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Minutes (Long)

Wednesday, February 03, 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 Jody London called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Modification(s) To Agenda

None.

D. Adoption of Committee Minutes



[10-0068](#) Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting - January 6, 2010

Approval by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of Its Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2010.

Attachments: [10-0069 - Minutes - Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting - January 6, 2010](#)

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

E. Adoption of the Committee General Consent Report

F. Unfinished Business

**09-2602 City - District Education Partnership Issues**

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

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

Chairperson London said the Board sent a letter to the City in November suggesting the Partnership Committee Focus on issues related to safe and secure schools for the next year. Chairperson London said we have not received a formal response from the City Council. She said she did receive a call from Councilmember Brooks who chairs the Life Enrichment Committee. She said the City is scheduling a meeting for March 9th and the topic will be a briefing on the Promise Neighborhoods Initiative. The Promise Neighborhoods Initiative will allow cities to partner with school districts and agencies to go after federal monies in needy neighborhoods. Chairperson London said last night in the Facilities Committee Assistant Superintendent Timothy White gave the committee a first review on issues related to the Joint Use Agreement between the City and the District. She said the City through its Life Enrichment Committee asked its staff to talk to our staff about opening more of our school sites to the community during after school hours and on weekends. Chairperson London said it was suggested in the Facilities Committee that was an issue we might bring up in the Partnership Committee. She said we would continue to have this as a standing item on the agenda.

Director Hodge said you never change your mission to go after money. She said what we proposed in November is the work of a Promise Neighborhood and how do we get in greater alignment. Director Hodge said she was not interested being in relationship to get money, she wants us to be in relationship to make a better, sounder and healthier city.

There were no speaker cards submitted.

Discussed

**09-2834 Community Engagement Process**

Presentation from Superintendent of Schools or designee of a Progress Report, discussion and possible further action and/or direction from Board, upon recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations 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 Plan1.pdf](#)

Laura Moran, Chief Services Officer, gave the staff report. Ms. Moran said they have an active Principal's Advisory Group.

Chairperson London wanted to know how often the Principal's Advisory Group met.

Ms. Moran said the group led by David Silver meets two to three times a month and they do some meetings on their own. She said the Principal's give them their feedback. There was a Focus Group yesterday with Principals around prioritizing instructional services. Later in the day there were different Focus Groups with Principal's and NEXO's talking about the different central services.

Sarah Nunoz, Family and Community Office, updated the committee on the Board Community Engagements. Ms. Nunoz reported the first round of Engagements just ended with Director Kakishiba's District 2 meeting. She reported a great turn out and a lot of feedback. The meetings included surveys, sign in sheets and a note taker. These materials are being collected to formally submit to the Board.

Director Hodge said she would like to be very transparent about how the feedback felt. She said she wanted to know what the feedback looked like in the flatland community with a majority of African American low income and middle class community listening. She wants to know what the Engagement looked like when it was predominately Caucasian upper class or the Latino community with mixed incomes. Director Hodge would like to know how the information landed and felt along demographic lines. She said for her in terms of planning her Spring Engagement it would be good to know what we hit and what more we should we be hitting in the spring.

Sarah Nunoz said that information Director Hodge requested could be included in her official report given to Board Members. She said her experiences last year and this year was where the relationships have not been maintained it was more challenging getting families out to get the information. She said a lot depends how comfortable Board Members feel with the information they are delivering and what kind of relationship they have in their communities. Ms. Nunoz talked about the meetings held so far and made the following observations: (1) It is challenging to have just one person supporting each Board Member. (2) Families needed time to digest the information presented to them before submitting feedback. (3) The meetings varied depending on how much of an understanding each Board Member had of the information. (4) The meetings varied across the city.

Chairperson London said she has taken a different approach. She said she has been invited to speak at neighborhood group meetings and has used that as her official meeting. Chairperson London said her mission is to deliver the deck at every school site. She said at any given meeting there are 10-30 persons in attendance and she feels she is reaching more people than she would through a community meeting. The feedback she has received so far the people are happy to hear from the Board.

Chairperson London said she would like to have some conversations off line between now and next month and come back in March with a better proposal for what Community Engagement will look like in the spring if we choose to do Spring Engagements. Chairperson London asked Ms. Nunoz about the unengaged stakeholders.

Director Hodge responded to Chairperson London sharing how she felt the work of reaching the unengaged stakeholder was being done in District 3. Director Hodge said she developed the West Oakland Educational Brain Trust. She said the group wants to go door-door surveying and campaign in the community to talk about why people are not enrolled and what are the major issues. The Family and Community Office is leading the work but the Brain Trust and other community organizations will fund that work. She said this could be a potential model around that unengaged population.

There were no speaker cards submitted.

Discussed

G. New Business



10-0201 Intergovernmental Relations Committee Work Plan for 2010

Adoption by the Intergovernmental Relations Committee of its Work Plan for Calendar Year 2010.

Attachments: [10-029 - Intergovernmental Relations Committee Work Plan for 2010.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said the purpose of the committee is to provide outreach and establish communication channels for the school district with a variety of other public and some private entities. Chairperson London prepared a Work Plan for discussion by Committee Members. The draft Work Plan was divided by the groups we want to work with and the specific issues we want to pursue with those groups.

Director Hodge said she wanted to add Race to the Top and the I3 Funds to the Work Plan.

There were no speaker cards submitted.

Referred to Board of Education

10-0203 State Legislative Update - Office of Senator Loni Hancock

Presentation of California Legislative Update, Field Representative, Office of Senator Loni Hancock.

Pedro Rosado, Senator Loni Hancock's Office, gave highlights on the Legislative Budget for this year.

- *The Governor's proposed budget has a \$19 billion deficit.*
- *Forty percent of the budget solutions rely on federal funding flexibility.*
- *There will be a 40% reduction in state spending.*
- *The remainder of balancing the budget consists of shifting funds in the State Budget.*
- *In 2010/11 there is a proposed reduction in Proposition 98 spending equaling \$1.5 billion.*
- *Personal income is forecasted to grow by 2.4 %.*
- *Personal income tax will only grow by .5% in the budget year.*
- *State jobs are expected to shrink.*
- *Tax receipts have fallen short of expectations.*
- *The proposed expenditure solutions for Prop 98 spending on K-14 education would be reduced by \$2.4 billion; \$893 million in 2009/10 and \$1.5 billion in 2010/11.*

Mr. Rosado said the state has relied heavily on one-time solutions for the current year which has led the state to \$2 billion in budget year reductions. The Governor proposed to achieve savings by requiring school districts to spend less on central administration, consolidating certain County Office of Education functions and removing restrictions on the contracting out of non instructional services. The Governor plans to provide help to school districts by proposing several flexibility options: (1) Eliminating seniority rules that apply to layoffs, assignments, reassignment, transfers and hires; (2) Eliminating rules regarding priority for receiving substitute teaching assignments; (3) Extending the layoff notification window to 60 days after the State Budget has been enacted.

Some of the Uncertainties of the State Budget:

- *Prop 42 monies would lower the elimination of Prop 98 minimum guarantee by about \$800 million.*
- *The Federal Waivers.*

Mr. Rosado said if the District needs help with learning more about the budget Senator Hancock's office would be happy to go out into the community and form a Town Hall Meeting to give community members an update about the state budget.

Additional Updates

He reported the District will be receiving \$6,465,744 for Oakland High School for a grant applied through the Williams Act.

Chairperson London noted the money would be returned to our Measure "B" Funds.

Career Technical Education - Teachers have applied for the Green Tech Academy Grant. Oakland Technical High School received the grant last year. EXCEL High School has the International Trade and Transportation Logistics Academy and we are applying for a grant with several schools. Skyline High School just applied for the Green Tech Academy.

School Nutrition - Senator Hancock sits on the Food and Agriculture Committee. We have been working hard to develop relationships between the industry and the school district and their facilities to figure out ways to better the offerings of District food. Jennifer LeBarre, Director of Nutrition Services, is trying to bring Farms-to-Schools which creates economic development and provides fresh food for the schools.

Vice President Dobbins said a lot of the schools are looking at renovating their kitchens to cook their own food and wanted to know if Senator Hancock had any means of securing some equipment?

Mr. Rosado said there is a need for money for infrastructure. He said when times are better we look forward to considering the building of a central kitchen or a regional central kitchen. He said Senator Hancock's office is looking forward to helping out in the future through legislation, if possible.

Chairperson London noted that Oakland has a Garden Council that helps promote gardens at each school site. Chairperson London said she and the Facilities Department have been working with the Garden Council around operating protocols so that school sites know what they can expect and each department know what their responsibilities are if a school wants to put in a garden.

There were no speaker cards submitted.

Discussed

Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)

Christopher Dobbins present at 5:35 P.M.

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

Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)

Jumoke Hodge absent 5:49 P.M.

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



10-0207

Conditional Endorsement - March 4th Statewide Day To Defend Public Education

Adoption by Board of Education of endorsement of the "March 4, 2010 Day of Action" in Sacramento.

Attachments: [Document\(s\)](#)
[10-0207 - Conditional Endorsement - March 4th Statewide Day To Defend Public Education.pdf](#)

Chairperson London said the committee does not have an official position and the purpose of the conversation today is to hear from the audience. Chairperson London said she has information on what San Francisco Unified has done on this matter. She said after the conversation the committee will want to forward to the Full Board a couple of recommendations and things to explore. The March 4th Day of Action highlights for the public the inadequate funding for all levels of education and other social services that need to come with it. Chairperson London said she would like to hear from the public first.

Public Comments

Bill Balderston, OEA, said for Oakland and activity is being planned for mid-day that will include activists and others in the City. He said we will join up with the march from Berkeley around 2:30p.m. There will probably be a march from East Oakland. The OEA has taken a position to support actions and to facilitate everything we can to help but does not have an exact plan. The Executive Board is meeting right now.

Chairperson London said her interest was in the 38,000 students in neighborhood schools and the 8,000 students in public charter schools having an opportunity to participate with their parents or guardians after school. She said there is an opportunity for all to meet at Senator Hancock's Office at 4:00 p.m. on March 4th so we don't take children out of school but they have an opportunity to participate and exercise their civic right to share their voice.

Mark Airgood said the March 4th Day of Action for Public Education is crucial. He said his interest is building March 4th to be successful, widespread, and powerful as possible. Mr. Airgood handed out a draft Resolution for the Board of Education to support. Highlights from the Resolution Mr. Airgood read: The Oakland Board of Education supports the March 4th Day of Action for Public Education that encourages community action in defense of public education and on that day will send Board and District Representatives to participate. He said the District needs to take a position that supports all the activities and not try and parse in down. Mr. Airgood said some teachers could take field trips and asked that the District waive the timeline for the submission of field trip requests.

Sue Scott asked that as a Board to publicly support some of the actions.

Chairperson London said as a Board their support is not in question; they are trying to figure out what we can do be supportive.

Sue Piper, Vice Mayor Jean Quan's Office, said they are putting a Resolution in the City's rules packet in support.

Committee Discussion

Vice President Dobbins said the Board cannot say the students can leave school. He liked the ideas of meeting afterwards or a joint effort with San Francisco Unified. Vice President Dobbins made a motion that Chairperson London finalizes a Resolution to be presented to the Board incorporating the OEA suggestions and looking at the San Francisco Unified School District model as well. Chairperson London seconded the motion.

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

Johnny Williams, Parent, talked about the closure of Explore Middle School and the District's mail system for parents receiving information in a timely manner. He wanted to know why the District was closing Explore Middle School. Mr. Williams said he wanted his child to receive a good education.

I. Introduction of New Legislative Matter

None.

J. Adjournment

Chairperson London adjourned the meeting at 6:18 P.M.

Prepared By: _____

Approved By: _____