

**COMMUNITY & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

DATE: October 27, 2004, 5:15 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Chairperson, Commissioner Darryl Porter
 Committee Members: Commissioner Robert Brown, Commissioner Malik Evans
 Board's Executive Assistant: Ms. Kimberly Rohring
 Administrative Liaison: Barbara Jarzyniecki
GUESTS: Superintendent Rivera, Michael Looby
MEETING BEGAN: 5:24 p.m.

MEETING ENDED: 6:20 p.m.

AGENDA	ISSUE / ACTION	Who FOLLOW-THROUGH REQUIRED
<p>Discussion on Lobbyist</p>	<p>Dr. Rivera made the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not hire a lobbyist at the State level ▪ Concentrate on having a presence at the federal level <p>Dr. Rivera felt that it is in the best interest of the District and this Committee to meet on a regular basis with our local delegation, couple Board members and legislators to share information, maintain a close connection throughout the year not just as the budget process unfolds, continue to (Rivera, Looby, Marini) meet with legislators on the legislative agenda as approved by this committee. He also stated that it is important to have a presence at the Federal level and felt that the District has lost important funding sources (grants, foundation dollars) over the years.</p> <p>Committee members also suggested the District invite legislators to activities and events.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Staff will schedule a series of meetings with local state delegation and the Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee after reviewing the legislative agenda for 2005. - Rivera, Looby, Marini will continue to lobby for desired legislation (e.g. nurses) - A legislative agenda will be developed for 2005 calendar year - Rivera, Looby will bring back recommendation to Committee for a strategy to use at the federal level. 	<p>Rivera, Looby, Rohring, Jarzyniecki</p>

<p>Facilities Modernization Plan</p>	<p>Rivera and Jarzyniecki shared an overview of the role of the Facilities Modernization Board and the standing working committees and the communications plan. The timeline for completing each Phase was also shared. Jarzyniecki shared the upcoming schedule of meetings of the Facilities Modernization Board - 11/16 and 12/8. She indicated that recommendations from the working committees would be shared with the Modernization Board on 12/8.</p> <p>Committee members expressed concerns regarding the timeline and whether we will meet Phase 1 – recommendations for building closure prior to the budget process. Members also stated that they need to be kept abreast if the timeline changes.</p> <p>It was also proposed that the recommendations be presented and discussed by this Committee (Community and Intergovernmental Relations Committee) prior to the presentation to the Modernization Board on December 8. Members suggested that we place the responsibility of announcing building closures on the members of the School and Community Advisory Committee – not entirely on the District and unconnected to the School Board.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schedule a Committee meeting prior to the 12/8 Facilities Modernization Board - Continue the communications plan and engagement of the community in the discussion of building closures – Speaking out, posting information, grassroots outreach - Ensure that the Committee Chair has a one page report to announce at the next Board Meeting as an update. - Commission a member of the School and Community Advisory Committee to publicly present the recommendations for building closure to the Board of Education and Facilities Modernization Board in December 2004. 	<p>Rohring, Jarzyniecki</p> <p>Jarzyniecki</p> <p>Carlisle</p> <p>Carlisle</p>
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<p>Supplemental Services</p>	<p>Michael Looby requested approval to send a letter to Congress to protest corporate welfare under the Bush administration. Recently, the US Department of Education has issued a position that supplemental service providers should be reimbursed based on per pupil allocation not attendance and service. This would cause the District considerable hardship and a substantial loss of funds.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> The Committee gave approval to forward the letter and asked to be kept abreast of the situation.</p>	<p>Looby</p>
<p>IDEA Reauthorization Update</p>	<p>Michael Looby also brought to the Committee's attention recent information on the IDEA reauthorization. The US Senate has finally appointed members to a conference committee to work through the 300+ points of significant difference in the IDEA reauthorization bills passed by each chamber of Congress. It appears that a final version may emerge before the end of the current session, but depending upon the work of the conference committee, the act could be a significant reform of current law, or could be even worse for school districts.</p> <p>With the approval of the Committee, I have sent a number of letters over the past couple of years to our House and Senate delegations, outlining some of our hopes and concerns for reform. With the Committee's consent, I would like to redraft and resend our position to Senator Clinton under the signature of Dr. Rivera and the Committee Chair.</p> <p><u>Action:</u> The Committee approved the request.</p>	<p>Looby</p>
<p>Next Meeting Agenda Items</p>	<p>Meeting to be scheduled prior to December 8. Agenda items will include recommendations to the Facilities Modernization Board, Updated Legislative Agenda for 2005, and recommendation on Federal Lobbyist.</p>	

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