WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 15, 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) Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8) Larry Swift (District #9)
Absent:	Ariele Belo (District #7)
Legal Counsel:	Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel
Director:	Rick Hauan
Superintendent:	Jane Mulholland
Guests:	Lorana Myers, Federation representative April Lynch, Human Resources Manager Kris Ching, Outreach Director
Recorder:	Judy Smith
Interpreters:	Julie Moore, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Rita Reandeau, chair, at 9:38 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes – February 4, 2011 & February 17, 2011 Meetings

Pat Clothier moved to approve the February 4, 2011 and February 17, 2011, Board meeting minutes. Nita Kamphuis seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Board Finance Committee

The Board Finance Committee met this morning. The House, Senate, and Governor have submitted their budgets. More information will be shared as it is received. Also, once the March budget information has been received the Leadership Team determine whether we are financially able to add back furlough days in June.

Good News!

- Safety Net application has been submitted.

- DVR (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation) has agreed to help fund WSD's Post High School Program. They will be giving $100,000 to bring this program back in the fall. Thanks to DVR for this wonderful gift!

The Kastel building project included a ground source heat pump which required extraction and injection wells. Eighteen months after the project was accepted the well system stopped working. Emergency funding was requested and approved by the Director of General Administration. The cost of digging new wells is approximately $264,000. The courtyard project has been put on hold and the remaining monies from the 2009-11 Minor Public Works allotment will be used to partially cover the cost of new wells. The remaining monies will come from the 2011-13 Minor Public Works allotment.

Arts Commission: $25,000 was set aside for artwork in the new academic building. Due to budgetary cuts throughout the state the Arts Commission may be dissolved. If this agency is closed what happens to the money that was set aside? The Director keep the Board updated as information is received.

The auditorium remodel funding has been re-appropriated to the next biennium which begins July 1, 2011. The design process is completed but additional asbestos issues were identified during a recent inspection.

Legislative Update (Larry Swift, Board member)
Our mission is to serve deaf and hard of hearing children throughout the state and it is the job of the Board to make sure that adequate funding is available to provide support for deaf and hard of hearing children to receive a quality education. The Board must focus their attention on a five year plan which outlines how to best serve deaf and hard of hearing children through partnerships with school districts, other agencies and organizations around the state.

At a future meeting, the Board members will revisit and redefine their role as it relates to connection with parents of deaf, deaf-blind, and hard of hearing children who reside in their district.

Math Competition (Stowe Beecher, WSD Teacher of the Deaf)
Four WSD students (Melissa Bascom, Jeremy Descloux, Miguel Peregrino, Randall Smith), along with math teacher Stowe Beecher, participated in the RIT-NTID Math Competition which was held April 8-10th in Rochester, New York. NTID (National Technical Institute for the Deaf) provided funding to send our students to the competition. What a great experience it was for all!

Bullying Awareness Week (Jason Cox, WSD School Counselor)
The week of April 18-22 is Bullying Awareness Week at WSD. Each day students and staff will wear different colors:

- Monday: Purple (respect)
- Tuesday: Yellow (support)
- Wednesday: Red (loyalty)

- Thursday: Pink (commitment to stop bullying)
- Friday: Any color

Several WSD students created a short video on bullying which was shared with the Board. The video will be shown during the week at various locations throughout campus.

All students and staff will be given a pink bracelet to wear during Bullying Awareness Week that says "Promise to STOP Bullying".

East-West USA Deaf Basketball tournament

Ron Spratlen, Athletic Director and Olivia Mackey, WSD senior, attended the East-West USA Deaf Basketball tournament held March 30-April 2nd in Bloomington, Minnesota. Olivia played for the West girl's team and was chosen co-MVP. Ron served as one of the two coaches for the West girl's team which won 65-53. Congratulations Ron and Olivia!

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

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent (highlights)

- Accreditation: A copy of the "Report on the Accreditation Re-visit" was distributed. The accreditation team was very impressed on how far WSD has come since their visit in May 2008. The team recommended full accreditation status. Congratulations to all for such an excellent report!
- The Superintendent was chosen to be part of the accreditation team that recently visited the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind in Staunton, Virginia. During that visit another member of the team used WSD as an example on how a school can go from provisional to full accreditation.
- DLR (Division of Licensed Resources) was here on April 13 & 14, to conduct their three-year review. They reviewed behavioral information, toured facilities, and interviewed parents, students, and stakeholders. The exit meeting on April 14th was very positive. Thanks to Nancy Sinkovitz for her hard work in preparing for this review.
- Dr. Seuss' birthday was celebrated on March 2nd with numerous events on campus. Thanks to our two Washington Reading Corps volunteers for arranging the various activities and to Lorana Myers for playing the part of the cat from The Cat in the Hat. What a great day for students and staff!
- Thanks to Lorana Myers for the great job she is doing in supervising the Nutrition Services department. The students were especially thrilled (or grossed out) with the "Kitty Litter Cake" on April Fool's Day.
- Michelle Clark, (Educational Technology Teacher) registered one of her class projects on DonorsChoose.org which connects classrooms to donors. Michelle requested tools to help her students prepare for a technology literate future. Her classroom will receive the following totaling over $700:
    - Small computer mouse (4)

- Learning Board Keyboard (4)
- Miss Spider: The Scavenger Hunt (2)
- Stickybear Learning Activities Deluxe (2)

Thanks to Michelle for submitting the request!

- The Health Department did an unscheduled inspection of our cafeteria and we received a perfect score. Congratulations to the Nutrition Services department!

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. for 30 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 1:00 p.m. and closed again for 15 minutes and reopened at 1:15 p.m.

Reports continued

Rick Hauan, Director

- Carol Carrothers (Washington Sensory Disabilities Services) and the Director recently met with staff at Tyee High School (Seatac, WA). They are working together to develop a model program for the deaf and hard of hearing students in the Highline School District.
- The Director and Superintendent are committed to keeping communication open with staff. They are holding monthly meetings which allow staff to hear the latest updates and ask questions. The next meetings are scheduled for April 26 and May 24. Three meetings are held each day in order to accommodate the different shifts.
- The Special Education procedures were approved by OSPI and federal grant monies have been released.
- The Director gave presentations to the Special Education Directors in ESD 101 (Spokane) and ESD 171 (Wenatchee) during the month of March.

Both the Outreach Director and Human Resources Manager were unable to attend the meeting and the Director reviewed their information which was enclosed in the Board packet.

Plan for June 8th Board meeting

- Board Finance Committee will meet 9:30 – 11 a.m.
- Board Meeting will be held 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in Clarke Hall Room 150
- Suggested topics for the June meeting:
  - Meeting schedule for 2011/2012 school year
  - Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
  - Action plans
  - Budget
  - Strategic planning

- Director's evaluation
- MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) information from the spring and fall testing
- BRF (Behavioral Referral Form) analysis

Adjournment

Val Ogden moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Rita Reandeau, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees

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