

METROPOLITAN EDUCATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting
August 23, 2006

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

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

CALL TO ORDER

1. ROLL CALL

All Members present, except where noted.

Cynthia Chang, Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District (absent)
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
Craig Mann, East Side Union High School District

2. DISCLOSURE OF "CLOSED SESSION" DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Time: 6:02 p.m.; Closed Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

4. REGULAR MEETING (continued) LOCATION

Regular session of the Board meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Grilli.

6. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

No actions were taken in closed session.

7. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion to adopt agenda, Mann; second Dossa; vote unanimous

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

9.1 Public Comments

10.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

10.1 Action Item: Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, June 28, 2006.

Motion to approve June 28, 2006 Board meeting minutes Mann, second Dossa, vote unanimous

11.0 CONSENT CALENDAR (11.1.1 through 11.3.2)

Motion to approve consent calendar Mann, second Grilli, vote unanimous

Motion: That the Governing Board approve the Criteria for Closing CCOC Classes Mann, second Garcia, vote unanimous.

Discussion:

CCOC Director, John Fox that the criteria will provide for accountability for class size, support the JPA districts, and fill the classes with high school students.

Superintendent Hallett noted that the criteria are listed in the order of priority.

Member Garcia noted that the first criteria had to do with maintaining ADA and if a class happened to be down in ADA one year, would it be closed after one such year or would there need to be a history of low ADA. Director John Fox explained that we selected 40 ADA which is not a particularly high target to reach. Superintendent Hallett said that we also look at trends in the classes and attempt to make adjustments; we might also consider making a class a part-time class.

Member Garcia also commented on criteria 2 which states that the class must be responsive to the needs of the district by serving primarily high school students. Mr. Garcia wanted to know how much control the teachers have over the student enrollment. Mr. Fox replied that some teachers are more aggressive than others in this area; however, we do give the teachers support by sending Program Representatives to the districts and Sylvia Evans assists in this respect, also. Superintendent Hallett reminded the Board that this has number one priority for enrollment.

13.4.2 Action Item: JPA Executive Council Meeting/Equalization Update

Motion: That the Governing Board approve the compromise agreement, the CCOC operations time line for 2006-2007, and the \$300,000 distribution of funds in accordance with the proposed methodology.

Superintendent Hallett provided background to the Board that there have been two executive council meetings with district superintendents and business officers. As a result of these two meetings the outcomes are being brought to the Board for their input. Superintendent Hallett has recommended that the board vote on the three following items: The Compromise Agreement, the methodology for distribution of \$300,000, and the CCOC operational timeline for 2006-2007.

Discussion:

Superintendent Nunez and Superintendent Farber agreed that the governance issue cannot be considered a separate issue from the master business agreement and hoped that these will be taken care of at the same time when the CBOs convene their September 15 meeting. Superintendent Hallett commented that there might also be an amendment to the JPA required.

Superintendent Nunez said that East Side disagrees with the terminology of "subsidy", but that they do agree with the methodology of the \$300,000 distribution and the percentages of ADA. We feel that the CCOC Operations timeline is premature at this time, and we are not supportive of this item. In response to the governance issue, JPA articles 11.5.1 and 20.1, there seems to be some question as to who has the authority. East Side wants to be a member of the JPA, but we want to look at the administrative costs.

Superintendent Farber: As to the CCOC Operations timeline, I am concerned about the notification piece because if any district decides to not send a large percentage of students to CCOC then it has an effect on all districts. We also want to have the in-kind agreement looked at; we want to pay for what we use and the same goes for the lottery revenue in-kind services. This needs to be equalized so that we are all giving at the same level per student attendance.

Member Mann said that he would be supporting the first item (districts currently being "subsidized" will pay designated percentages in 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 and that it can be a combination of dollars, ROP or a combination). Mann will also support the distribution of the

Superintendent Tim Hallett reported significant information to the Governing Board on topics not on the agenda.

- AB2448, legislation that deals with sequencing of ROCP programs, limits adult participation in ROCP classes to 15%, contracting with community colleges and accountability systems for ROCP, we thought was dead, has re-surfaced. Superintendent Hallett said that he has been conflicted over the bill because there are many parts of the bill that he supports; however, it means adding a huge bureaucracy in implementation which could be very problematic.

15.0 BOARD COMMENTS

- Member Mann informed the Board that he has three more meetings with the East Side and MetroED boards. He will be representing District 6 on the Santa Clara County Board of Education. He said that it has been a pleasure serving with the Board members.
- Member Garcia said that he was very impressed with the work that is being done in Building 700 and that he is looking forward to seeing the finished product.
- Member Gordon congratulated Craig Mann. She emphasized how important it is to do everything the Superintendent can do to deal with the governance issue; we cannot afford to be paralyzed like we have been again. She feels that there ought to be one master business agreement for all districts, not individual ones, with appendices attached.

16.0 Advanced Planning

17.0 Other Meetings

Regular Meeting, September 13, 2006

Closed Session
Open Session

6:00 pm
7:00 pm

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mann, second Dossa, vote unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Marsha Grilli, Clerk/Gate 9/13/06