting Mr. Flint and Mr. Chen come back and review some materials the Board can have to work with as they think about they own Back to School work in their individual districts.

Mr. Chen said the school is the natural entry point because the school is a part of the community. He said the regional governance is another area.

Discussed



11-0042

District Local, State and Federal Legislative Priorities - 2011

Adoption by the Board of Education of the District Local, State and Federal Legislative Priorities - Calendar Year 2011.

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

Director Hodge said evaluations and teacher assessments are bills that she is interested in.

Chairperson London said adequate funding is a priority for the District.

Discussed

11-1013

Federal Budget and Education Issues Update - Podesta Group

A Report from Podesta Group on the Federal budget and related items affecting the District including funds the District currently receives; proposed changes; changes in Federal funding for programs that assist the families served by the District such as Head Start, health care, etc.; update on Federal programs and policies, particularly the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; other Federal initiatives with opportunities and/or implications for the District.

Tabled



11-1014

State Budget and Education Issues Update - K Street Consulting

A Report from K Street Consulting regarding funds the District currently receives; proposed changes; changes in State funding for programs that assist families served by the District; update on State programs and policies; State initiatives with opportunities and/or implications for the District including how other programs that assist our students and families are impacted by the State budget crises; mental health and other health services, workforce development, CalWorks, and higher education.

Attachments: [11-1014 - K Street - Legislative Recommendations for Oakland Unified School District - June 2, 2011.pdf](#)
[10-1014 - K Street Legislative Recommendations for Oakland Unified School District - May 31, 2011.pdf](#)
[11-1014 - SB 132 - As Amended on May 11, 2011 - Lowenthal Lowenthal.pdf](#)
[10-1014 - SB128 - As Amended on March 22, 1011 - Lowenthal.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said the legislative session starts in January and the District is looking now at all the bills and there is a backlog. She said the District can start to develop a system where in the fall it identifies if the District's legislative priorities for this year are priorities of AB609 and AB677. She said the District can start to develop its priorities and strategies in the fall for any legislation the District wants to promote. The District can identify priorities for bills the District will track and as the bills start to come out in February, the District may have a longer session where it goes through the different bills. This will become an update on a month to month basis.

Sandra said that is an excellent timeline.

Chairperson London said in the fall the District will be able to have its content staff thinking about areas where legislation will be helpful to the District.

Chairperson London asked Sandra if there were some bills she felt the District should take action on right now.

Sandra recommended AB224 - Related to school accountability. K Street Consulting recommendation is to track or support the bill now or support it in the future. The goal of the bill is to figure out what can be done to the API Score to show what the school is doing to help students be ready for work or college after high school. The bill is moving forward.

Director Hodge made a motion and Chairperson London seconded the motion that the Intergovernmental Relations Committee track and receive reports on a regular basis regarding AB224.

AB250 - Related to instructional material and pupil assessments. Sandra said because of the current budget crisis, districts are prohibited from adopting new instructional materials until 2013-14. AB250 will create a new schedule so that districts can resume adoptions.

Director Hodge made a motion and Chairperson London seconded the motion to move the item for a discussion with Deputy Superintendent Santos.

Chairperson London said the Intergovernmental Relations Committee will not take a position at this time on AB250.

SB128 - Related to school facilities - high performing schools; schools being more energy efficient; providing better school climate and healthier learning environment because they provide natural lighting; indoor air quality; and efficient use of water. K Street Consulting recommends support of this bill.

Chairperson London made a motion and Director Hodge seconded the motion to support SB128.

Discussed**11-1015****Assembly Bill 609 - Education Finance: Oakland Unified School District: Audits: Emergency Loan Deductions**

Update on AB 609, As Amended, Swanson. Education Finance: Oakland Unified School District: audits: emergency loan deductions.

Attachments: [11-1015 - ab_609_bill_20110425_amended_asm_v97.pdf](#)

Sandra, K Street Consulting, said as of Friday, AB609 [a bill sponsored by Assemblyperson Swanson related to late audit findings during the period the District was in State Receivership] did not come out of the Suspense File. She said K Street Consulting has been in constant communication with Assemblyperson Swanson and he is committed to the bill. She said she thinks the problem has been the fiscal impact on the bill that the State is looking at as a potential revenue source for the State and not wanting to let go of it. K Street Consulting is trying to convince the State that the fees should have not been placed on the District in the first place, the fees should be reversed back and credited to the State Loan. She said the State is trying to keep every penny it has. The State feels justified based on their conversation with the Controller's Office that those fines were imposed legitimately and nothing will change on their end. She said if the Assembly does not give the District another chance to bring the bill up or let the bill continue to move one step further, K Street Consulting see this as a way to push the bill by building a coalition with other school districts that are in a similar position as Oakland receiving fines unjustly. She said other districts are ready to join Oakland in this effort. The press may have to be involved and some other things to get them to focus on the bill. She said the bill right now is sitting in the Appropriations Committee and generally the committee does not turn those bills into two year bills.

Committee Member Comments

Director Hodge said she liked the idea of the coalition and building that together. She asked for the names of other districts in similar situations.

Sandra said there were seven bill mentioned in the bill analysis but she did not have the specific names of the seven school districts. She said Compton Unified and West Contra Costa Unified are in similar situations as Oakland.

Discussed**11-1016****Assembly Bill 677 - Education Finance: Oakland Unified School District: Sale of Surplus Property**

Update on Assembly Bill 677, As Amended, Skinner. Education Finance: Oakland Unified School District: sale of surplus property.

Attachments: [11-1016 - ab_677_bill_20110426_amended_asm_v98.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said AB677 will continue the legislation passed when the District was in receivership that allows the District to use the proceeds from the sale of any property that the District might sell to reduce the amount of the State Loan.

Sandra said this bill had no opposition from any organization. The bill is moving forward to the Senate for a vote.

Discussed

11-1044 Update - Federal, State Nutrition Legislation

Presentation of an update on federal and state Nutrition legislation, funding, feasibility study by Jennifer LeBarre, Director, Nutrition Services.

Tabled



11-1373 Assembly Bill 9, As Amended, Ammiano. Pupil Rights: Bullying

Discussion and possible endorsement or opposition to AB 9, As Amended, Ammiano. Bullying, Alternatives To Expulsion Except as Warranted.

Attachments: [11-1373 - Assembly Bill 9, As Amended, Ammiano. Pupil Rights - Bullying.pdf](#)

Barbara McClung said she wants to encourage the District's support of AB9. She said this bill will amend existing law encouraging school districts to find alternative ways to the root cause of harm that doesn't involve students being out of school.

This bill makes the following provisions:

- 1. Encourages schools to develop alternatives to suspensions and expulsions for bullies. Instead of going immediately to suspension/expulsion, it encourages the districts to invest in alternatives [family conference, a victim offender dialogue, offering counseling, etc.] that gets to the root cause of the behavior.*
- 2. Makes provision for professional development. The bill encourages staff, students, and parents to understand what bullying is and to intervene, particularly teachers, when it is safe to do so.*
- 3. Encourages schools to give notice about bullying, what bullying is, and how you raise concerns as a parent around your child being bullied. 10231*
- 4. The professional development encourages looking across all the protected classes and includes a focus on anti-discrimination and anti-bullying.*

Chairperson London wanted to know the status of AB9.

Sandra said the bill is on its way to the Senate.

Director Hodge made a motion and Chairperson London seconded the motion to support AB9.

Recommended Favorably



11-1374 Senate Bill 453, As Amended, Correa. Pupil Rights: Bullying

Discussion and possible endorsement or opposition to SB 453, As Amended, Correa. Pupil Rights: Bullying: School Safety Plans: Suspension and Expulsion.

Attachments: [11-1374 - Senate Bill 453, As Amended, Correa. Pupil Rights - Bullying.pdf Document\(s\)](#)

The bill was suspended.

Discussed



11-1447

Senate Bill 128, Lowenthal. School Facilities Funding: High-Performance Schools

Discussion and possible endorsement of SB 128, Lowenthal. School Facilities Funding: High-Performance Schools.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[11-1447 - Senate Bill 128, Lowenthal. School Facilities Funding: High-Performance Schools pdf](#)
[11-1447 - SB 128 - Legislative Recommendation - K Street Consulting - June 2, 2011.pdf](#)

Recommended Favorably

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

There were no Public Speaker Cards submitted.

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

None.

J. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

Talk about the City Partnership at the August Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting.

Chairperson London said she would like to have a joint meeting with the City Council where the Intergovernmental Relations Committee presents the District's Strategic Plan.

K. Adjournment

Chairperson London adjourned the meeting at 6:22 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____