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Meeting Minutes Long - Final

Friday, March 13, 2015 9:00 AM

Special Meeting (Board Retreat) The Hauben Meeting Room, Chabot Space & Science Center, 10000 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94619

Board of Education

Vice President Jody London Directors: Aimee Eng, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Nina Senn, Roseann Torres, Shanthi Gonzales

President James Harris

Student Directors: Carmen Jimenez, Katebah Al-Olefi Staff: Antwan Wilson, Superintendent/Secretary

A. Call To Order

President James Harris called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

B. Roll Call

Present 7 - Director Aimee Eng
Director Jumoke Hodge
Director Nina Senn
Director Roseann Torres
Director Shanthi Gonzales

Vice President Jody London

President James Harris

Absent 2 - Student Director Carmen Jimenez

Student Director Katebah Al-Olefi

C. New Business

15-0558 Governance - What School Boards Can Do

The Board of Education will engage the membership, administrative leadership in an all-day discussion of "What School Boards Can Do - Reform Governance for Urban Schools" by and with author Donald R. McAdams.

- Welcome and Introductions
- Effective Governance
- Relationships
- Process and Procedures
- Next Steps

Members of the Board of Education and Superintendent Antwan Wilson engaged in an all day discussion with each other and author Don McAdams on "What School Boards Can Do? Reform Governance for Urban Schools."

Among highlights McAdams shared:

That Governance is the collective decision making of the body; not of individual members, based on values, policy decisions;

That School Board Governance is complicated, stakeholders - change mind; express opinions; change opinions; impacted by race, values, other factors;

That Governance represents owners, which is a hard job;

That the Board should work hard; try to make decisions on the big issues by super majority; That the number one failure of Boards is micromanagement;

That a Board should measure Results by tracking metrics;

That a Board is responsible for oversight of the system; ensuring system integrity; using metrics to measure systems results;

That a Board must have a mission; vision; core beliefs; commitments; a Theory of Action; That a Board must have a Strategic Plan - reflected through operations and budget; and That a Board governs through policy;

That Board policy should focus on ends not means.

McAdams cited Gwinnett County, GA, Aberdeen, NM and Long Beach, CA as examples of school systems that are well governed and mission focused.

Public Comments

Jim Mordecai

Discussed

Enactment No:

Recess

President Harris recessed the meeting at 12:50 P.M. for lunch.

Reconvened

President Harris reconvened the meeting at 1:26 P.M.

Roll Call (Secretary's Observation)

Present 7 - Director Aimee Eng

Director Jumoke Hodge

Director Nina Senn

Director Roseann Torres

Director Shanthi Gonzales

Vice President Jody London

President James Harris

Absent 2 - Student Director Carmen Jimenez

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D. Adjournment

President Harris adjourned the meeting at 4:20 P.M.

Prepared By:		
Approved By:		