

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 12, 2015**

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #2)
Nancy Sinkovitz (District #3)
Nita Kamphuis (District # 4)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Nancy Fitta (District #9)

Absent: Maria Christianson (District #1)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Larry Swift (District #10)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Executive Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Julie Moore, Don Coates

Guests: Kris Ching, CDHL Outreach Director (B-5)
Carol Carrothers, CDHL Outreach Director (6-21)
Jessica Sydnor, Director of Business Operations

The meeting was called to order by Sidney Weldele-Wallace, chair, at 9:40 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes – May 1, 2015

Nita Kamphuis moved to approve the May 1, 2015, meeting minutes. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Finance Committee Report

CDHL is tracking right on schedule. There might be a slight surplus when the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2015.

Minor Works: The roofing and air-conditioning projects are almost completed.

Administration has been working on a contingency plan for the potential government shut down which will take effect on July 1st if an operating budget is not passed by the legislature. Temporary layoff notices are scheduled to go out on June 23rd.

Statewide Outreach (Carol Carrothers)

- Transition Fair information distributed and discussed.
 - Information on a transition fair to be held in Central Kitsap will be sent to the group by Rita Reandeau.
- Outreach activities during the 2014/2015 school year included:
 - Webinars
 - Workshops
 - Educational Interpreter mentorship program
 - EIPA evaluations
 - Parent trainings
 - In-service training to district
 - Student evaluations
 - Technical assistance
 - Program support
 - Professional projects
 - CDHL website
 - Statewide Transition Team meetings
 - Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf meetings
 - RESPECT/DHH Collaboration K-20s
 - Jr. Achievement

Nita Kamphuis praised the work done by Gabriela Holzman, Statewide Outreach Team member, for the amazing job she did during an evaluation of a student in the Richland School District.

The State Transition Team recently met in Tacoma to discuss goals for the 2015/2016 school year. The team members include:

- Rick Hauan, Executive Director, CDHL
- Sue Ann Bube, Center for Change in Transition Services, Seattle University
- Carol Carrothers, WSDS and CDHL Outreach Director (6-21)
- Dan Crady, CDHL Transition Specialist/Coordinator for Transition Fairs throughout the state
- Nancy Hatfield, WSDS
- Michelle McConaghy, DSHS/DVR Counselor, Seattle-North
- Lynn Odom, DSHS/DVR Statewide Coordinator of Deaf Services
- Teresa Stotler-Martin, CDHL/WSD Career/Transition Services Coordinator
- Toni Stromberg, CDHL/WSD Programs Coordinator for WaCAD and Independent Living Skills
- Jennifer White, CDHL Transition Consultant and Owner of Able Opportunities

Birth-to-3 (Kris Ching)

CDHL Birth-3 registry: Out of the 274 identified DHH babies throughout the state CDHL has received 59 registration forms from 18 counties. There is a huge concern that information is provided to all families that is complete and accurate.

Upcoming plans include:

- Interagency agreement between ESIT (Early Support for Infants & Toddlers) and CDHL
- Develop an introductory webinar between CDHL, WSSB & WSDS
- In partnership with Department of Early Learning to update the EHDDI Parent Resource Guide
- Develop a strong data management
- Increase consult services

Congratulations to Miguel & Maria!

Miguel Flores and Maria Preciado, both fifth year students, were awarded their diplomas during the meeting. Miguel works for Habitat for Humanity and Maria is working for the Southwest Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Both are planning to return to WSD in the fall to participate in the WaCAD program.

Updates from April McArthur

- Presented at the IECC (Infant and Early Childhood Conference).
- Several WSD students participated in the Vancouver ASL Advisory Board High School Deaf Panel which were held at Columbia River, Hudson's Bay, and Fort Vancouver High Schools. Over 400 students attended these three events. Students from WSD who were on the panel were: Yajaira Bedolla, Kayla Girard, Miguel Peregino, Randall Smith and Noah Tufton.
 - Some of the questions asked of the panel were:
 - If you could take a pill and become hearing, would you? The panel members answered unanimously "no".
 - What do you do in the evening? Answer: Same as other teenagers do – see friends, homework, etc. The hearing students were surprised by this answer.
 - How do you communicate with your family? Answer: ASL, gestures, write notes and use word processing. Also, some have a brother and/or sister that can help and one student has hearing aids so can speak with family members.
 - The hearing students wrote letters after the panel meetings and the common theme among them was "I can't believe deaf students are just like me!"
 - It would be great if similar panel meetings could take place in all schools throughout Clark County.
- Infant Early Childhood Conference presentations in May 2015.
 - April McArthur and Pamela Whitney gave two presentations at this conference:
 - "ASL English Bilingual Education: What does it really mean?"

- "Setting up a visual classroom for the visual learner"
- Washington State Newborn Hearing Screening Meetings
 - June 1st at Sacred Hearing Children's Hospital/Spokane. Presented with Krissy Walker, ASL Aide. As a result of this presentation HOPE School is exploring the idea of setting up a bilingual program. April invited the new HOPE School Director to visit WSD's bilingual program.
 - Upcoming: June 26th at Seattle Children's Hospital. Presenting with Krissy Walker.

Open Public Meetings Act (Bonnie Terada)

Since CDHL's Board is a governing Board, the members must participate in Open Public Meetings Act training every four years. Some of the topics discussed during the training were:

- Purpose of the act and who it does and does not apply to
- What is a meeting?
- Definitions of "action" and "final action"
- "Regular" meetings
- "Special" meetings
- Executive Session
- Penalties for violating the Open Public Meetings Act

A link to the PowerPoint and training information from the Attorney General's office will be sent to the Board members who were unable to attend today's meeting.

Strategic Plan 2015-2019 (Rick Hauan)

Changes:

- Page 12 (4th line): Change "assistant" to "assistance"
- Page 13 (3rd line): Change "assistant" to "assistance"

Nancy Fitta moved to approve the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan with the changes noted above. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

The Strategic Plan is a working document so if you have any suggestions for future additions and/or changes, please let Judy Smith know. Suggestions will be added to a future Board agenda.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 1:02 p.m. for 30 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) "To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...."

- The meeting reopened at 1:30 p.m. and closed for an additional 15 minutes
- The meeting reopened at 1:45 p.m. and closed for an additional 12 minutes
- The meeting reopened at 1:57 p.m. and closed for an additional 10 minutes
- The meeting reopened at 2:07 p.m.

2015/2016 Board Meetings

- o October 2, 2015
- o October 30, 2015
- o January 22, 2016
- o February 26, 2016
- o March 25, 2016
- o April 29, 2016
- o June 16, 2016

Board Finance Committee will meet 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. prior to each meeting. The Board of Trustees meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

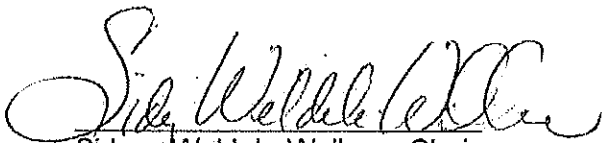
Nancy Fitta moved to approve the 2015/2016 Board meeting dates as listed above. Nita Kamphuis seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

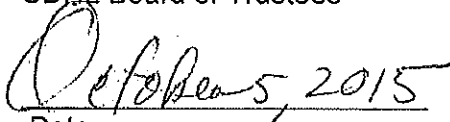
Message from the Board

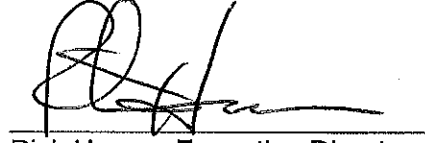
Thank you to the staff of CDHL/WSD for a great 2014/2015 school year. Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

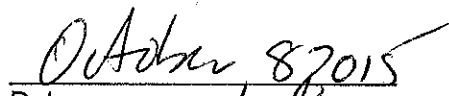
Adjournment

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 2:21 p.m.


Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees


Date


Rick Hauan, Executive Director
CDHL


Date