

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 4, 2011**

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Val Ogden (District #3)
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)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel

Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Guests: Carey Price, WSDAA representative
Pam Randol, WSDAA representative
Lorana Myers, Federation representative
Joyce Sjoberg, School Nurse
Warren Pratt, Facilities Manager

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Julie Moore, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Rita Reandeau, chair, at 9:10 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Welcome to new Board member, Val Ogden, representing congressional district #3. We are excited to have her on board!

Student Presentation

- Jacob Tufon, 5th grader at WSD, presented a PowerPoint on the History of Deaf Technology. Great presentation Jacob!
- Jacob's classmates John Smart, Dared Redford, Taylor Payne, Christian Martinez-White, Oscar Jefferson, along with Amy Blades (Teacher) and Donna Sorensen (Assistant Principal) also attended the presentation.

Rule Making Hearing

Rick Hauan, Director of the Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness & Hearing Loss, opened the Rule Making Hearing at 9:25 a.m. and called for any public comments.

Board comments:

- Val Ogden, Board Member: How were people informed of this proposed rule?
 - CDHL went through the formal filing process with the Office of the Code Reviser. The proposed ruling was also available online.
- Larry Swift, Board Member: I understand that IDEA monies are being held until the language of our special education procedures is resolved. Is that dispute involved in these regulations?
 - No, that is a separate issue.

Public comments:

- Lorana Myers, Federation representative: Does this proposed rule supersede legislation passed last year regarding a mandated health curriculum which includes a section on bullying?
 - No, this proposed ruling is not related to curriculum adoption or bullying policies.

There were no further comments and no written comments were received.

Pat Clothier moved to adopt as published the ruling filed as WSR 11-01-113. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted and approved.

The Director adjourned the Rule Making Hearing at 9:59 a.m.

Minutes – November 19, 2010

Pat Clothier moved to approve the November 19, 2010, minutes with one minor spelling correction. Char Parsley seconded the motion. It was voted and approved.

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

Rick Hauan, Director (highlights)

- Construction update
 - Minor Public works projects
 - With the exception of the heating system the bathrooms in Clarke Hall are completed.
 - The new storage room in Clarke Hall is completed.
 - Auditorium project:
 - This project is on target. The architects will give a presentation at 1:00 p.m. today.

- Ground Source Heat Pump
 - Pacific Groundwater Group (ground water consultant from Seattle) recommends that the current well be abandoned and a new one drilled. A declaration of emergency was signed by the Director of General Administration on December 2, 2010. The estimated cost of the repairs/replacements is \$250,000.
 - The Director will keep the Finance Committee apprised of the financial situation of this project.
- Furlough days
 - CDHL/WSD staff took three furlough days during the week of Thanksgiving 2010. The Director thanked the staff for their positive attitude during this financial crisis as well as their continued support of the students we serve.
- Presentation to the House Education Committee on January 20, 2011
 - The Director was asked to present before the House Education Committee at their work session on K-12 governance. His presentation included the mission and purpose of CDHL, history of our current structure, and our operational or working relationship with state K-12 agencies, or with local school districts. The Director was approached by two members of the committee after the meeting asking for further information about CDHL and the work we do.

Agenda Changes

The following changes were made to today's agenda:

- Curriculum Update moved to 11:30 a.m.
- Report to the Legislature moved to 1:45 p.m.
- Executive Session cancelled

Nita Kamphuis moved to approve the agenda changes listed above. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Board Finance Committee

- The Finance Committee met last week. Although the budget summary indicates a negative balance of \$13,000 there are several cash receipts that have not been received. Also, the Director and Superintendent are working with OSPI regarding the wording of our special education procedures (procedure 2161P). Until this issue has been resolved our IDEA funds will not be released.
- The Finance Committee is watching the budget very carefully.

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent (highlights)

- Accreditation Revisit & Status Report
 - In May 2008 WSD received provisional certification. The Accreditation team recommended that in order for WSD to be granted full accreditation we must produce evidence that the following three conditions are met at any time within three years of the initial site visit.
 - Provide evidence of stabilization of the program including increasing communication with stakeholders

- Provide evidence of attention to the teaching and learning environment with emphasis on curriculum and assessment
 - Provide evidence that the media center including the library and technology area is expanded
- The revisit will take place on Wednesday, February 16th.
- OSD (Oregon School for the Deaf) Update
 - OSD is also facing serious budget cuts and have had to lay off numerous employees.
 - The highlight of 2010 for OSD was being chosen to participate in the reality show "Extreme Makeover; Home Edition". Renovations were made to a dormitory and their haunted house. Congratulations OSD!
- Nutrition Services
 - Thanks to Lorana for the outstanding job she is doing in the nutrition services department. Great job Lorana!
- Quilt blocks
 - In celebration of the WSD's 125th birthday staff and students are making a quilt. The quilt will be assembled and hung in the Kastel building. Board members were invited to participate in the project.

Curriculum Update (Shauna Bilyeu)

- WSD Curriculum Adoption Cycle
 - A curriculum adoption timeline was distributed and discussed. The 2010/2011 school adoption cycle includes writing (year 2) and ASL/Deaf Studies (year 1).
- WSD New Student Fall 2010 MAP Snapshot
 - WSD had 17 new students enroll by the fall MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing window. They were tested in the areas of reading, math, and language usage with the following results:
 - Reading: 13 of the new students tested in the 2nd grade or below range.
 - Math: 10 of the new students tested in the 2nd grade or below range.
 - Language Usage: 13 of the new students tested in the 2nd grade or below range.
 - These students will be tested again in the spring to determine their progress since joining WSD.

There has been a steady growth in student population at WSD which is completely opposite of what is happening at other schools for the deaf throughout the country. The Director predicts a 3% growth in student population in the next school year due to the budget cuts facing many school districts.

BLRB Architects (Tom Bates, Managing Principal and Doug DuCharme, Project Architect)

BLRB, a Tacoma based architectural firm, was chosen to design the WSD's new auditorium. A presentation of the planned renovation was shared with the Board.

The design phase of the repairs will be completed by spring 2011 with construction completion slated for late fall 2011. Cost of construction is \$1.6 million.

Policy #3245: Students and Telecommunication Devices (1st Reading)

- Comments/suggested changes:
 - 1st bullet
 - Change “school administrator” to “school official”
 - 3rd bullet
 - Change “sexually explicit conduct” to “sexually explicit content”. Also, remove the word “school” from school buses as WSD also uses charter buses for transportation.
 - 5th bullet
 - Legal Counsel suggested language be added to designate an office(s) rather than “school officials” who can authorize a search.
 - Legal Counsel will work with the Director to revise the language “violation of law or school rules” to include state and federal laws as well as school policy.
 - 7th bullet
 - Include language that students will be responsible for reading and knowing the current rules. The Director will revise this language.
 - Policy should include verbiage that the Board asks the Director to develop procedures.
 - It was suggested that the proposed policy be shared with students to gather their thoughts and suggestions. The Board would like students to bring their comments to a future Board meeting.
 - This policy should be added to staff yearly safety training.
 - Include video email and video messages
 - The Director will work with legal counsel to determine the language articulating when it is appropriate to contact law enforcement.

Report to the Legislature (as required in ESSHB 1879)

- A completed “Report to the Legislature” was distributed.
- The Director personally delivered the report to several legislators, legislative staff, Governor’s Office staff, and agency directors. An email and link to the report on WSD’s website was sent to all members of the legislature.
- The report has been very well received.

SB 5639: Creating a student-focused state-level education governance system.

If passed, this bill will create a Department of Education, led by a secretary appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. CDHL would be under this department and report directly to the Secretary of Education.

- SB 5639 is Governor initiated legislation. If there are any questions we are asked to contact either Judy Hartmann or Andi Smith with the Governor’s Policy office.

Questions

- If SB 5639 passes CDHL's Board would be eliminated. The Board will form a committee of up to four members to develop a position paper on the value of maintaining a governing Board at CDHL. Once approved the position paper will be sent to Judy Hartmann and Andi Smith of the Governor's policy office. A Board Special Meeting will be held (see information below) to discuss and approve the position paper.

Char Parsley made a motion that the Board selects up to four members to develop a position paper to submit to the Governor's policy office. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Committee members:

- Pat Clothier
- Allie Joiner
- Larry Swift (volunteered to prepare a draft as a starting point for discussion)
- Sidney Weldele-Wallace

The committee members will hold a conference call with the Director on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

Special Board Meeting

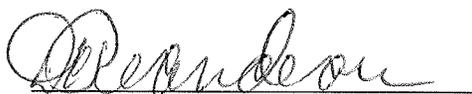
A Special Board Meeting (via conference call) will be held on Thursday, February 17, 2011, from 3 – 4 p.m. The topics of this meeting will be the position paper mentioned above and confirming a date/location for the June meeting.

Plan for April and June Board meetings

- April 15, 2011: Board will hold this meeting on the WSD campus.
- June 3, 2011: This meeting date will be discussed at the upcoming Special Meeting.

Adjournment

Val Ogden moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.



Rita Reandean, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees

4-15-11

Date



Rick Hauah, Director
CDHL

4/15/11

Date