

METROPOLITAN EDUCATION DISTRICT

Governing Board Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 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

Superintendent Hay requested Item 4, Silicon Valley Education Foundation, and Item 13, Approve Resolution #06-03-12-08, Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services, be moved to Special Order of Business.

**MOTION:** It was moved to adopt the agenda with Items 4 and 13 to be heard under Special Order of Business. M/Chang, S/Biehl, Vote: 6 Ayes

IX. RECOGNITIONS

None

X. STUDENT REPORTS

None

## XI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### A. Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF) Presentation

Superintendent Hay introduced Gina Dalma, SVEF Director of Innovation. Ms. Dalma provided a history of the formation of SVEF and their goal of being a conduit for corporations to provide grants to the 34 school districts in Santa Clara County (SCC). SVEF wants to form a partnership with MetroED to assist in three main areas: 1) increase funds to MetroED, 2) assist in developing a district fund, and 3) provide the program benefits offered by SVEF. SVEF will work with MetroED to develop a strategy for specific needs of the district and set-up the infrastructure needed to process funds to MetroED.

SVEF knows how difficult it is for districts to take on the burden of fundraising and networking with corporations to provide resources to assist with their needs and asked the Board if they had any questions. Member Chang inquired how funds are allocated with so many different districts in the county. Ms. Dalma explained SVEF has two types of funds. The general funds allocated are merit based and teachers need to apply for these grants. Teachers need to show the funds will be used for innovation in their classrooms. The other funding is directly related to a specific district. SVEF will provide technical advice to a district and provide the superintendent with a letter to send to vendors that would be a good resource for the district's specific needs. Another area is on a needs base where SVEF has corporations that want to give to a specific program; i.e. math enrichment. SVEF receives a list of priorities from the district and when they find a corporation that meets a priority, they will bring the two together.

Superintendent Hay asked Rhonda Farber, Superintendent Campbell Union High School District, to speak. Ms. Farber shared Campbell has been a member since the beginning and SVEF makes the innovation grants very easy to apply for. Campbell submitted approximately 9 applications and the process was very easy. Campbell also received a letter from SVEF and forwarded it on to their vendors. Ms. Farber said as educators we are not expert fundraisers and we do not have the connections SVEF has. It has been a win-win for Campbell. Ms. Farber said it has been a great relationship and she couldn't think of any downside and hoped the Board would consider joining to benefit the students here at MetroED.

Superintendent Hay read a portion of an editorial in the San Jose Mercury News regarding the SVEF. The new foundation cuts across district lines and provides one voice for education in the valley. Hay said MetroED has its own 501c3 Foundation for the approximately \$1.2 million granted by the Morell Trust for scholarships for HVAC & Electrical Maintenance students. Hay is not recommending we close the Foundation or transfer these funds to SVEF. The organizations can work together and if there are any conflicts, the local Foundation takes precedence.

Board Clerk Garcia asked for clarification on Item #3 on page 2 of the MOU regarding the oversight committee and how funds are disbursed. Superintendent Hay shared that when the MOU is approved, we will take the next steps to form a committee of MetroED representatives (administrative, certificated, etc.). Ms. Dalma shared a slide on how the funds are disbursed by the district and the request of SVEF to have these resources devoted to education.

**Motion:** It was moved that the Governing Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between MetroED and the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. M/Dossa, S/Grilli, Votes: 6 Ayes

### B. Resolution #06-03-12-08, Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services

Superintendent Hay gave a brief introduction of the item and where the district is financially based on the Governor's proposed budget. There will be cuts of \$620,000 for adult education. Administration has been working to find ways to make up this budget loss by utilizing savings from the current year, using some reserves and reducing staff in the central office; however, this is not enough to address the problem. MetroED is required to do two interim reports each year to

the Santa Clara County Office of Education and multi-year budgets must be included. The second interim report, included in the agenda this evening, was prepared based on the Governor's proposed budget. There is a very intense political battle in California to not suspend Proposition 98, the minimum funding guaranteed for education. With the proposed suspension of Proposition 98 and the additional cuts to education, districts throughout the state are faced with sending layoff notices and making program cuts. We may not know the outcome of the state budget until after July or it could be as late as October or November. Districts are governed by the State Education Code and it requires that districts notify certificated employees prior to March 15th even though the district may not know the full impact of any budget cuts. Our office has received letters from parents and teachers regarding this item and Sylvia Karp, MAEP Director, and the Superintendent have read each one of them. Superintendent Hay commented on the respectful tone of the letters and the strong value the writers placed on education and each board member has a copy for their review. Hay introduced Sylvia Karp, MAEP Director.

Sylvia Karp said it was not the desire of MAEP or the district to close the parenting program and valued the 30-year partnership with the pre-schools. However, MAEP is faced with a \$620,000 reduction for next year's budget. The largest part of the budget is in personnel and benefits and there is no way to make cuts without affecting personnel and programs. Administration reviewed where the cuts would have the least impact to students and teachers. In the last two years, MAEP has made cuts to curriculum specialist hours, site supervision hours, counselor hours and closed 15 classes that impacted five other program areas. MAEP cannot continue to support all of the programs offered. The Parenting program is not fully supported by MAEP, our support is supplemental, and the majority of the program would continue without our support. The closing of the program has the least impact on MAEP personnel. Of the 24 teachers, only 2 will no longer have a position. The teachers are part-time, so it is the equivalent of 3.46 teaching positions. It would impact one classified employee (.5 FTE) and a part-time program supervisor position (.45 FTE). The parent education students do not articulate through the other MAEP mandated classes. Students who begin in English as a Second Language (ESL) articulate to Adult Basic Education (ABE), then to high school and then into the career technical programs. The articulation provides a strong student base for the mandated programs. Karp wanted to clear up a misconception regarding other classes. Belly Dance classes are part of the Community Interest Program (CIP) and are paid for by student fees. If a class does not generate enough students, it is closed. Director Karp reiterated that notifications are legally required if a program is being recommended for closure. Sally Starz, Program Supervisor, and Karp are contacting other adult education providers to see if they want to expand their programs to include parent education. Ms. Karp thanked the parents attending and the passion they have shown and suggested they turn this passion towards making a difference at the state level where they may have a greater impact than MetroED.

Member Garcia asked if the funding impact to the pre-schools was 10 to 20% and what the impacts would be. Director Karp said it varies from pre-school to pre-school but is in the 10-20% range. There could be reductions in salaries, reduced hours and reduction of supplies. Hay shared these are individual pre-schools and we do not have an impact on the decisions they will make. Member Garcia asked if there were other options for the pre-schools and Member Chang asked if any fees were charged. Karp said there were representatives in the audience that would be able to answer these questions. Lowell will be impacted and close. Member Biehl asked if the pre-schools were non-profit and Director Karp said she was not aware of any that were for profit.

Superintendent Hay clarified that the resolution tonight is not a final vote to close the program but to allow administration to send the appropriate notices. The final vote would occur as part of the June budget adoption. Member Garcia asked what would happen if the Board did not approve the resolution this evening. Superintendent Hay said not all of the teachers on the list require a March 15 notification; however, if we do not move forward it will add to the deficit. Member Garcia said there should not be any issue with those in attendance that the Board does not value parenting or that this is the least valuable program. There are a lot of variables that go into making decisions of this magnitude. President Gordon asked the members if there were any

further questions of Director Karp. Superintendent Hay introduced Dan Gilbertson, Director of Human Resources, to speak on the resolution.

Gilbertson said, as was pointed out by the Superintendent, the resolution this evening was not to close a program but to meet education code requirements. In 2003, MetroED issued notices to all employees and administrators. If the resolution is not passed, it limits the options for program cuts. The resolution is to approve the March 15 notification for 24 employees (3.46 FTE). Member Dossa stated that we are not cutting a program tonight but would be approving sending notifications. Member Garcia requested an explanation of FTE. Gilbertson explained these are not full-time positions. The 24 part-time positions equal the equivalent of 3.46 full-time employees.

President Gordon said the Board would hear public comments at this time and a speaker is allowed up to 2 minutes per individual and up to 5 minutes for an organization. To allow everyone the opportunity to speak, President Gordon asked the speakers to be respectful of the 2 minutes, to conclude when time is up, and to hold any applause until the end.

Kathy Jasper, AFT President, spoke on behalf of her organization and said of the 9 pre-schools, 7 would continue and 2 would close. Based on information she had received from Wendy Zhang, it looked as though the program was generating money. She also expressed the hope that the program would not be eliminated completely and believed the program created good will in the community.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the parenting program: Karin Brock (Explorer parent), Elise Meyer, Paula Evans-Fitch (Discovery parent), Shelley Gonzales (Carson teacher), Noelle Major (Explorer parent), C. Boston (Discovery Parent), Patricia Povio (Discovery Parent), Konne Ainsworth (Explorer teacher), Annie Castle Deckert (teacher), Smita Duorah (Explorer parent), Sabina Nat (Explorer Board President), Sally Starz (administrator and teacher), Renee Schell (Explorer Parent), Robert Manning (Explorer Parent), Jackie Kite (teacher), Leah Kaltsas (Explorer Parent), Kristina Niedermier (Sunnymont teacher), Maxine Chicoine-Bagoye (Parent), Carol Mandere (Campbell), Kelly Cantlen (Campbell Parent), Pat Maier (Explorer Parent), Jennifer Analla (Explorer Parent), Brenda Petroni (Discovery Parent), Janet Borrison (Praent), Kathy Davis (Carson Parent), Shirley Choy-Marshall (Explorer Parent), Tammy Richardson (Explorer Parent), Linsey Krolik (Parent), Paula Oakes (Explorer Parent), Michael Borbas (Sunnymont Parent), Rajha Campbell (Explorer Parent), Daryo Chudova (Parent), Rick Spurlin (Parent), Dana Ainsworth (unable to stay), Susan Malloy (Carson Parent), Phil Davis (Parent), Joe Burge (Campbell Parent), Kara Ligda (Sunnymont Parent), Aerik Sylvan (Sunnymont Parent), Gina Thomas (Carson Parent), Kenny Dang (Parent), Kim Kooyers (Explorer Parent), Richard Guertz (Grandfather).

The speakers brought up various points relative to parent education and the pre-schools for the Governing Board to consider including: tools and information available on their web sites, opportunity for peer to peer coaching, importance of early intervention, monthly meetings to help set and achieve goals, requirement and importance of parent participation weekly, credentialed teachers, affiliation with MAEP is very valuable, quality of program is at risk, negative outcomes of children that do not have good parenting (59% arrested as juveniles), opportunity to hear speakers on parenting skills, community benefits, skills learned provide a renewed commitment to their children, partnerships and relationships are built over years and continue, parents know the value of education, learning the value of being a husband and a daddy, higher fees could result in parents being unable to participate, opportunity to interact with others, learn to respect their children, invest in their children and their families, receive tools in a real setting by participating in the classroom with a credentialed teacher, children are our future, provides a lab setting, decision will impact a lot of families, social development is learned between the ages of 2 and 5, and the benefits of modeling good parenting.

Jackie Kite, teacher, also shared information regarding the evening classes, i.e. anger management class. This class is court mandated and if the class is not full, it is cancelled. She asked why close classes that are fee-based and pay for themselves. They represent options that are low in cost and short in duration.

After everyone had the opportunity to speak, Superintendent Hay said this coming Saturday (March 15) thousands of teachers, counselors, administrators and classified staff would be receiving preliminary layoff notices. Currently, California is ranked 46<sup>th</sup> in education spending in the nation and if the Governor's proposal prevails, California will be dead last. There are those in Sacramento that believe cuts to education are negotiable. There should be no negotiations in cutting Proposition 98. The Governing Board approved a resolution, copies are available at the back of the room, opposing any cuts to Proposition 98. There is a lot of passion for education and asked everyone to join us in the education industry to make sure this does not happen. Until last year, some of the pre-schools were co-funded by First Five and then they pulled out. First Five has a lot of money and maybe those in attendance can be more successful in talking with them. We need all of you to join in the fight and let the state legislators know the value of your parenting program and education throughout the state.

Member Dossa asked if Carson Pre-school will close if we hand out pink slips. Superintendent Hay said Carson is completely fee-based. Sally Starz said Carson is fully supported by fees and Carson needs to find a fiscal agent to pay the teachers. Ms. Starz is speaking with San Jose Unified School District to see if Carson could go through them. The challenge is to see what we can do with Carson, Lowell and Horace Mann (closed last year). Member Grilli reaffirmed that Carson only needed a fiscal agent and not financial support. Member Chang said if MetroED is not the fiscal agent, it will close. Sally Starz said yes but SJUSD could do it. Member Garcia asked to be kept posted on the discussions with SJUSD. Member Grilli asked for clarification on the funding. Starz stated that First Five stopped funding about 2 or 3 years ago. Initially, First Five had a four year grant and then they reorganized to take themselves out of the contract business. First Five now identifies high risk neighborhoods by zip code and concentrate their funds in these neighborhoods.

Member Garcia asked about the court ordered classes MAEP currently provides. Sally Starz said there are two fee based classes and there needs to be a minimum of 8 students or they are cancelled. It is possible to keep these under another program and the cost is relatively reasonable (\$75 per person). Starz said we could look at folding these into either the 50+ Program or CIP. Superintendent Hay said if the option was CIP, the program is fully fee based. Member Garcia said that the family and criminal courts are looking to make sure there are services for court mandated classes. The classes have specific criteria required by the courts. Starz said the class is required to have 15 hours of court mandated time. Member Garcia would like to look at finding a solution to continue these classes.

Vice President Dossa asked for clarification on the comment from one of the speakers regarding making money. Are we in the hole or does the program make money? Director Karp and Wendy Zhang met with the parents and gave them the budget sheet for the parenting program that was presented by Kathy Jasper to the board members. The parenting program brings in \$317,000 and costs \$270,000; however, there are no indirect costs in the budget sheet. Karp shared when we look at our funding from ADA and other sources, including grant funds, the funding is spread out over all the programs. Member Biehl expressed that the ADA allocation is for adult education and does not mean it is allocated back to a specific program. Superintendent Hay said the ADA will be allocated out to other programs. If there are cuts to our CAPs versus ADA, we have more flexibility for teachers and services levels. It appears that it makes money; however, we closed 15 classes in other programs because they were not generating enough ADA. The ADA was absorbed in other program areas. Member Biehl said if you look at the context of the prior 24 months, there have been other cuts without increasing costs. Member Chang said there is a number allocated for adult education ADA, if this program is eliminated, the ADA will be allocated to other programs. Superintendent Hay said this was correct and allows us to save

approximately \$130,000. Member Chang asked about class sizes in other program areas. Director Karp said by contract ESL is 33 and ABE is 23 students. Superintendent Hay said the class sizes are governed by AFT contractual requirements. Adult education ADA is allocated separately for the Campbell and San Jose Units.

Member Garcia expressed that it was too bad there was no media in attendance and commented on how passionate the speakers were regarding education and their program. The Board has been given an axe and we have to start cutting and hoped those in attendance would work with the Board to send a strong message to the state on the importance of education. Vice President Dossa shared he has been an educator for 30 years and knows the importance of the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline and believes that something can be worked out and asked those in attendance to not let the notification process scare them. Member Grilli said the pre-school parents are facing what school districts have faced over the years. Milpitas Unified has cut almost \$8 million over the past several years and reviewed another \$4 million in cuts at their meeting the night before. Member Grilli said we could use some help, this has been an on-going problem and we are getting discouraged as well. It is time to stand up and say we are done and not willing to take any further cuts to education.

President Gordon thanked those in attendance and for talking about education. She thought when she was elected that the purpose of a board member was to help education flourish in a community and districts were financially sound. It is getting very tiring to continue to fight the fires each year for funding. The parenting program is important to this community, the speakers are very passionate and we heard the great things the program has brought to your lives. MetroED has already made \$1.3 million in personnel cuts over the last three years. If we were looking at sending notices for a different program, they would be here expressing the importance of that program and why it should not be cut. ESL students and staff would be here to let us know they need the classes so they can speak to their children's teachers. There are no easy answers. We need to vote on the notification of lay-offs today and then look for options, even if the governor doesn't do the right thing, it gives us time and flexibility to do what we need to do.

Member Biehl said this is a state-wide problem. At East Side Union High School District, we issued 40 notices to teachers, 72 notices to classified and 14 to management. We are all in this together and we are fighting for a minimum amount of funding for education at this time. We are all in favor of good parenting and have supported the parenting program for many, many years. Member Biehl said he would have to support the recommendation of staff. Biehl said MetroED would do all we can to get the governor and legislature to do the right thing. This group is well organized, represent a community we do not usually hear from, are here defending your community and have been very civil in your comments. As a board member, we have fiduciary responsibilities and are not in control of everything.

Member Chang said she would echo what her colleagues have said and have a lot of respect for all of those in attendance. Chang has two children and understands many of the concerns expressed. Education is an investment in our future and we have to work together to preserve the educational opportunities for all students. In 2003, it was my first year here at MetroED and authorized sending out the notifications to all employees. Later, we were able to reverse the decision. Once again we are faced with another crisis in funding for education. In the Chinese culture, crisis is the same character as opportunity. We need to work hard to make sure we win the battle. It is our fiduciary responsibility to ensure the school district finances are sound. Chang will support the notification but said this is not the end of the story and we have to move forward.

**MOTION:** Approve resolution #06-03-12-08 for the giving of notice to all certificated employees affected by the reduction or elimination of particular kinds of services.  
M/Chang, S/Grilli, Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes

XII. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

A. Public Comments

President Gordon took comments under Special Order of Business.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **MOTION:** Approval of Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, February 13, 2008.  
M/Garcia, S/Dossa, Vote: 6 Ayes

XIV. CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION:** Approve Consent Items \*2 through \*7 with the removal of Item \*4 which was moved to Special Order of Business. M/Biehl, S/Dong, Vote: 6 Ayes

XV. INFORMATION ITEMS

8. First Reading, BP/AR 5141; Health Care Emergencies

Dan Gilbertson said the Safety Committee reviewed the recommended wording changes for BP/AR 5141; Health Care and Emergencies and recommended the purchase of two Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) to be added to the emergency equipment available at the Hillsdale campus.

9. MetroED Investment Portfolio as of 12/31/07

Superintendent Hay shared that MetroED Board policy #3430 requires the Governing Board to review a quarterly report of all investments and money held by the district. Also included is the Santa Clara County's investment portfolio for the quarter as approximately 74% of all district investments are on deposit with the county.

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

Superintendent Hay said the JPA Executive Council (EC) met on February 15 and has provided information to the Governing Board. The JPA EC was unable to come to a resolution on equalization and is deadlocked. Superintendents of Campbell Union and East Side High School districts met and worked out their disagreements and sent an e-mail that they were ready to sign an agreement. Hay was not at the meeting and the information will be shared at the March 17<sup>th</sup> JPA EC meeting. Indirectly, Hay heard some of the details and is concerned that it will create a financial disincentive to send students to MetroED. Hay is looking forward to the meeting and hopes there will be a resolution all districts can agree to. MetroED staff has a proposal to bring for discussion and does not have a strong feeling that an agreement will be reached.

President Gordon previously suggested a workshop with the superintendents and CBOs with the Governing Board and felt that it needed to be scheduled. Based on what she had heard the issue was becoming more complicated and risky for the CCOC center. Gordon asked if the Governing Board was in agreement to have the joint meeting. Member Garcia asked the Superintendent if he believed a workshop would be useful at this time. Superintendent Hay felt a workshop would be beneficial as one of the issues relates to Governing Board's authority. Member Biehl agreed to have a workshop and it should be scheduled to allow enough time to discuss the issues. Biehl believed it would be valuable for him as a MetroED and an East Side Board Member. Biehl said we need to create a formula to send students to CCOC while balancing out the costs and transportation needs. A conceptual solution needs to be reached between the 6 districts and then have the staffs work out the implementation. Biehl is not concerned all the details are worked out but it can't be decided by just two districts.

President Gordon said she heard that three superintendents said it was a problem between Campbell and East Side and they needed to work it out. This is a all-JPA issue and not an issue between just two districts. Gordon said she is not available between April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>. Member Chang said we need all the board members there so we do not continue to hear the information second hand and we can see the dynamics of the JPA EC. Chang agreed there needs to be a workshop. President Gordon asked the Superintendent to set a date with the superintendents and CBOs. Superintendent Hay said he would move forward with setting a date for a workshop.

## XVI. ACTION ITEMS

### BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

#### 11. Adopt Resolution #05-03-12-08

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution #05-03-12-08 and recognize adult education for its many years of service to adults, and that students, teachers and administrators be recognized during Adult Education Week, March 10 through March 14, 2008. M/Biehl, S/Garcia, Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes

### BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONS

#### 12. Second Interim Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2007-08

**MOTION:** To accept the Second Interim Report and instruct the Board President and District to submit a positive certification to the County Superintendent of Schools. M/Biehl, S/Chang, Vote: 6 Ayes

#### 13. Approve Resolution #06-03-12-08, Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services

The item was moved to Special Order of Business for discussion and roll call vote.

#### 14. Approve Resolution #07-03-12-08, Release of an Administrator from Assignment

Dan Gilbertson said Sally Starz would be receiving two letters, if approved, as a teacher and an administrator. MAEP is currently finding alternative options for Ms. Starz in the administrative area and recommended approval of the notification.

**MOTION:** Moved to approve resolution #07-03-12-08 to appropriately notify the certificated administrator regarding the reduction or elimination of services related to resolution #07-03-12-08 M/Biehl, S/Dossa, Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes

#### 15. Approve Resolution #08-03-12-08 Reduction or Elimination of Service

Dan Gilbertson said this item included the elimination of 5 classified FTE positions and staff was working very closely with CSEA on the impacts. There are two IT employees that will not be able to bump into other positions and Bob Beaulieu, Director of IT, is working on opportunities for these employees. All of these positions are tough loses for MetroED.

**MOTION:** Approve resolution #08-03-12-08 to eliminate the equivalent of five (5.0) FTE classified positions and to appropriately notify the employees affected by this action. M/Chang, S/Garcia, Roll Call Vote: 6 Ayes

XVII. EXECUTIVE REPORT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Superintendent Hay: Included in the materials at each Board member's seat are the county statistical report, an invitation to attend the CCOC Open House on March 14th, the JPA Executive Council minutes and correspondence regarding the parenting program. Senator Tom Torlakson, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and member of the Senate Education Committee, will be touring the CCOC campus on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. It was reported that Senator Abel Maldonado will not vote to suspend Proposition 98.

XVIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Board Member Marsha Grilli attended the Santa Clara County School Boards Association monthly meeting representing MetroED. The discussions included special education costs and the election of officers for next year. Frank Biehl was nominated for Vice President of the organization and the election of new officers will be held at the next meeting.
- Board Clerk Richard Garcia said last week he was involved with the Hernandez case and it was difficult this evening to discuss the suspension of the parenting program but it was his fiduciary responsibility to make a very hard decision.
- President Diane Gordon announced she would not be at the April Board Meeting and wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

XIX. OTHER MEETINGS

Meeting with JPA Superintendents Executive Council	March 17, 2008 12:00 p.m.
Regular meeting of the Governing Board: April 9, 2008	Closed Session 6:00 p.m. Open Session 7:00 p.m.

XX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved to adjourn the Governing Board meeting at 10:15 p.m.  
M/Dossa, S/Garcia, Vote: 6 Ayes

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Richard Garcia, Clerk of the Board