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Minutes (Long)
Wednesday, May 06, 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 5:01 P.M.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Modification(s) To Agenda

There were no Modifications to the Agenda.

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.](#)

A motion was made by Noel Gallo, 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: 3 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo and Jody London
Nay: 0
Recused: 0
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0



[09-1348](#) Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - March 4, 2009

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

Attachments: [Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - March 4, 2009](#)

A motion was made 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: 3 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo and Jody London
Nay: 0
Recused: 0
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0

**[09-1349](#)****Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - April 2, 2009**

Adopted by Intergovernmental Relations Committee of its Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2009.

Attachments: [09-1349 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee - April 2, 2009](#)

A motion was made by Noel Gallo, 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: 3 - Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Noel Gallo and Jody London
Nay: 0
Recused: 0
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0

D. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business.

E. New Business**[09-1355](#)****2009 State Legislative Priorities - Emergency apportionments: repayment: charter schools.**

Approval by the Board of Education, upon recommendation of Intergovernmental Relations Committee, of its support for enactment of Assembly Bill 980 (D-Swanson) Emergency apportionments: repayment: charter schools.

Attachments: [ab_980_bill_20090422_amended_asm_v98.pdf](#)

Doug McClain, Communications Director/ Education Policy Advisor for Assemblyman Sandre' Swanson. Mr. McClain gave a brief overview of AB980 what it does, why it is needed and where the Bill is in the process.

What AB 980 Means - AB 980 establishes equity in the repayment of the state loan and securing the financial stability of school districts in receivership as they move back towards local control. For any district under receivership there is an annual loan payment that must be made. The payment is fixed regardless to the size of the school district's budget. When declining enrollment occurs and the district's budget shrinks a larger percentage of the district's budget has to go to repaying the loan. The Fiscal Crisis Management Team (FCMAT) fifth report it cited charter schools for the financial impact they are having on OUSD. Currently about eight charter schools in Oakland pay a certain amount to the District based on a facility agreement. One of the methods we use is a per pupil payment. You take all the students in the traditional schools, all the students within OUSD in charter schools, take that total number and divide the annual payment of \$6 Million by the total number of students which equals the per student per pupil charge. Charter school already paying their share may be better off by this legislation. This takes some of the burden off of the traditional schools and the few charter school who are shouldering the burden. Every school will pay their fair share.

Status of the Bill - The Bill has passed out of the Assembly Education Committee, passed the Appropriations Committee, and headed to the Assembly Floor to be heard on May 18th but we have until the 1st week in June to get all Bills off the Assembly Floor.

Committee Discussion

Vice President Gallo thanked Assemblyman Swanson for being supportive of the District and said he thinks this Bill is the right thing to do and supports the legislation. He asked that a representative from Assemblyman Swanson's Office come to the Board at least once every three months and tell us what is going on in Sacramento regarding education, what is available, and how the District can participate. Mr. McClain committed to the request and said to contact his office if there were issues the Board would like more information on and some can come and make a presentation.

Chairperson London wanted know if the District would have to revise existing agreements with the charter schools that are already paying their fair share. He said that was something the Board would have to revisit. We have been in conversation with the Charter School Association and they do want to work on the Bill with us.

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



Approval by the Board of Education, upon recommendation of Intergovernmental Relations Committee, of its support for enactment of Assembly Bill 95 (D-Torlakson) School meals: reimbursement.

Attachments: [ab_95_bill_20090106_introduced.pdf](#)
[09-1359_Superintendent's_Recommendation_Assembly_Bill_95.pdf](#)

Interim Superintendent Mayor said existing laws requires each school district to provide meals for students. School districts are reimbursed by the state for providing meals to students who are eligible to receive free and reduced meals. This legislation would specify if the Superintendent of Public Instruction determines if the appropriation set forth in the budget act is insufficient to fully reimburse school districts providing these meals to eligible students. The Bill appropriates an additional amount to allow the state to reimburse school districts for the remainder of this year. Staff recommends support of this legislation, if it does not pass the District could not receive \$200,000 which it is eligible to receive for providing these meals. All Committee Members support this legislation and there was no discussion.

A motion was made by Noel Gallo, seconded by Jumoke Hinton Hodge, that this matter be Recommended Favorably. 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 Jody London
Nay: 0
Recused: 0
Preferential Aye: 0
Preferential Abstention: 0
Preferential Nay: 0



09-1404

2009 State Legislative Priorities - Early Childhood Education Program

Approval by the Board of Education, upon recommendation of Intergovernmental Relations Committee, of recommended changes in State legislation and/or Regulations regarding the Early Childhood Education Program.

Attachments: [Early Childhood Education Program - Current Income Ceilings.pdf](#)
[Superintendent Recommendations - Changes - Early Childhood Education Program.pdf](#)
[Early Childhood Education - Programs_Services.xls](#)

Staff report by Lynne Rodezno regarding the enrollment of three year olds. Ms. Rodezno said she received a response from the state and the District will be able to enroll three year olds. The income ceiling makes it difficult for working families to enroll their children in the program. A year ago the ceiling was higher because the average median state income was higher and eligibility is tied to the medium income statewide. We could increase our enrollment up if we could enroll those families who cannot afford private day care but their income is too much for our program.

Next steps:

1. To make a presentation before the Teaching and Learning Committee regarding how a greater investment and more universal pre-school would help us get to our 3rd grade reading goals so we can look at what would the full cost be.

2. *Look at how we can partner with Head Start, the City of Oakland, and do some fundraising.*

Superintendent Mayor suggested we consider subsidized fees for service. She said there may be families who can afford a smaller fee for child care services if we help subsidize the cost.

Committee Discussion

Chairperson London said staff will continue working on this item bringing it back to the committee with specific language, forwarding to the full Board for adoption, and to Assemblyman Swanson for sponsorship. She said the Committee is asking that Ms. Rodezno work among themselves and with the legislative representatives bringing this item back next month under Unfinished Business.

Vice President Gallo said we need to be clear what our strategy is. He said there are people at the state level who can take this to the federal level for us. He asked Mr. Rodezno to bring back to the committee a different approach. Ms. Moran said we will come up with a proposal taking it to the Teaching and Learning Committee saying we want to have an increased focus on early childhood education and this is how it will help us academically.

Director Hodge said we need to look at our academic priority and how we are engaging our parents.

Discussed



09-1405

Federal Legislative Priorities - Child Nutrition Act of 2009

Approval by the Board of Education, upon recommendation of Intergovernmental Relations Committee, of its support for enactment of Child Nutrition Act of 2009 - HR 1324 and S. 581.

Attachments: [HR 1324 - Child Nutrition Promotion and School Lunch Protection Act of 2009](#)
[S. 581 - Military Family Nutrition Protection Act of 2009](#)
[09-1405 - The District's School Meal Program.ppt](#)

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09-1361

2009 City/County Legislative Priorities

Review of City/County Legislative Priorities including:

1. Overview of all the programs/joint activities we have with the city and county. - staff report being prepared by Laura Moran
2. Discuss and identify priorities for collaboration with the City of Oakland. Possibilities include:
 - Federal Stimulus collaboration:
 - Upgrades to adult education and recreation centers (State Energy Program).
 - Summer youth employment programs
 - Other

This item will include a report from the Superintendent on areas for possible Stimulus funding that staff is working on currently.

- Climate Action Plan
- Other

Staff report by Laura Moran. Ms. Moran said a way we could partner with the City of Oakland is with the drop-out recovery. She said once a student has dropped out of school, it is very hard to find and recover the student. The second option is to continue the partnership around truancy.

Committee Members Priorities

Vice President Gallo said we could partner with the City but he would not rely on the City. He said the District should serve the K-12 students and Peralta Colleges should serve the adult students where they have adult programs. Vice President Gallo said he thinks we should pursue the Job Corps Program for legislative action.

Director Hodge said she is interested in our Summer Learning Programs and the Restorative Justice work.

Chairperson London said for her two biggest needs for the District are the Early Childhood and the After-School Programming. She said a lot of the funding opportunities under the Federal Stimulus Package are coming up quickly and her goal is to find money to upgrade the Edward Shands Adult Center.

Funding Updates from Staff

Ms. Moran said we should know if we are going to get \$150,000 for truancy in the next month or two.

Superintendent Mayor identified funds the District will be pursuing

- *We anticipate receiving \$16.4 Million in Title I, part of the money will be allocated this school year and we have to September 2010 to spend the money. Superintendent Mayor said she thinks there will be some allowance for carryover.*
- *We should receive \$13 Million under Individuals With Disabilities Act (IDEA) for Special Education; districts may be allowed to use 50% of the money for their contribution to Special Education programming meaning we will use less General Fund dollars to support Special Education programs*
- *Title I monies will be restricted as all Title I monies are.*

- *School sites have been asked to develop a priority list of items they could not fund because of the cuts that have occurred and we will identify some projects that we want them to fund with this money since Central Office support for some of these program have been cut.*
- *The state has received State Fiscal Stabilization Funds and we have submitted our application. The recommendation to the Board is to not to spend the money since we do not know if the six state propositions in the upcoming election will pass.*
- *National School Lunch Program for equipment purchases.*

Public Speakers

Kim Shipp said she attended a State Board of Education meeting today and said there was money for facilities to renovate and for Food Services.

Discussed

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

Junius Williams shared with the Committee an update on an idea he had regarding the forgiveness of the state loan he introduced at the last Intergovernmental Relations Committee meeting. He said he met with Scott Lucas from Assemblyman Sandre' Swanson's office who provided him some input to include in the resolution based on an earlier resolution adopted around the same subject matter. A second draft was sent to the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Chief Services Officer.

An alternative proposal presented requests forgiveness of the principal and interest on the loan; that the District be returned to full and local control without the need for a trustee. The alternate proposal suggests there be some trusteeship but the position being reduced in terms of the cost.

Committee Discussion

Vice President Gallo thanked Mr. Williams for his work on the resolution noting this will be a challenge but it is certainly worth a try.

Superintendent Mayor supports idea.

Committee Chair London wanted to know the next step. Mr. Williams said the language needs to be worked on and the policy issues need to be strengthened.

G. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

There was no Introduction of New Matter.

H. Adjournment

Chairperson London adjourned the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____