

METROPOLITAN EDUCATION DISTRICT

Governing Board Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2009

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 Garcia 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
Jim Canova	Santa Clara Unified School District
Cynthia Chang	Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District – Absent
Rosemary Rossi	Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Alternate – Left at 8:05 p.m.
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 6:02 p.m.

V. REGULAR MEETING (continued)

President Garcia reconvened the regular session of the Board meeting in the CCOC Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed Rosemary Rossi, Alternate Board Member from Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District.

VI. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

President Garcia reported that no action was taken in closed session.

VII. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Garcia.

VIII. ADOPT AGENDA

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

IX. RECOGNITIONS

1. Acknowledgement of Visitors
2. Acknowledgement of Honors and Awards
 - Recognition of Individuals who have "Raised the Bar!"
 - Superintendent Hay recognized Marti Rao, MAEP WASC Coordinator; Dorian Del Conte, MAEP WASC Support; Nancy Boring, CCOC Medical Assistant Instructor; and Phil Gonzalez, CCOC Fire Science/First Responder Instructor individual raising the bar awards. Martha Burns and the MAEP Volunteer Tutor Program received a group award for raising the bar and the 24 volunteer tutors received individual certificates.

- Recognition of Years of Service and Retirements
 - Pins were presented to Judy Berry, Merry Cheung, Luz Daugherty, Nguyet Dong, Dan Gilbertson and Gracey Janke for 10 years of service to MetroED. Tamsen McGie, Jon Menard and P. Cesar Romero were acknowledged as well.
 - Pins were presented to Miguel Chavez-Aamora, Dorian Del Conte, Kathy Gullo, and Jane Streeter for 20 years of service to MetroED. Ellen Angrus-Wage, Betty D'Angelo, Alfonso Fuentes, Mary Lou Lyon and Barbara Woodmansee were acknowledged as well.
 - Carmen Yniguez, MAEP San Jose Site Registrar, was presented with a pin for 40 years of service to MetroED. Ms. Yniguez will be retiring and was presented with a gift and acknowledged for her years of dedicated service to MetroED.

X. STUDENT REPORTS

- A. CCOC Student: CCOC Director John Fox introduced Erica Soto, a student at CCOC for two years and also attends Independence High School. Erica said coming to CCOC was one of the best decisions she has made and decided to work towards a career and started in Ms. Straubinger's Medical Assisting class and wants to go into nursing. Erica is currently during her internship at an emergency room at a regional medical office and is in Ms. Betters Health Occupations class. Erica will be receiving a scholarship from the Almaden Rotary Club and has signed up for college in the fall with the assistance of Ms. Nguyen. Erica is also a member of the CCOC Student Council. Erica shared that her experiences at CCOC have made a real difference in her life and wants to share her experiences with other students so they can take advantage of the programs at CCOC.
- B. MAEP Student: MAEP Assistant Principal Suzi Glass introduced Laura MacKean and was instrumental as a student member of the WASC focus groups. Laura stayed home with her two daughters for 20 years and then decided to go back to school. While volunteering at Good Samaritan, she decided to go into the medical field as a career and found adult education. At 46 years old, she realized she could go back to school and has been working as a Teacher Assistant in the class. Her daughter was attending San Jose State and decided she did not want a four year program and wanted a program that would move faster. Laura went to doctor's offices to find out where their medical assistants had gone to school. They said MAEP is the best, go there and that is how her and her daughter ended up taking classes at MAEP. Her daughter has been working for 2 years and is attending college part time to get her nursing degree. This is one of the best kept secrets in Santa Clara County and everyone should know about the programs and the opportunities offered to people.

XI. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Garcia invited members of the audience to speak on items not on the agenda:

- Anna Talavera, Medical Assisting student at CCOC and also has a son attending CCOC. She participated on the WASC Parent Committee and is on the Employer Advisory Board and is concerned about class closures.
- Arash Mehdipour, CCOC student in Engines and Transmissions at CCOC and expressed how much Mr. Gholamipour has helped him in class and expressed his concerns about class closures.
- Justin Locketz, CTA President asked CTA members in the audience to stand and those who had not received a letter rescinding their layoff to remain standing during a video sharing information on the teachers and how these teachers help students raise the bar.
- Donna Hoskins: Student at CCOC and she shared how great Victoria Straubinger is as a teacher at CCOC and that teachers are the back bone of the school.

- Lynnea Ly: CCOC student who expressed concerns on staff reductions and how Ms. Straubinger has been a guiding hand for her students. Lynnea shared that 24% of the students in her class improved in math in this class this year.
- Reed Shue: Former CCOC student and currently employed in the OR at Kaiser and shared that he would not be where he was today without the guidance and support of Ms. Straubinger.
- Uyen Tran/Orchid Tran: CCOC students expressed their concerns regarding closing classes and how much Ms. Straubinger has assisted students in the nursing program even those with limited English skills.
- Jennie Moreno: Parent of a former CCOC student in the carpentry and medical assisting program. Giovan Espinosa is attending San Jose City College and Ms. Moreno read a letter on his behalf supporting Ms. Straubinger.
- Martin Herrera: CCOC student in Ms. Straubinger's morning class and shared how he was the 8th generation of his family to attend CCOC and his concerns regarding closing classes. He read a letter from Marlon Fox, the parent of Nadine Andrada who attends Ms. Straubinger's class, and how his daughter has improved.

Board President Garcia thanked everyone for coming and the board members were listening to their concerns during these difficult economic times.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **MOTION**: It was moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2009 board meeting. M/Biehl, S/Gordon, Vote: 6 Ayes

XIV. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: It was moved to approve Consent Items *2 through *7. M/Gordon, S/Biehl, Vote: 6 Ayes

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONS

*2. **Consent Item: Approve Monthly Warrant List**

The Governing Board approved the warrant registers for April: #62001718-#62001761, dated April 2, 2009; #62001762-#62001808, dated April 7, 2009; #62001809-#62001876, dated April 14, 2009; #62001877-#62001924, dated April 15, 2009; #62001925-#62001965, dated April 17, 2009; #62001966-#62001987, dated April 21, 2009; #62001988, dated April 23, 2009; #62001989-#62002024, dated April 24, 2009; #62002025-#62002077, dated April 28, 2009.

*3. **Consent Item: Call for Bids for Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement on the CCOC Campus (Jing-Jing Wang)**

The Governing Board authorized the Superintendent to Call for Bids for Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement on the CCOC Campus.

*4. **Consent Item: Approve Contract with California School Boards Association for Board Policy Services, CY 2009 (\$3,630 plus travel expenses (Jing-Jing Wang)**

The Governing Board approved a contract for board policy services with the California School Boards Association for a one-time fee of \$3,630, plus travel expenses.

INSTRUCTIONAL AND STUDENT FUNCTIONS

***5. Consent Item: Community Classroom Agreements (John Fox)**

The Governing Board approved the agreements to provide on-the-job clinical training to CCOC medical students.

***6. Consent Item: Apprenticeship Agreements, 2009-10 (John Fox)**

The Governing Board approved the 2009-10 school year apprenticeship agreements for: California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee; Roofers JATC, Santa Clara & San Benito Counties; Northern California Barbering & Cosmetology Apprenticeship; Santa Clara County Mill Cabinet JATC; Walton & Sons Masonry, Inc. JATC; Western Electrical Contractors Association JATC.

***7. Consent Item: ROCP Course Review and Recertification (John Fox)**

The Governing Board reviewed the information regarding the ROCP courses Auto Body Refinishing, Year One & Year Two; computer Technology Careers, Year One and Year Two; Office Assistant; and approved the courses for ROCP recertification.

XV. INFORMATION ITEMS

8. Information Item: Metropolitan Education District Goals and Objectives for 2009-10

Director of Instruction & Accountability Pamela Watson: MetroED is in the fourth year of the five-year plan and details were included in the board packets. Ms. Watson shared a short PowerPoint highlighting some of the new items and goals to be emphasized for 2009-10. The item is brought for discussion and input and the final approval will occur at the June 10 meeting.

President Garcia: Asked if the district is considering any solar panels for the campus as San Jose Unified and Milpitas Unified have done? CCOC Director John Fox shared that we are one of the only approved LEA's for a solar apprenticeship in the state and shared information on other areas CCOC has regarding integrating solar into the programs.

XVI. ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS

BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS

9. Action Item: Approve Resolution #14-05-13-09, Opposing Further State Cuts to Adult Education Funding

MOTION: It was moved to approve Resolution #14-05-13-09. M/Biehl, S/Grilli, Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 1 Absent (Rossi)

Kathy Jasper: AFT President thanked the board for considering the resolution, asked for support and asked board members to consider doing a similar resolution at their home districts.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL FUNCTIONS

10. Action Item: Monthly Budget Update

MOTION: It was moved to approve the budget changes included in the Monthly Budget Update for the period ended 4/30/09. M/Biehl, S/Grilli Vote: 5 Ayes 1 Absent (Rossi)

CBO Jing-Jing Wang: Provided an overview of the budget changes from the last report presented through the end of April.

11. **Action Item: Award the Bid for the Metro Center Adult Education Facilities Construction Project**

MOTION: It was moved to award the Bid for the Metro Center (MC) Adult Education Facilities to Guerra Construction Group, the lowest responsible bidder.
M/Grilli S/Gordon, Vote: 5 Ayes 1 Absent (Rossi)

Justin Locketz: Spoke on behalf of CTA and shared there are a lot of budget issues facing MetroED and there needs to be creative budgeting and we need to look at the various funds. The value to MetroED is the staff, not only teachers but all employees. Justin said he felt there was a lot of flexibility given by the state on how funds can be used to keep classrooms running and believed the Prop 1D and Deferred Maintenance Funds should be used at this time, and felt it was not the most creative way to look at the budget.

Member Canova: Asked if the Superintendent could clarify the issue of utilizing funds from other areas and the flexibility the Board has in these areas.

Superintendent Hay: There is considerable flexibility if the Board chooses to exercise it to move dollars. This particular project is an adult education project and the funds have been saved over a period of years in order to replace a number of buildings that are becoming unsafe. While teaching is important, teaching in a safe environment is just as important for both the teachers and the students we serve. The project, which will be built at the back side of the campus, will replace facilities which are falling apart. The CBOs of the six participating districts have shared with MetroED that the maintenance and buildings is the responsibility of MetroED. School Services was brought in to evaluate if there was an issue of one program subsidizing the other program (MAEP/CCOC) as this has been brought up by employees of MetroED. This is not the case and the report noted that both programs are receiving economies of scale due to the structure of the organization. Regarding this project, based on the estimated costs, there was not enough money to do the entire project and it was going to be done in three phases. Fortunately, the bids came in very low and we will be able to do two of the phases, hopefully, by the end of the summer and be able to move the adult education program to the new facilities in September.

Member Gordon: This project is the elephant in the room and she shared the perspective as a board member in Campbell and what they did regarding the adult education building on the Del Mar site that was falling apart. In finding a solution, the Campbell UHSD lent the money to the adult education program to ensure the staff and students would be in a safe learning environment. Ms. Gordon shared how happy she was to see the new building go up and opened in January. Even though the Campbell UHSD would have liked to do something different with the funds, it was important to do the project.

PERSONNEL FUNCTIONS

12. **Action Item: Classified Personnel**

MOTION: It was moved to approve the one resignation and eight layoff elections.
M/Biehl, S/Gordon, Vote: 5 Ayes 1 Absent (Rossi)

Human Resources Director Dan Gilbertson: Spoke to Items 12, 13 and 14 together and shared this was the third month administration has brought to the board layoff items for review and approval. This is a painful process and administration is trying to do the process professionally and legally. Legally, there are time lines that need to be met. Mr.

Gilbertson reviewed the three items which include classified, administrative and certificated personnel. In April, the Board approved reduced 9.91 FTE positions and there have been two rounds of bumping. A settlement was reached with AFT regarding hours and the positions to be reduced.

CTA involved 5.6 positions and it has been reduced to 4.6 FTE. There are two positions subject to hearing review and the administrative law judge's recommendation is expected by 5/15/09. These positions will be reviewed at the special board meeting scheduled for 5/19/09. There are 2.6 FTE's recommended for layoff for CTA (three instructors) this evening. None of the recommendations for layoffs is based on an employee's performance or the value they bring to the organization.

Member Canova: Everyone is aware of the election coming up on May 19th and the Board is aware of the time lines for employee notifications. If there is a positive outcome from the election, would there be any alternatives that could be pursued.

Superintendent Hay: Regardless of the outcome of the election, MetroED's revenue has been reduced 5 million dollars a year and it is on-going. Expenses have to be reduced by 5 million dollars or MetroED will be deficit spending, it will become a structural deficit, and the county will not allow us to do that for more than a couple of years, it has to be addressed with on-going expense reductions. The Governor has stated that without the passage of the propositions, the state deficit for next year would be 21.3 billion dollars and the state will have a cash flow problem in a few months and they will not be able to make payroll or send money to districts. If the measures pass, we are told it is "fixable" but we do not know what that means. The federal stimulus money that is coming in to the districts is to be used for cuts to education for this year. In approximately 30 days, additional stimulus money will be coming to districts to restore cuts to categorical programs in the current year and then in September there will be some additional money. The six participating districts have indicated that they will not pass any stimulus money through to MetroED because they expect additional cuts to education statewide from 1.8 billion to 5 billion dollars. However, there is federal money out there for many of those who partner with MetroED including Job Corps. Job Corps sends a lot of students to MetroED and have been a very good partner over the years. They have indicated their intent, if they receive additional money, to hire the two teachers that will be laid off at their center in East San Jose. They have also indicated an interest in picking up the cost of the two teachers here in the medical and dental programs.

Vice President Bieh: I appreciate all of the teachers and staff here tonight and speaking for myself and other members of the Board, we very much appreciate the work that you do and were touched by the stories presented here tonight. The reason that you are here and you work so hard and also the reason we serve on this board, is to see that these programs continue. No board member or administrator takes pleasure in the process that we are now going through. I hope you have the opportunity to take your presentation to the governor and members of the state legislature. I think it is good that a human face is shown to them on the decisions that they make. He shared he has stood with members of CTA at both of the most recent rallies, Pink Friday, as well as today's action. The people sitting up here in front of you are sitting with you but unfortunately we have to make decisions to continue the operation of the whole organization and to do that, decisions have to be made. He believes the administration here is working in a clever and out-of-the-box thinking to try to weave things together the best they can but unfortunately the news is becoming worse every day from the state. We really don't know what is going to happen and we really don't know how we are going to get through it. I think the steps that have been taken, on both sides, have been reasonable and unfortunately necessary under the circumstances. He thanked everyone for being at the meeting and the decisions the board makes are driven by the law and the current uncertainty and hopefully when we get through this economic crisis we will be able to

deal more effectively with the proper financing of the wonderful programs we have here at MetroED.

Member Canova: At times like this, it is important for us to listen completely and carefully. As you can see how lives have been changed here by those who spoke, it is inspirational and heart rendering to be in this kind of position to have to deal with these issues in the budget climate we have. It is encouraging to hear about some of the light that has been brought into this situation with Job Corps. As the internal optimist on this Board and his Board and he believes that there is additional light at the end of the tunnel then just Job Corps. He believes things will be improving as the year progresses and as we move into 2010 but for right now that doesn't help us and we have to make very difficult decisions. On the part of Santa Clara USD, he expressed their gratitude for what goes on here every day, the benefits the students receive here every day, it is priceless. For the state to be cutting programs like these when politicians are stating that due to the economy people need to be retrained and receive job training is ironic. The programs at MetroED address all of these issues. This is where the future is being laid and to see these kinds of financial disruptions to this kind of a program is disturbing.

Member Gordon: She didn't think it could be said any better than Frank Biehl and Jim Canova expressed. As a board member, we are responsible for providing the best education that we can while living within our means and that puts us in a meat grinder, that puts a bulls eye on our back and we have been elected to do things no one else wants to do.

President Garcia: The comments expressed were representative of his comments and agreed with feeling as though the Board was being put through a meat grinder.

13. **Action Item: Administrative Personnel**

MOTION: It was moved to approve the one resignation and two layoff elections.
M/Gordon, S/Canova, Vote: 5 Ayes 1 Absent (Rossi)

14. **Action Item: Certificated Personnel**

MOTION: It was moved to approve the layoffs of seven AFT teachers, three CTA teachers, and the retirement of one CTA teacher for the 2009-10 School Year.
M/Biehl, S/Gordon, Vote: 5 Ayes 1 Absent (Rossi)

Wendy Yegge: A teacher at CCOC for 18 years and has seen a lot of change over the years. Wendy asked if the Board could delay the vote and allow for the teachers to work with the superintendent and brainstorm ways to solve the budget issues.

Jeff Schmidt: A teacher at CCOC and requested the Board delay the vote this evening and to review other options that would be available; i.e. looking at deferred maintenance and delaying some of the items in the budget including a hiring freeze and delaying some of the building projects.

Superintendent Hay: There are no layoffs for the current year. The layoffs are for next fiscal year, the year MetroED is taking a 20% cut in revenue. The request to delay decisions is not practical due to the requirements of the Education Code and the dates required for notifications. Notices can always be rescinded; however, the reverse may not be true and the board needs to maintain that flexibility in the best interest of the organization. As far as working with the Superintendent, there have been representatives of CTA at two of the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) meetings and CTA has had representatives on the BAC since it was created approximately four years ago. The CTA representatives have not always participated in the meetings and there has been an increased awareness in participating. The Superintendent has met with

CTA representatives three times recently to discuss the budget. CTA representatives have also met with Jing-Jing Wang to go over the details and become more knowledgeable of the budget. Administration will continue to meet with representatives of all the bargaining units. It was a commitment the Superintendent made to the representatives of CTA as we continue to go through the process of building the budget for next year. This is an on-going process and the input of CTA is welcome and it has been expressed every time the Superintendent has met with CTA and will continue to meet with CTA to discuss ideas.

Member Canova: Requested the Superintendent speak to the issue of Deferred Maintenance.

Superintendent Hay: As a Joint Powers Agency (JPA), MetroED does not qualify for state modernization funds and it was only due to the legislative efforts on the part of this organization and southern California regional occupational center that MetroED was specifically included in the Ed Code for deferred maintenance. There are many people in Sacramento that do not believe in centers and they have made that very clear. However, there are enough legislators that do believe in centers and included MetroED in Prop 1D funding to have at least a 50% funding source to help modernize the CCOC facilities that are 40 years old. If you want to keep your facilities in a condition that supports the educational programs, the facilities need to be safe, and also meet state of the industry standards. For example, if the funds were used one-time for salaries and a section of roof collapsed, there would be no funds to make those repairs.

Vice President Biehl: There was one speaker during the public comments that referred to bonuses for administrators. Do MetroED administrators receive bonuses?

HR Director Dan Gilbertson: Administrators do not get bonuses or car allowances. Hay stated that no administrators receive a bonus and there are no car allowances except the Superintendent per his contract. Other employees receive mileage reimbursement.

15. **Action Item: Approve Benefits for Laid Off Employees**

MOTION: It was moved to approve benefits for employees who will be laid off effective June 30, 2009. M/Biehl, S/Gordon, Vote: 5 Ayes 1 Absent (Rossi)

HR Director Dan Gilbertson: There may be disagreements regarding layoffs and the bumping process; however, there will be employees laid off as of June 30, 2009. Administration has been working on strategies to lessen the impact on these employees especially during these economic times. The recommendation is to provide services for resume writing, job search, interviewing skills, etc. Medical benefits are always a concern and the recommendation is to pay the 35% employee match for six months for COBRA coverage. The federal government is paying 65% for people who are being laid off at this time. The cost is approximately \$22,000 for the district and administration believes this will provide some relief for those being laid off.

Vice President Biehl: It is a very good thing to do for employees and very good demonstration of how the administrative staff and Board feel about the employees and this situation. Hopefully, it is something that will help people with the transition and hope many do not have to take it for six months and are able to find another position quickly. Biehl said he was glad this was initiated by administration.

XVI. EXECUTIVE/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

CCOC Director Fox:

- Sara Crowder was named Teacher of the Year today and she will represent MetroED with the county this fall. Ms. Crowder was picked by her peers at the school.

- On Friday, May 15, the annual car show will be taking place at 5:00 PM with proceeds to benefit the students who participate in SkillsUSA. Mr. Fox recognized Bob McTaggart who is organizing the event this year.
- Seda Otto, Program Representative, is getting articles into the participating high school newspaper. Recently, there were articles in Santa Teresa and Leland high schools.
- At the end of April, 206 CCOC students took the placement tests for six local colleges which will assist them in early placement for registration.
- Thirty students completed West Valley College counseling orientation and the students will receive .5 credits for participating. The orientations are coordinated by Chantu Nguyen.
- The post-draft for students next year took place and the enrollment is higher this year than last year. As of today, there are 1,515 that have indicated they will attend CCOC in the fall. This time last year, there were 1,391 high school students indicating their choice to attend.
- Mike Cortese's students from the diesel lab will be touring the VTA bus facility on May 19. VTA is very interested in working with our students.
- Yellow Cab is donating another vehicle to the automotive program.
- Steve Tedesco, President Junior Achievement Silicon Valley, was very impressed with the turnout and experience they had with the students from CCOC participating in the San Jose Rotary Job Shadow Day in April and he would like to make it specifically for CCOC students next year.
- Greg Cabrera, Business Partnership Coordinator, met a former CCOC student at a community outreach event at the National Hispanic University and was able to reconnect Sonny Austin, Draeger Construction, with his former HVAC teacher, John Tawney. Mr. Austin is very interested in working with the students from the HVAC class.
- Last Saturday at Kelley Park in San Jose, there was a Scout-o-Rama and Seda Otto and Fire Science/First Responder and Law Enforcement students provided information to those in attendance.
- The Program Representatives are currently out in the participating district high schools making recruitment visits before the end of the school year. The classes with low enrollment have been made a priority for recruitment efforts.
- On Friday, May 29, over 150 students will be recognized for outstanding achievement and services and everyone is invited.

MAEP Director Sylvia Karp:

- As an administrator at MetroED for almost 9 years working at CCOC and MAEP, the last bonus or car allowance she received was 10 years ago at her previous employment and wanted to clarify this for the record.
- She shared that before she was an administrator, she was a teacher for 25 years. Eighty-six percent of the adult education budget goes to payroll and benefits. In these economic conditions, it does not leave many choices when cutting 20% from the adult education budget. It does impact programs and personnel. Teachers are valued and she shared some of the accomplishments of the adult education teachers recently.
- Teachers have assisted 50 Adult Basic Education (ABE) students move from ABE to the high school diploma and GED programs.
- The graduation ceremony for the adult high school students will take place on June 17.
- Last week, MAEP celebrated employees and collaborative partners at the CCAE annual recognition dinner. Mery Cheung was recognized for support services; Shari Sullivan was recognized for her contributions working with adults with disabilities; and CalWORKs as the collaborative partner.
- CalWORKs will be getting some federal stimulus money and there will be some passed on to our program to assist with the students served by MAEP.
- Acknowledged Doug Wright who passed away last week and would have received his 20 year pin this evening. Doug Wright was an instructor in the Older Adult and Community Interest programs. Doug had been teaching drawing and painting for 20 years. His pin will be passed on to his wife at his memorial service on Friday, May 15.
- MAEP has been celebrating their classified and certificated employees this week with Friendship Salads.

MetroED Superintendent Paul Hay:

- A tour for legislative staff from Sacramento was scheduled for this Friday, May 15 with approximately 12-15 key staff members from the education and appropriations committees and the leadership of the assembly and senate. Unfortunately, the Governor announced he was going to move his May Revise up to Thursday, May 14, and all but two have cancelled. The tour will continue with legislative aides from Senator Alquist and Hancock's office.
- The Governor will announce his May revise tomorrow and propose two budgets. One if the propositions pass on May 19 and one if the propositions fail on May 19. This is unprecedented and it is not clear what the outcome will be. The range of additional cuts to education across the state could be from 1.8 to 5 billion dollars. There have been discussions of doing a 50/50 split with the cuts to categorical programs and the revenue limit. MetroED will be pushing for the cuts to the revenue limit where the stimulus money can back fill.

XVII. BOARD COMMENTS

- Member Gordon: She had the opportunity to visit Prospect High School where a former graduate from Blackford High School came back to visit. Dr. Gregory Errol Chamitoff, NASA Astronaut, who was selected to participate in the 1998 training class to become an astronaut. Ms. Gordon shared biographical data on Dr. Chamitoff and his mission to space. Prior to his launch, he arranged for four teachers to be his personal guests at the launch and agreed to come back and attend Science classes with the students and participate in general assemblies. It was great to have Dr. Chamitoff come back home and share his experiences with the students and staff. Member Gordon requested that the board dedicate the meeting to Doug Wright. As we continue to have stresses with money, she again urged that the Board start exploring the possibility of a joint facilities bond between our different districts and would assist with the pressures on the general fund.
- Member Canova: He is planning to join the legislative staff tour on Friday and is looking forward to the opportunity to speak with some of the staff from Sacramento. The outcome of the election next Tuesday will be interesting and he has heard that some voters are thinking about voting no to show their displeasure to the Governor and Legislators and to punish them. School board members are clearly frustrated with Sacramento and the way the state budget is being handled. The economy will improve and when it does he asked everyone to work together to put these programs back together better than what they were before. We are all committed to that and those here tonight are committed to that.
- Vice President Biehl: This weekend, he will be in Sacramento attending the California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly as well as Cynthia Chang and they will get a briefing on what is going on in Sacramento in terms of all the tax issues and get information from the top consultants in the state on school finance. On May 27, he will be sworn in as the President of the SCC School Boards Association and his focus next year will be advocacy for adequate funding for education. We are going to try and do that with all the school boards in the county. On June 1, he will be participating in the Cortese bus trip to Sacramento and has participated over the last few years with former San Jose City Council Member Cortese and now SCC Supervisor Cortese. It is an advocacy bus trip to Sacramento and Supervisor Cortese has enough influence to get all the legislators to come to them in a meeting room in the state capitol. Representatives from the governor's office also come and meet with the group. It is very effective and others are welcome to attend.
- President Garcia: On Friday, he will be attending the annual Rotary Turnaround Luncheon and a meeting with Congressman Mike Honda later in the day and he will not be able to attend the legislative staff tour but hopes to make the car show. The budget issue is not over and it is just beginning. From what he understands, there will be a need for more meetings to work together. No decisions that were made tonight are final regarding layoffs and it is the Board and superintendent's intention to work with everyone to solve these problems. He asked everyone to please keep coming to the meetings, working with the Board and meeting with the Superintendent.

XVIII. OTHER MEETINGS

Regular Meeting, June 10, 2009	Closed Session	6:00 pm
	Open Session	7:00 pm
Special Board Meeting, May 19, 2009	Open Session	12:00 pm

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: It was moved to adjourn the meeting in honor of MAEP instructor Doug Wright who passed away on May 6, 2009. M/Biehl, S/Gordon, Vote: 5 Ayes 1 Absent

President Garcia adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Jim Canova, Clerk of the Board