

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 1112-0762

Board Legislative Operations Restructuring (In Part).

WHEREAS, the Governing Board, commonly called the Board of Education, is the designated elected legislative, policy-making body of the public education system within the City of Oakland, California; and ,

WHEREAS, the Governing Board, among the various legal duties imposed upon it, is responsible for setting direction for the District; providing a basic organizational structure for the district by establishing policies; ensuring accountability; and providing community leadership on behalf of the District and public education; and

WHEREAS, to carry out its responsibilities, the Board has adopted Board Bylaws organizing its legislative operations by establishing standing committees, as defined in the Bylaws 9130 and the types and frequency of meetings as defined in Board Bylaw 9320,

WHEREAS, the Board over the last six months began an examination of the efficiency of its legislative operations in an effort to find the right operational structure, mechanism to more effectively and efficiently exercise its legal duties and responsibilities,

WHEREAS, as part of the review of its legislative operations, the Board heretofore at its Annual Organizational Meeting on January 4, 2012, adopted Amendment to Board Bylaws 9130 - Board Committees, provision on Standing Committees, suspending operation of said provision, and any and all other related Bylaw operational provision(s) applicable to standing committees, for a period of six months - January 2, 2012 through June 30, 2012, unless the Board otherwise determines; and

WHEREAS, the Rules and Ethics Committee of the Board of Education, meet on June 4, 2012, pursuant to a request of the Board made at the Board (Special Meeting) Retreat on May 4, 5, 2012, and at other meetings, that it examine the results of the suspension of standing committees and make a recommendation to the Board on the issue and to examine another suggestion made by and at Board Retreat and other meetings over the last six months that the Board change the format of its Regular Meetings to a model of one Agenda Review Session and one Regular Meeting Session monthly; and,

WHEREAS, the Rules and Ethics Committee at said meeting determined that additional study of the suspension of standing committees, previously approved on January 4, 2012, and the effectiveness of Study Sessions in lieu of Standing Committees requires a further six month study before a permanent recommendation is made to retain or abolish standing committees as part of the legislative apparatus of the Board and hereby so recommends said additional study to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Rules and Ethics Committee at said meeting also determined that it is worthwhile to conduct a six month pilot – July 1, 2012 until January 7, 2013, the date of the next Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board, of holding one regularly scheduled Agenda Review Session and one Regular Meeting Session monthly of the Board of Education as a whole to determine if such a process will foster more effective and efficient discharge of the Board's duties and promote better collaboration on

legislative matters among Board members, the administrative staff and the public and hereby so recommends said pilot to the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts the recommendations of the Rules and Ethics Committee a) extending for an additional six months as delineated herein the suspension of standing committees as suspended on January 4, 2012 and b) adopting the model of one Agenda Review Session of the Board to be held monthly on the first Wednesday at 5 p.m. and one Regular (Action) Meeting of the Board to be held on the second Wednesday of the month, for the pilot period commencing August 1, 2012 and concluding at the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board on January 7, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools, the General Counsel and the Secretary of the Board to each and all to work collaboratively, pursuant to existing Board Bylaws, except as modified by the actions herein, to implement the standing committee suspension extension and the monthly Agenda Review/Regular Meeting pilot model delineated herein.

Passed on the following vote:

AYES: Noel Gallo, Gary Yee, Alice Spearman, Christopher Dobbins,
Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge, President Jody London

NAYS: None

ABSENT: David Kakishiba

ABSTAINED: None

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District held on June 13, 2012.



Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary, Governing Board
Oakland Unified School District

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