WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 8, 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)
Absent:	Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel
Director:	Rick Hauan
Superintendent:	Jane Mulholland
Guests:	Lorana Myers, Federation representative Nancy Sinkovitz, Director of Residential Services Kris Ching, Outreach Director
Recorder:	Judy Smith
Interpreters:	Julie Moore, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Rita Reandeau, chair, at 11:19 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Minutes – April 15, 2011 meeting

Val Ogden moved to approve the April 15, 2011, Board meeting minutes. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

BRF (Behavioral Report Form) Update (Nancy Sinkovitz, Director of Residential Services)

Nancy presented the Board with Behavioral Referral Form (BRF) information comparing data from the past several years. BRF data included information on the level system, where and what time of day behaviors occur, grades and specific behaviors that are occurring. Total number of behavior towards staff has dropped but the number of students involved has increased. In prior years one student had multiple incidents.

The Board asked that students with additional disabilities be noted separately to see if that is a factor in the number of BRFs written.

The Board commended Nancy for the comprehensive report. They also requested that WSD research and find out if there are any programs that could more easily disaggregate the data. The data is now entered into an Excel spreadsheet which is extremely time consuming.

Lunch break

- Slide show (created by Kelly Moore and Sharon Caton) of activities over the 2010/2011 school year. Big thanks!
- Kindergarten/1st grade artwork on display.
- Robotics demonstration: Patrick Sataray and Andy Vasquez (WSD students), Jennifer Ellis (WSD Teacher of the Deaf).
- Senior Olivia Mackey won "Best Presentation" at the American Institute of Architecture Design competition. Olivia received a summer internship at a local architectural firm. Congratulations Olivia!

MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Update (Shauna Bilyeu, Cirriculum & Assessment Coordinator)

Fall 2010 to spring 2011 growth:

- Math
  - 42% of students who participated in the MAP assessment testing showed academic growth in the area of math over the past year.
  - Elementary: 66%; Middle School: 48%; High School: 37%
- Reading
  - 46% of students who participated in the MAP assessment testing showed academic growth in the area of reading
  - Elementary: 56%; Middle School: 48%; High School: 43%
- Language Usage
  - 58% of students who participated in the MAP assessment testing showed academic growth in the area of language usage over the past year.
  - Elementary: 78%; Middle School: 60%; High School: 53%

Of the number of students assessed this year 38% have been with WSD less than two years.

The Board suggested that WSD growth numbers be compared to another deaf and hard of hearing program in Washington such as the one in Tacoma Public Schools.

Thanks to Shauna for sharing this valuable information with the Board!

Board Finance Committee

- The re-appropriation request to carry over the funding for the auditorium renovation was not included in the legislature's final budget bill. The asbestos abatement will begin next week but work in the auditorium must stop June 30th (end of the current biennium). The auditorium will remain closed until funding to continue the renovation is approved.

- The Minor Public Works monies for the courtyard project (adjacent to the auditorium) were also not approved for re-appropriation. The remaining funds will be used to improve our technology infra-structure. All equipment must be on site by June 30th. This upgrade will include additional video phone capacity which will improve communication throughout campus.
- Capital and Minor Public Works monies that are not used by June 30th will go back into the state's general fund.
- The Divine school building will be re-carpeted using monies from the operating budget. The carpet hasn't been replaced since 1976.
- The Board is extremely concerned with the lack of quality service we have received from SACS (Small Agency Client Services). The Board feels they cannot fulfill their responsibility as a Board without accurate financial information. The Board extended their appreciation to the Leadership Team for their continued focus on the students and the need for a high quality education.

Larry Swift moved that the Board Chair to prepare a letter to SACS expressing their disappointment in the work they have done so far this year for the agency. Val Ogden seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Good News:

- CDHL will receive $536,000 in minor public works monies and $264,000 for repairs to the ground source heat pump for the 2011/2013 biennium.

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

Rick Hauan, Director

- *Correction to Board packet*:
  - Page 10 (last bullet): Information regarding the UMCC (Union Management Communication Committee) meeting with the Federation ends after "...positive this year." The second sentence beginning "Management encouraged ..... is from the UMCC meeting with WPEA (Washington Public Employees Association).
- Districts in ESD 171 (Wenatchee) is very interested in establishing a contract for birth to three services.
- ESD 123 (Pasco) would like to set up a collaborative contracted partnership to provide services in a center based approach. They are very interested in setting up a satellite based program in their region to serve deaf & hard of hearing students birth to 21 years old.
- Fun Day in Spokane was amazing with over 100 people in attendance. This all day event, sponsored by the Eastern Washington Center for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, was held at Spokane Community College.
- The Director feels honored to represent CDHL and the Board. He also thanked the Superintendent for the amazing job she has done at WSD.

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

- Superintendent's Dinner was a huge success. Thanks to Val Ogden for attending. Val said the highlight of the evening was hearing the seniors' experiences at WSD as well as their future plans. The seniors were very appreciative of their time at WSD. It gave them the opportunity to be involved with sports, after school activities and they were finally they had a place where they could communicate directly with their teachers and fellow students. What a great evening!
- Class of 2011 plans for the future:
  - Applying for the Post High School Program (4)
  - Employment (4)
  - Attending community college (4)
  - Attending four-year university (2)
  - Returning to WSD for a 5th year (2)
- WSD Summer Camp will be held July 24-30th. This is for deaf & hard of hearing students who will be in Middle School this fall. The campers will be involved in literacy activities and there are many exciting field trips planned. There will also be a "Parent Camp" for parents of campers July 29-30th. Parents will be treated to special activities and classes.
- Congratulations to WSD's Special Olympics team. They took first place at the regional soccer tournament held in May!

Human Resources update

Since the Human Resources Manager was on vacation the Director mentioned the following:

- Retirements
  - David Born (Transition teacher)
  - Drucie Kelly (Teacher's Aide)
- Moving from Washington state
  - Amy Blades (Elementary School teacher) is joining the Peace Corps
  - Todd Murano (Health & PE teacher) is moving to Virginia

Kris Ching, Outreach Director

- Due to family health reasons Kris may have to cut back on her hours next school year. She will continue to work full time through the summer. The Board commended Kris on the outstanding job she has done for CDHL.
- Three to four outreach consultations have already been set up for next year.
- Kris extended her appreciation to the Outreach team who has done an outstanding job this year. Their dedication to deaf & hard of hearing students at WSD and throughout the state of Washington is to be commended.
- Kudos to Donna Sorensen and the FAN (Family Academy Night) events. What a great time for parents to get together!

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2011/2012 school year

- The Chair thanked the Board for allowing her to serve as Chair this year. It has been a great experience!

Board Chair selection

Larry Swift nominated Nita Kamphuis as Board Chair for the upcoming 2011/2012 school. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Board Vice-Chair selection

Pat Clothier nominated Ariele Belo as Board Vice-Chair. Val Ogden seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Congratulations to Nita & Ariele!

Board meeting schedule for the 2011/2012 school year

The Director suggested that the Board meet six times during the upcoming school year. At least one meeting should be held off site. Also, the possibility of a short meeting in July was discussed.

Board meeting dates for the 2011/2012 school year are:

- September 9, 2011
- October 14, 2011
- November 18, 2011
- February 10, 2012
- April 13, 2012
- June 1, 2012

Char Parsley moved to approve the Board meeting dates listed above for the 2011/2012 school year. Nita Kamphuis seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 4:04 p.m. for 25 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 4:26 p.m.

Director's evaluation

The Board must submit the Director's evaluation to the Governor's office during odd numbered years. Pat Clothier read the letter they will be sending to the Governor's office. It was very complimentary of Director's work throughout the state. All members of the Board agreed that the Director has done an outstanding job representing the agency and his dedication to deaf and hard of hearing children throughout the state is to be commended!

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Juanita Humphries - Vice Chair

Rita Reandeau, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees

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Rick Hauan, Director
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