

METROPOLITAN EDUCATION DISTRICT

Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The open session of the regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Metropolitan Education District was called to order by President Gordon at 6:00 p.m., Room 810 at the Central County Occupational Center, 760 Hillsdale Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136.

All Members present, except when noted "absent":

Frank Biehl	East Side Union High School District
Cynthia Chang	Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District
Ernie Dossa	Santa Clara Unified School District
Richard Garcia	San Jose Unified School District
Diane Gordon	Campbell Union High School District
Marsha Grilli	Milpitas Unified School District

II. DISCLOSURE OF "CLOSED SESSION" DISCUSSION ITEMS

Items to be discussed in closed session are disclosed on the Board meeting agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

IV. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Board adjourned to closed session in Room 810 at 6:05 p.m.

V. REGULAR MEETING (continued)

Regular session of the Board meeting reconvened in the CCOC Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Gordon.

VII. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

President Gordon reported the Board took no action in Closed Session.

VIII. ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved to adopt the agenda as submitted. M/Chang, S/Biehl, Vote: 6 Ayes

IX. RECOGNITIONS

None

X. STUDENT REPORTS

• CCOC Student

Director John Fox introduced Alex Ruiz and Alex Baron from the Fire Science/EMT program. Alex Ruiz is a student at Independence High School and Alex Baron attends Pegasus High School. Director Fox passed around a photograph of the students with San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed when they received scholarships from the National Association of Hispanic Firefighters.

Both students expressed appreciation to their instructors, Oscar Tovar and Phil Gonzalez. Alex Baron said the program gives him a foot in the door for continuing his career pursuits. The program provides hands-on training plus other activities in the community. They both expressed it had been a big day with the inauguration of the program. Board Member Chang asked if there was a reason both students will be attending Foothill. Both students said they are going to

Foothill because the college has agreed to waive the first three months of their program due to the instruction they are receiving at CCOC.

Phil Gonzalez said these are some of the top students in the program and currently Foothill does have articulation for our students. Mission is still working on articulation and Cabrillo is also interested. Foothill has been recruiting very hard here at CCOC. Mr. Gonzalez shared there were two other scholarships presented today at the ceremony. The Mark McCormack Scholarship was announced by Local 1165 President Art Marshall and another scholarship was announced by Local 230 Vice President Mark Skeen. The various firefighter unions are very active in the community and based on the interest at the ceremony today, there should be additional scholarships coming to the Fire Science/EMT program.

- MAEP Student
MAEP Director, Sylvia Karp introduced Alana Peterson who completed her GED and is now attending the Dental Assisting program at CCOC. Alana shared she started the GED program at the Erikson Center in July 2007 and passed the last of the 5 tests in January 2008. Alana began the dental assisting program and started her externship on Monday, 2/12/08. Alana explained that getting her GED was a big accomplishment as she had dropped out of school in the 9th grade. Alana said the GED program and instructors gave her the confidence to know she could accomplish anything. She has a 17 month old son and shared she is happy and thanked MetroED for everything.

XI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
None

XII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. Public Comments

Kathy Jasper, AFT President, shared that at a meeting she attended she was informed the Parent Education program would be eliminated next year. Ms. Jasper said the program has been around for 30 years and she would hate to see it lost to the community. It will save MAEP \$200,000 and she is aware we need to review the budget needs but felt the decision was a little premature.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION: Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, January 23, 2008.
M/Dossa, S/Garcia, Vote: 6 Ayes

XIV. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Approve Consent Items *2 through *5. M/Biehl, S/Chang, Vote: 6 Ayes

XV. INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Update on CCOC Funding Equalization, Renewal of the Master Business Relationship Agreements

Superintendent Hay shared there was no action for this evening. There have been two Executive Council meetings to revise the agreements. The next meeting will be this Friday, February 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and hope to have some resolution. Superintendent Hay met with representatives from Campbell, Superintendent Farber and CBO Gaffney, regarding the issues brought before the Board at the last meeting and believes agreement was reached on these concerns. There have been no other changes received to date.

XVI. ACTION ITEMS

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

7. Approve Agreement between MetroED and Superintendent

MOTION: Approve waiving the credential requirements of Education Code Section 35028 and approve the Agreement between Metropolitan Education District and Paul Hay, Superintendent. M/Garcia, S/Biehl, Vote: 6 Ayes

8. Adopt Resolution #04-02-13-08, Opposing Cuts to Proposition 98

MOTION: Approve Resolution #04-02-13-08, Resolution Opposing the Suspension of Proposition 98. M/Biehl, S/Garcia, Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes

9. 2008 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

Superintendent Hay reviewed the names of the candidates for the 2008 CSBA Delegate Assembly. The Board can vote for up to 5. MetroEd Board Members Biehl and Chang have been nominated.

MOTION: Move to cast ballot for Frank Biehl, Cynthia Chang, Betty Martinez, Rudy Nasol and Kathleen Sullivan. M/Grilli, S/Garcia, Vote: 6 Ayes

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONS

10. Monthly Budget Update

Wendy Zhang, Director of Fiscal Services, reviewed the monthly budget which included the .5% reduction based on the Governor's recommendation which impacted the General Fund by \$72,000 and Adult Education by \$47,000. It includes approximately \$515,000 in savings. The \$400,000 in Adult Education savings is from salary and benefits. The MAEP Director and MAEP administration are working very diligently to review their budget and closing classes with low enrollment as necessary. Board Member Chang thanked Wendy Zhang for the easy to understand reports.

MOTION: Approve the budget changes included in the Monthly Budget Update for the period ended 12/31/07. M/Biehl S/Dossa, Votes: 6 Ayes

XVII. EXECUTIVE REPORT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- John Fox, CCOC Director: The small business and accounting classes will begin a student supply store after the Winter break. Students will run the store and sell items students have requested; i.e. paper, pencils, etc. In collaboration with Evergreen College through an SB70 grant, two skilled assistants have been hired to work with automotive students. Recruitment has been stepped up at the high schools. Chantu Nguyen, CCOC Student Advisor, was instrumental in providing a College Fair on 2/13/08 with 30 community colleges, military and culinary schools participating. Dean's Day was held with 16 representatives from the community colleges to work on articulation with their schools and continued partnerships. The dedication of the Fire Science/EMT program was held 2/13/08 and Director Fox thanked the entire Board for attending and supporting the program. Congressman Mike Honda presented a commendation and announced the \$95,000 in specialized funding for the program. The Baking/Catering and Culinary students provided breakfast for the Deans, box lunches for the College Fair and excellent food and decorations in Building 700 for the Fire Science dedication ceremony.
- Sylvia Karp, MAEP Director: The World Garden free workshops have been very successful. The next one scheduled for March 1, 2008 is about Turning Trash to Garden Art and will show how to recycle items you might have thrown out in the past. The Campbell Center started an ESL

Speaking and Listening class for Intermediate High and Advanced students. Of the 60 students tested, 40 are enrolled. MAEP is considering opening another class. A similar class is at the San Jose Center. The Metro Star award was given to Kirti Venkatasawmy today at the San Jose Center in front of her students. The students were very proud to be included. The 50+ program grew by 44% last year and at a recent resource fair at Oakridge Mall, the program was approached by a magazine to do a story. Presentations continue to the San Jose Unified School District assistant principals of instruction regarding MAEP assisting with 5th and 6th year students to pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and the collaboration is going very well.

- Superintendent Hay: It had been a busy day and he thanked the Board for attending. He also thanked Michelle Alaimo from the Superintendent's office, the students and staff in the Fire Science/EMT program and the other programs involved for making our Fire Science dedication ceremony such a successful event.

XVIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Board Member Frank Biehl said it was a great day and he was very impressed with the dedication ceremony.
- Board Member Cynthia Chang wished everyone a Happy Chinese New Year. There are two local Chinese newspapers doing articles on MetroED. Also, she read the book, *Distant Land of My Father*, and said it was excellent and had attended an event where the author was present. Another event to be held on 2/29/08 in Los Gatos will feature Chinese music. She also noted that her MetroED Board alternate had planned to attend the dedication ceremony but was unable to make it.
- Board Member Marsha Grilli thanked everyone for a great day and to be sure to let the staff and students know the dedication ceremony went very well.
- Board Clerk Richard Garcia said it was a wonderful day and it was the first time he remembered all board members were present for an event. He was also pleased his MetroED board alternate was able to make it and he said she was very impressed as well.
- Vice President Ernie Dossa also noted it had been a very good day.
- President Diane Gordon thanked Superintendent Hay, CCOC Director John Fox for a great dedication ceremony that included some flexibility. She noted it was definitely a life-long learning opportunity for some of the Fire Science/EMT students. She commended the students and staff for the wonderful creativity and food. It looked beautiful and appreciated the instructors letting the students shine. She also commended the Law Enforcement class and the Instructor, Rico Sciaky, for their assistance in the ceremony.

XIX. OTHER MEETINGS

Special Meeting with JPA Superintendents Executive Council February 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Regular meeting of the Governing Board: March 12, 2008
 Closed Session 6:00 p.m.
 Open Session 7:00 p.m.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved to adjourn the Governing Board meeting at 7:35 p.m.
 M/Dossa, S/Garcia, Vote: 6 Ayes

Richard Garcia, Clerk of the Board