

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 14, 2007

Board Members: Bonnie Decker (District #4)
Allie Joiner (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Gail Pollock (District #3)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: Char Parsley (District #5)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

*Interim
Superintendent:* Rick Hauan

Guests: Lorana Myers, Federation representative
Lori Scheer-Matheson, Teacher representative
Heidi Redford, PSO representative
Heather Abraham, Director of Outreach
Donna Power, Interim Principal
Larry Cole, Director of Post High School Services

Recorder: Judy Smith
Interpreters: Bob Pfaff, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Decker at 9:00 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Revised agenda

Pat Clothier moved to approve the revised agenda. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Minutes from June 1, 2007, meeting

Gail Pollock moved that the minutes from the June 1, 2007, meeting be approved. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Science Curriculum (Donna Power, Interim Principal)

Donna Power, Interim Principal, asked the Board for approval to purchase science books for the 2007/2008 school year. The total purchase would be approximately \$3,000. Pat Clothier made a motion to approve the proposed purchase. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

A formal science curriculum proposal will be presented in the spring.

The Board requested that the reading and math curriculum committee members give an update at a future Board meeting of how the adopted curriculum is working.

SRVOP (Heather Abraham)

Heather Abraham gave a brief update on the 2007/2008 school activities by SRVOP during the 2007/2008 school year.

Pilot Program highlights include:

- *Seven students from around the state meet with Howie Seago, Director, (once a week) via video phone for tutoring.*
- *Working with Tacoma School District on ASL assessment.*
- *3--5 families selected for traditional Shared Reading Program (SRP) via video phone.*
- *Note: It was decided to keep SRVOP at Puget Sound ESD for one more year with the potential of moving the program next year.*

Supplemental Budget Request (Chuck McCarthy)

Three supplemental budgets – 2007 packages were distributed and discussed. The supplemental budget request is due by October 10, 2007.

The possibility of petitioning to change the WAC (Washington Administrative Code) which sets the graveyard ratios was discussed. The pros and cons of petitioning to change the WAC will be discussed with legal counsel during Executive Session.

Larry Swift moved that the Board support and submit, "Items 1 and 3" (Deaf Multi Disabled and SRVOP funding change) with the caveat that the Board return to "Item 2" (Increase in staff for residential program) for further discussion. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

CEASD Accreditation Update (Rick Hauan)

WSD will participate in the CEASD (Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf) accreditation this school year. Jane Mulholland (former Superintendent of the Oregon School for the Deaf) is currently a consultant traveling around the country assisting schools for the deaf with accreditation. The Board was asked to review the "self study" information that was sent with the Board packets.

NAAS (Northwest Association of Accredited Schools) accreditation process will be during the 2008/2009 school year.

D.E.A.F. (Courtleigh Guerci)

D.E.A.F. (Deaf Education Advocates Foundation) has hired a fund raising consultant. "Talking points" were distributed and Mr. Guerci brought the Board up to date on their ongoing activities.

The Board complimented D.E.A.F. on their continued efforts to support deaf and hard of hearing individuals throughout the state.

Policies – 1st Reading

- *Exchange Time (Policy: 5213): The topic of what is extraordinary and excessive hours will be discussed with the Leadership Team and the outcome of that discussion will be shared at the second reading.*
- *Honoraria/Stipends (Policy: 5214): Designed for those staff that might be doing outside activities, presentations, etc.*
- *Employee Safety, Health, and Wellness (Policy: 5215): Put together by the Safety Committee specifically for staff. (Recognition & elimination of hazards training.....sentence needs to be finished.)*
- *Small & Attractive Assets (Policy: 6302): Fixed assets with a unit cost of under \$5,000.*
- *Meal Sales (Policy: 6320): Identifies the criteria for a "free" meal. Add verbiage to exclude Board members from a free meal.*

Dates/locations for future Board meetings

Bonnie Terada will prepare the necessary paperwork to change the WAC (Washington Administrative Code) as it currently says that meetings are held on Wednesdays.

Meetings for the 2007/2008 school year will be held the second Friday of each month with the exception of June 2008:

- *October 12: Vancouver*
- *November 9: Location to be determined*
- *December 14: Vancouver*
- *January 11: Location to be determined*
- *February 8: Olympia*
- *March 14: Vancouver*
- *April 11: Location to be determined*
- *May 9: Location to be determined*
- *June 12: Vancouver (graduation)*

Pat Clothier made a motion to set the regular Board meetings for the second Friday of each month during the 2007/2008 school year. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Superintendent Search (Julie Stephens, Evan Oderman - Department of Personnel Executive Careers) (Handouts) – Selection Process Overview and Timeline

The search process and timeline was distributed and discussed. The fee is 15% of the Superintendent's annual salary plus interpreter fees, travel for candidates, etc. This service would set up travel arrangements for candidates but WSD would pay the costs involved.

The Governor makes the final decision but the Board develops the selection process and submits three candidates for consideration.

Todd Reeves Recognition

The Board and staff expressed their gratitude to Todd for his outstanding leadership during his four years as Superintendent.

Meeting on Deaf Education Briefing (Todd Reeves)

Todd Reeves and Interim Superintendent, Rick Hauan, attended a recent meeting with Representatives Kagi, Fromhold, and Moeller on deaf education. It was determined at the meeting that there isn't a conflict with House Bill 2246 and the recently released IPP report. The primary issue left unresolved is the teacher training aspects of HB 2246. It is possible that the training at WSU/Vancouver section will be taken out and put into a separate bill. The parents were concerned that the teachers trained at WSU/Vancouver will not stay and work in the state of Washington.

Human Resources Update

- Introduction of new staff
 - Scott Pfaff, PE
 - Julie Johnson, Middle School Math
 - Mary Williams, Middle School Science
 - Richard Fromberg, Art
 - Shirley Fackler, Sub Teacher
 - Shannon Jordan, Teacher's Aide
 - Andrew Campbell, moved to Teacher's Aide
 - Hau Lau, Food Services Aide
 - Dawn Smith, moved to Teacher's Aide
- National Board Certification (Donna Sorensen)
 - Donna talked about National Board Certification and the impact it has on student learning.
 - The process costs over \$2,000; OSPI covers half the cost and the union will assist as well.
 - Rick Hauan will bring recommendations back to the Board on ways to support teachers going through the National Board Certification process.
 - A bill was passed in the last legislative session which allows WSD nationally board certified teachers to receive a stipend equal to public schools.

Executive Session

While awaiting Joyce Turner's arrival the Board went into Executive Session at 2:25 p.m. to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Interim Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 2:40 p.m.

Joyce Turner, Deputy Chief of Staff

Ms. Turner answered questions regarding the upcoming Superintendent search. The Board is to send the Governor three unranked candidates for the position. If they don't have three, the Board should send the names of those they feel are most qualified.

The timeline for the selected individual to start is flexible. Ms. Turner assured the Board that they need to work with a timeline that is most beneficial to the school. Stakeholder input is very valuable to the process and it is important that candidates physically meet with stakeholders in various areas of the state.

Larry Swift, Pat Clothier, and Ariele Belo will be the liaisons for Superintendent search.

Due to the extra costs incurred during a Superintendent search, Ms. Turner suggested that the Board build a best case scenario budget and then discuss it with WSD's OFM (Office of Financial Management) Analyst regarding a possible supplemental budget request.

Executive Session

The meeting closed at 3:20 p.m. for 30 minutes to continue discussions on individual student and personnel issues with the Interim Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 3:40 p.m.

Superintendent Search Contract

Sidney Weldele-Wallace moved to sign the contract with the Department of Personnel Executive Careers. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.