

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
Hearing Loss Center – Spokane, WA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 13, 2012**

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: Val Ogden (District #3)

Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Recorder: Judy Smith,

Interpreters: Trisha Beaumont, Hilarie Yarnell, Angela Riggs

The meeting was called to order by Nita Kamphuis, chair, at 9:07 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

CDHL's Statewide Outreach Team was introduced. The Board was given an opportunity to visit with the various members. The Board thanked the Statewide Outreach Team for the outstanding job they are doing on behalf of Deaf and Hard of Hearing children throughout the state.

Minutes – February 10, 2012, meeting

Correction: (page 3 – bullet starting with "The Director"/third line). change "ASL Special" to "ASL Specialist". Pat Clothier moved to approve the February 10, 2012, Board meeting minutes with the above correction. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Budget

Great news! The legislature recently approved a statewide budget. CDHL's received a reduction of \$108,000, which is much lower than anticipated. Fortunately with a smaller reduction to our budget we will not have to reduce staff or make drastic cuts. Reductions will be in the following areas.

- o Attorney General's legal services
- o State Archives

- Central Services
- Central Services reform (i.e. efficiencies related to state agency use of cell phones, mailing, print and information technology)
- PEBB (Public Employee Benefits Board) funding rate reduction

Capital budget: CDHL will receive \$1,858,000 to complete the renovation of the auditorium. Also, \$536,000 has been designated for minor public works projects for the upcoming biennium.

Rick Hauan, Director

- Senate Bill 6568 (along with companion House Bill 2757) was passed during the last legislative session. This bill authorizes monies from contracts, out-of-state tuition, donations, and other incomes to be carried over from year to year.
- Well replacement: Inserted the last pump into the extraction well. Everything should be finished within the next 60 days.
- Seattle Public Schools (SPS)
 - Thanks to AJ for participating on the core team.
 - SPS has over 450 special education students and many receive minimal or no services.
 - The director is working closely with the special education director at SPS but there is still a lot of work to do.
- The director is also working with several school districts who are having issues provided the necessary services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in their area.
- CDHL will be hosting a Family Academic Night and sign language classes in the Anacortes area later this month.
- Negotiations have begun with OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) for CDHL to take over the deaf and hard of hearing strand from WSDS (Washington Sensory Disabilities Services). This will make CDHL the main resource for deaf and hard of hearing services throughout the state.
- The director gave a presentation at a recent Enterprise Risk Management director's meeting. A copy of the PowerPoint used ("How to make Friends and Influence People: Managing Employment Liability Risk in Two Languages") was handed out.
- CDHL, along with Tacoma Public Schools, sponsored a Transition Fair for deaf and hard of hearing high school students and their families on March 28th at Mt. Tahoma High School in Tacoma. A letter of thanks from a Teacher of the Deaf in Tacoma was shared with the Board.
- WSD is hiring an additional custodian. A custodian will be scheduled during the weekends in order to accommodate groups that would like to use the campus.

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

- DAB (Deaf Academic Bowl) is going on now through April 17th at Gallaudet University in Washington DC. Four WSD students are competing in this event and doing an excellent job of representing WSD. Thanks to coaches John Thuahnai and Dana Miller.
- The Math Counts Competition was held March 30 – April 1, 2012. This event is for middle school Deaf and Hard of Hearing students from around the country. A team of three WSD students along with their coaches flew to Rochester, New York, for the

- competition. Thanks to staff members Stowe Beecher, Dana Miles, and John Thuahnai for their support and hard work with the middle school math team.
- Superintendent's Dinner is scheduled for June 5th. Invitations will go out in May.
 - Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) and Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) testing starts this month and will continue until the middle of May.
 - Post High School Program (PHSP)
 - Currently there are seven students in the Post High School Program (PHSP). We are anticipating up to 20 students next year. Thanks to Dan Crady for the outstanding job he has done as coordinator of this program. Future plans of some of the current PHSP students are:
 - Transferring to work in the Olympia Court House (currently working at the Clark County Court House)
 - Work at New Seasons Market
 - Transferring to a food related position or attend a culinary arts program in the Seattle area
 - Two students are applying to the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Big Spring, Texas
 - Enrolling in the nursing program at Yakima Community College
 - Thanks to DVR (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation) for providing funding for this outstanding program. The Board would like to write a letter to DVR thanking them for this tremendous support.

Pat Clothier made motion that the Board write a thank you letter to DVR for their generous donation to the PHSP. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

- Statewide Open House is scheduled May 10-11, 2012 on the WSD campus.
- All Star Day will be held May 24th. Board members are welcome to attend.

Sidney Weldele-Wallace as been reappointed to the Board of Trustees

The director's office was recently notified by Governor Gregoire that Sidney Weldele-Wallace has been reappointed to the Board of Trustees. Sidney represents congressional district #8 and her new term is effective April 6, 2012 to July 1, 2016. Congratulations Sidney!!

Congressional redistricting discussion

Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution (EHCR) 4409 was signed into law on February 7, 2012. This resolution made technical changes to the final redistricting plan approved on January 1 which added a 10th congressional and changed the current congressional district lines.

Changes that affect the Board of Trustees:

- Allie Joiner is now in district #2 and since Pat's term has expired Allie will represent this district. Pat will remain on the Board until the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2012).
- Larry Swift is no longer in district #9 but now resides in district #10.
- Districts #1 and #9 are now vacant. If you have any suggested candidates please forward the names to Judy Smith as soon as possible.

Policy Review

Electronic Resources (Policy 2022) (1st reading)

- o This policy is in response to updates in the Children’s Internet Protection Act.
- o A procedure will be included in the June 2012 Board packet
- o Make sure everyone has appropriate training so they will be aware of the policy and what their responsibility is.
- o CDHL is looking at different filtering options for staff and students.
- o Change: second paragraph (next to the last line): add “critically” to after the word “think”.
- o This policy will be brought back to the June meeting for a second reading.

Drug Free Schools, Community and Workplace (Policy 5201) (2nd reading)

- The Board asked legal counsel to modify the reporting requirements so it is in compliance with the federal mandate.

Larry Swift made a motion to approved Policy 5201 (Drug Free Schools, Community and Workplace) with the modification noted above. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

June Board of Trustees meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7th (9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.) on the WSD campus. The Board Finance Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m.

Executive Session

The Executive Session portion of the agenda was cancelled.

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved to adjourn the meeting. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.


Nita Kamphuis, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees


Rick Hatan, Director
CDHL

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