

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 14, 2011**

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Val Ogden (District #3)
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

Absent: Char Parsley (District #5)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Guests: None attended

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Julie Moore, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Nita Kamphuis, chair, at 10:08 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes – September 16, 2011 meeting

Pat Clothier moved to approve the September 16, 2011, Board meeting minutes. Ariele Belo seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Agenda adjustment

The Executive Session has been moved to 12:15 p.m.

Pat Clothier moved accepted the agenda as written with the change noted above. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Comments from Allie Joiner

In a meeting with a staff member at the Southwest Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SWCDHH) concerns were raised that there is not enough assurance for parents that WSD is upgrading their curriculum.

Many students come to WSD in their secondary school years with extremely low academic scores which brings down the average of all students. WSD is fortunate to have a Teacher on Special Assignment who focuses strictly on curriculum. Adjustments must be made for some students to meet the state standards but that doesn't diminish our goal to achieve a high level of education for our students. It is important to get the message out around the state that WSD is working hard to ensure their students receive the highest quality education possible.

Board Finance Committee Meeting

CDHL has been informed that they will not have to look at any more than a 10% budget reduction during the 2011/2013 biennium. Different areas of proposed cuts were discussed. Unfortunately, many of the proposed cuts would directly impact the education of our students.

The Board is very pleased with the work by the Leadership Team to ensure staff is fully aware of the proposed plans.

Reports - (complete written reports are included in the Board packet – highlights are noted below)

Rick Hauan, Director

- The Director met with several Special Education Directors in the Spokane area to discuss ways of providing support in their area.
- In upcoming meetings with Seattle Public Schools a committee will help identify services needed and determine how to roll out those services. Allie Joiner has agreed to be on this committee. Thanks Allie!
- The new deaf/hard of hearing program with Tacoma Public Schools will begin in approximately two weeks.
- The Director, Superintendent, and several WSD staff members participated in the second video conference sponsored by CEASD (Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf). The first video conference was held in April 2011.

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

- The staff and students celebrated Deaf Awareness week, September 19-23. Larry Smith, Mayor Pro Tem of Vancouver participated in the opening ceremonies and presented CDHL/WSD with a "Proclamation" that says:
"...I, Larry J. Smith, Mayor Pro Tem of Vancouver, do hereby join with communities all over the United States and the world to proclaim the last full week of September annually as: "Deaf Awareness Week" and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

Policy Review – first reading

- Policy 5600/Student Teacher/Intern (revision)
 - The requirement of 10 hours per week in the residential program in exchange for room and board has been eliminated. It has been challenging to enforce

this portion of the policy as there is a very limited time in the evenings for interns to volunteer.

- Interns will be given a room on campus and they can purchase lunch and/or dinner in the cafeteria at the staff rate.
- Policy 3207/Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (updates and replaces 3202)
 - The prevention of harassment, intimidation, and bullying has been a high priority at schools throughout the country.
 - October 31 – November 4th is “Bullying Awareness Week” at WSD. CDHL/WSD has taken a zero tolerance approach to bullying and harassment.

Both policies will be have second readings at the next meeting.

Classroom Demonstration

The highlight of the day was a visit to the Forensics class taught by WSD's science teacher, John Thuahnai. The Board was given two mysteries to solve with the students acting out the story. The Board would like to visit this class again in the spring to see what things the students have learned throughout the year.

Roles and responsibilities of the Board members

- What works:
 - Informing administration know there is a situation in their congressional district that CDHL may be able to assist.
 - Making sure that information about events in their district are shared with each other and administration.
- Ideas/Comments:
 - Setting up CDHL/WSD's website so that information is readily available about the Post High School Program and statewide events.
 - Need information about students in deaf and hard of hearing programs throughout the state.
 - A demographics survey was recently sent to all school districts in Washington. Once the information has been received and compiled it will be shared with the Board.
 - Hands and Voices is doing a great job of pulling information together to create a database of families throughout the state.
 - Deaf Fiesta will be held in March in eastern Washington. This event brings together Hispanic families who have a deaf or hard of hearing child.
 - Family Weekend will be held in the spring 2012.
 - The Director and Outreach Director are working on a marketing plan with the assistance of the Superintendent.
 - Booklet for Trustees to include:
 - Guidelines on how to speak on behalf of CDHL/WSD
 - Meetings to attend in their district

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:20 p.m. for 55 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) "To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation" and 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 1:15 p.m.

Future meetings

- Start and ending times to change to accommodate those members who travel by train. The Board meetings will now be held: 10:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Board Finance Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. prior to each Board meeting.

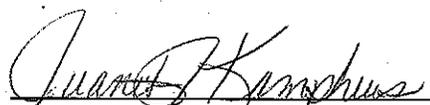
Sydney Weldele-Wallace moved that all future Board meetings will be held 10:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. to allow for train travel. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

- The Superintendent will arrange for a classroom visit prior to each meeting held on the WSD campus from 10 - 10:30 a.m.
- It was agreed to move the June Board meeting to June 7th (rather than June 1st) so Board members can attend graduation on June 6th if they wish.

Pat Clothier made a motion to move the June Board meeting date to June 7, 2012. Val Ogden seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Adjournment

Allie Joiner moved to adjourn the meeting. Sydney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



 Mita Kamphuis, Chair
 CDHL Board of Trustees



 Rick Hauan, Director
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