WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
November 19, 2010

Board Members:	Allie Joiner (District #1) Pat Clothier (District #2) Char Parsley (District #5) Ariele Belo (District #7) Larry Swift (District #9)
Absent:	Nita Kamphuis (District #4) Rita Reandeau (District #6) Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Legal Counsel:	Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel
Director:	Rick Hauan
Superintendent:	Jane Mulholland
Guests:	April Rounds, Human Resources Manager Lorana Myers, Federation representative Heidi Redford, Parent Staff Organization Chris Newell, Teacher's representative Michael Rocke, parent from Tacoma, Core Team member
Recorder:	Judy Smith
Interpreters:	Julie Moore, Don Coates

The Chair and Vice Chair were unable to attend today's meeting. Pursuant to WAC (Washington Administrative Code) 148-100-29(4) ("...the board of trustees shall elect for the meeting a chair pro tempore....) the Board nominated and elected a chair pro tempore for today's meeting

Char Parsley made a motion to nominate Pat Clothier as chair pro tempore for today's meeting. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

The meeting was called to order by Pat Clothier, chair pro tempore, at 9:20 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present. Guests were introduced.

Congratulations to Allie Joiner on her re-appointment to a second term on the Board of Trustees.

Since Pat Clothier has served her second term and the Governor is reluctant to appoint individuals to boards for more than one term, Pat's appointment will not be renewed; however, Pat will continue on the board until a replacement is appointed.

Minutes – October 1, 2010

Larry Swift moved to approve the October 1, 2010, minutes. Ariele Belo seconded the motion. It was voted and approved with one abstention.

Reports - (complete written reports are included in the Board packet)

Rick Hauan, Director

- Core Team meeting
  - The last Core Team meeting was held on October 7th in Olympia. The Director expressed his appreciation for the time and commitment of each Core Team member.
- Construction update
  - Minor Public works projects
    - Sidewalks between the cottages – completed
    - New bathrooms and storage room in Clarke Hall – working on a few issues
    - Courtyard – going out to bid in January 2011
  - Auditorium project:
    - BLRB Architects (Tacoma) were chosen to lead the construction.
    - Students and staff have been meeting with the architects to share design ideas. This group will join the February 4th board meeting.
- RESPECT
  - The Director recently attended a RESPECT meeting. This meeting brings together professionals who provide services to children. Thanks to the K-20 system (video conferencing), representatives from around the state are able to attend.
- Special Education Director's meeting:
  - The Director attended meetings in Sequim (ESD 114) and Spokane (ESD 101) and asked each group the following question: "What services do you need and what services would you be willing to purchase"? Directors will discuss needs with business officers and superintendents in their districts to explore potential program support. They indicated they would like assessment, audiology, and SLP support.
- Auditorium seating – The Naval Air Station in Whidbey Island has auditorium seating available at no charge. Unfortunately, the cost to transport and refurbish the seats would not be cost effective.
- Tacoma Deaf Education meeting – CDHL's director has been invited to meet and assist Tacoma Public Schools with a 5-10 year plan for providing

education to deaf and hard of hearing children. What a great partnership opportunity.

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent (highlights)

- Admissions
  - A total of 33 students have been accepted or are in process of acceptance this school year. Many classes are at or approaching capacity.
- Clark County Community Pride Award
  - The Oliver Kastel building was chosen to receive the community pride award. Anna Kastel and her daughter Nancy Fitta were able to attend the ceremonies held on November 5th.

Outreach report

The Outreach Director is attending the ESD 112 Special Education Director's meeting this morning so the Director provided the following updates:

- The Starkey Foundation
  - Between WSD & OSD (Oregon School for the Deaf) the Starkey Foundation will have donated over $3,000,000 worth of time and hearing equipment and time.
  - Thanks to the Starkey Foundation for this wonderful gift! A letter will be prepared for the Board's signature.
  - Also, thanks to all the staff involved in this event. Your dedication to our students is greatly appreciated.
- Family Academy Night
  - Last night's event was attended by 12 families. Very exciting evening!
- Silent Auction for Washington Family Activities
  - The Silent Auction held during Homecoming was a huge success! Over $8,000 was raised. This money will be used for Deaf Family events.
  - Thanks to Kerianne Christie, Early Intervention Specialist, for setting up the auction. Great work Kerianne!
- Deaflympics
  - WSD's Audiologist, Jane Tabor, has been selected to serve as the new audiologist on the ICSD (International Committee of Sports for the Deaf) team for the Deaflympics! She will attend the winter games in February in Slovakia and the summer games in 2013 in Athens, Greece. Congratulations Jane!

April Lynch, Human Resources Manager

- Correction to the report under "Bargaining Update"
  - 2nd bullet, 2nd indent: Should read as follows: Negotiations were "not" completed by October 1st.

- SACS (Shared Agency Client Services)
    - Tesfa Amene, Fiscal Analyst, and April Lynch have been commended by SACS for the great job they are doing. Also, thanks to Lorana for stepping in to help with Accounts Payable.

Report to the Legislature (as required in ESSHB 1879)

- A draft of the report was distributed and discussed. A new draft with changes suggested by the Board will be made and emailed to Board members.
- In order to give the legislature a quality document it was decided to delay submission of the report to December 10, 2010. The Director will communicate the date change to the Governor's office. The Board agreed with the new timeline.

Char Parsley made a motion to delegate the final approval of the report to the Board after a second review of the draft. Any comments will be directed to the Chair. The Board authorizes the Board Chair and Director to sign off on the final approval. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Guest comment

- Michael Rocke, parent from Tacoma
    - Mr. Rocke's daughter does not have any cultural role models in the area they live. Parents to not want their deaf and/or hard of hearing children isolated but to develop and flourish in their community.

Thanks to Rick, Jane, and Judy for the outstanding job they have been done on this report.

Introduction to new staff

The Board welcomed new staff to CDHL/WSD. New staff members introduced to the Board were:

- John Thuahnai, Teacher of the Deaf (high school science)
- Jennifer Ellis, Long term sub – currently teaching high school math (also a WSD parent)
- Sarah Barker, Special Education Secretary
- Todd Murano, PE/Health Teacher
- Amy Ellis, Teacher of the Deaf (1, 2, 3rd grade)
- Jon Tannier, Nurse
- Carole Kauliz, Speech Language Pathologist

Thanks to April Lynch for her continued efforts in recruiting outstanding people to CDHL/WSD.

Budget discussion

The Board Finance Committee met this morning and reported that the budget is currently on track. Unfortunately the new ground source heat pump in the Oliver Kastel building has failed. Repairs will cost approximately $8,000 - $10,000.

The following handouts regarding the budget crisis were distributed and discussed:

- Message from Governor Gregoire
- Press release from Arun Raha, Executive Director, Revenue & Economic Forecast Council, State of Washington
- Gov. Gregoire's statement on latest revenue forecast
- All Staff email from CDHL's Director entitled "Revenue Forecast"
- All Staff email from CDHL's Director entitled "Revenue Forecast – Number 2"

The Director will continue to meet with the Governor's Office emphasizing the needs of the school and the agency. We are not facing additional cuts at this time but the Board will be kept apprised of any updates.

Executive Session

The Executive Session was cancelled.

Adjournment

Larry Swift moved to adjourn the meeting. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Pat Clothier, Chair Pro Tempore
CDHL Board of Trustees

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Date

Rick Hauan, Director
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