

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
General Administration Building – Room 207
February 8, 2008

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Gail Pollock (District #3)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: Bonnie Decker (District #4)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel

*Interim
Superintendent:* Rick Hauan

Guests: Heather Abraham, Director of Outreach
Lorana Myers, Federation representative
Lori Scheer-Matheson, WPEA representative

Recorder: Judy Smith
Interpreters: Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair, Allie Joiner, at 9:05 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes from January 11, 2008, meeting

Pat Clothier moved that the minutes from the January 11, 2008, meeting be approved. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Reports

- **Finance**
 - Financial reports for January won't be available until next week.
 - The Interim Superintendent said although money is tight, the budget is looking good.
- **Superintendent's Report**
 - WSBC (Western States Basketball Classic)
 - Held last week at the Oregon School for the Deaf
 - Behavior and spirit of all WSD athletes was outstanding
 - Both WSD teams placed 4th in the competition

- WSD will continue to participate in WSBC
- Travels
 - The interim Superintendent met with the nine Educational Service Districts in the state of Washington. The discussion centered on HB 2629 (handout – “Brief Description of House Bill 2629”).
 - Larry Swift, Bonnie Decker, and the Interim Superintendent recently testified before the House Children & Family Services Committee regarding HB 2629.

House Bill 2629

- It is important that the Deaf Community be encouraged to attend the hearing when the bill goes before the Senate.
- Board members will contact individuals in the Deaf Community and ask them to write letters or send emails to their local legislators in support of HB 2629.
- Several ESD’s have expressed interest in participating in a regional education program.
 - It is important to identify the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children that live in the state of Washington. Once the bill is passed the information could be shared with the advisory committee.
 - The data should include numbers for: deaf, hard of hearing, and those with listening devices.

Strategic Planning

- The current Strategic Plan must be reviewed and an updated plan submitted no later than June 13, 2008.
- If HB 2629 passes and WSD becomes the Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss the Strategic Plan would need to reflect the goals of the new Center.
- It was recommended that a major portion (at least four hours) of the May Board of Trustees meeting be devoted to Strategic Planning.
- The Interim Superintendent will bring a draft of the Accreditation report and copies of the current Strategic Plan to the April meeting. These two documents will help set the stage for the Strategic Plan discussion in May.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:39 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The meeting reopened at 1:00 p.m.

March Board Meeting

Larry Swift distributed a “Draft Framework for the Candidate Forum”. The criteria for the stakeholders meetings on March 12 and 13th were reviewed and discussed. Larry Swift will serve as moderator at the Puget Sound ESD on March 12th.

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.