

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**March 2, 2007**

*Board Members:*     Larry Swift (District #9)  
                          Allie Joiner (District #1)  
                          Pat Clothier (District #2)  
                          Gail Pollock (District #3)  
                          Bonnie Decker (District 4)  
                          Rita Reandeau (District #6)  
                          Ariele Belo (District #7)  
                          Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

*Legal Counsel:*     Bonnie Terada

*Superintendent:*   Todd Reeves

*Guests:*             Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent  
                          Carey Price, WSDAA  
                          Lori Scheer-Matheson, Certificated staff representative  
                          Lorana Myers, Classified staff representative  
                          Dawn Smith, PSO representative  
                          Chuck McCarthy, Director of Business Operations  
                          Warren Pratt, Plant Manager  
                          Larry Cole, Director of Residential Services

*Recorder:*           Judy Smith

*Interpreters:*       Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

*Welcome to Ariele Belo, WSD's newest Board member representing Congressional District #7. Char Parsley is visiting from Spokane as a potential representative of Congressional District #5.*

*The meeting was called to order by Larry Swift at 9:05 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.*

**Minutes from November 3, 2006, meeting**

*Sidney Weldele-Wallace moved that the modified minutes from the January 5, 2007, meeting be approved. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

**Budget Committee Report (Pat Clothier, Board Member)**

*Pat Clothier reviewed the most recent budget information. An increase in student enrollment has led to additional costs. Nonetheless, WSD anticipates ending the fiscal year within the expenditure target.*

### **Capital Projects (Chuck McCarthy, Warren Pratt)**

- *Work on Hunter Gym should be completed in approximately two weeks.*
- *Energy Project: A meeting with the contractor will be held next week and work will begin soon. This work will include a new boiler and air handler in Northrop. Work will be done during Spring Break and should be completed during the month of April.*
- *Work on the parking lot next to Clarke Hall is almost complete.*

*The Board would like to extend their thanks to the staff for making the necessary schedule adjustments to accommodate the work in Hunter Gym.*

*Warren Pratt was thanked for all his hard work to make sure the projects are completed in a timely manner.*

### **IPP (Institute for Public Policy) Updates**

- *Facilitator meeting with the Board*
  - *Several members of the Board met with the IPP facilitators in January. Very positive meeting.*
- *Interim Report*
  - *Issued in January 2007*
  - *Final report is due in June. It will include comments from individuals who attended the various stakeholders meetings as well as recommendations from the IPP Facilitators.*
- *Town Hall Meeting in Pasco*
  - *Good turnout at the meeting.*
  - *Several individuals were interviewed (Director of Special Education and a Teacher of the Deaf from the Pasco School District and the Special Services Director from ESD 123). Many issues facing deaf students were discussed (isolation, lack of socialization, etc.)*
  - *Many of the comments expressed at the Town Hall Meeting were the same as those in the interim report.*

*The Board extended their thanks to Larry Swift and Todd Reeves as well as the WSD staff for their efforts in working with the IPP Facilitators.*

### **Legislative Updates**

- *Legislative Visits*
  - *Board members have contacted their local legislators and WSD parents in their district.*
  - *The Superintendent is working with legislators to ensure that WSD teachers who achieve National Board Certification receive the same stipend as the public*

*schools. (Handout: Make National Board Certified teacher in public agencies eligible for stipends).*

- *The Superintendent recently met with the new Deputy Chief of Staff, Joyce Turner, and briefed her on this issue.*
- *House Bill 1584/Senate Bill 6013 – Creating the institutions review commission.*
  - *House Bill 1584 died in committee and is no longer a viable bill.*
  - *Senate Bill 6013 (companion bill to House Bill 1584) - Substitute Senate Bill 6013 passed out of committee and has been referred to Ways & Means.*
    - *There are a few differences in Senate Bill 6013 from House Bill 1584 (make-up of the commission, etc.)*
- *House Bill 2238 – Providing for the completion of comprehensive hearing assessments for infants who fail a newborn hearing screening.*
  - *House Bill 2238 did not make it out of its originating committee.*
- *House Bill 2246 – Providing for the delivery of educational services to children who are deaf and hearing impaired.*
  - *Expands the current role of WSD which would be renamed “Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss”.*
  - *Three major areas for the new Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss would be:*
    - *Two regional pilot projects*
    - *Collaboration with WSU/Vancouver*
    - *Offer post-graduate services to students and supplementary services to younger children.*

*Comments:*

- *Section 2 – “applied research center” is mentioned but nothing about a lab school – need clarity.*
- *(Handouts) – The Superintendent’s oral and written testimony regarding House Bill 2246 from the February 20, 2007, Early Learning & Children’s Services Committee Meeting.*
- *Who is going to staff the “demonstration projects”?*
  - *The Superintendent recommended during his testimony at the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting that his role change to Director and the Assistant Superintendent be elevated to the position of Superintendent of the school.*

- *What are the resource implications if this bill passes (staff to gather data, additional travel costs, etc.)?*
- *The Board needs to look ahead to the budget proposal that must be submitted in August/September if additional monetary resources are needed to accomplish the goals if Substitute House Bill 2246 is passed.*
- *Section 39 – The selection of the advisory panel must be completed by no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> and this panel must brief the legislature on its work by December 1, 2007. Sections 39 and 40 that deal with the advisory panel and its work expire on January 1, 2008 (Section 43).*
- *The Hearing, Speech, and Deafness Center and Listen and Talk are working together to support this bill.*
- *The Board would like to submit suggested names for the advisory panel.*
- *Additional comments regarding Substitute House Bill 2246 should be submitted to the Superintendent*
- *April Board meeting discussions:*
  - *Group 1 – Bonnie Decker, Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Rita Reandeau*
    - *Topic: Two demonstration regional centers*
  - *Group 2 – Gail Pollock, Ariele Belo, Char Parsley*
    - *Topic: Collaboration with WSU/Vancouver regarding professional development.*
  - *Group 3 – AJ Joiner, Pat Clothier, Larry Swift*
    - *Topic: Post and pre-graduate programs*

### **Community member visit**

*Gloria Dominguez, parent of a former graduate of WSD, presented the Board with a letter from her son regarding his volunteer experiences at WSD. Mrs. Dominguez also mentioned that it is important for the Board to know what students are doing after they graduate from WSD. The Board agreed.*

### **Post High School Update (Larry Cole, Director of Residential Services)**

*(Powerpoint) Keys to Opportunity. Two students have successfully completed WSD's Post High School program. One is employed at Les Schwab and the other is attending a community college in his home town. In addition, four high school students have participated in ESD 112's Construction Academy, 10 students in the Business Technology Academy and six college students are being helped with tutoring at Clark College.*

*It is the hope of the Board that the post high school program will focus on both academic and vocational skills.*

Goals for the program in '07-'08 are: 1) to increase enrollment, 2) achieve 100% job or extended training placement, and 3) add a Winter Training Academy with ESD 112.

Larry Cole was invited to the April Board meeting to give the Board further information regarding the program.

**Obesity in Children (Chuck McCarthy, Director of Business Operations, Colleen Engh, Nutrition Services Manager)**

(Handout) WSD and the Fight Against Obesity. Highlights of the handout were discussed. The last audit by OSPI confirms that WSD meets the nutrition standards for USDA and their recommended levels of fat, calories, and fiber. Fresh fruits and vegetables are very popular with the students. The high school ASB would like to meet with Nutrition Services to collaborate on healthy choice ideas.

The Assistant Superintendent will look into nutrition offerings in the Independent Living Skills (ILS) program. This would be a long term benefit to students as they make plans for the future. Nutrition information is part of the health curriculum offered at all grades.

**Facility Use Agreements**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Executive Session**

The meeting closed at 2:00 p.m. for one hour to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 3:00 p.m.

**Senior Trip to Florida**

The Superintendent will meet with the Senior Class to discuss the Board's concerns regarding safety. The Board is also waiting for the senior's plans for safety and equity for all students. It would also be necessary for them to obtain insurance in naming the Washington State as an additional insured (\$1,000,000 for each participant).

**Plan for April and May Board meetings**

*April Board Meeting*

- Allie Joiner will be presenting on updates from the state of Texas.
- Format for Superintendent's Evaluation.

*May Board Meeting*

- It is possible that the May meeting date may be changed. Schedules will be emailed to Larry Swift or Judy Smith.

*June Board Meeting*

- Superintendent's Evaluation

**Adjournment**

*Bonnie Decker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ariele Belo seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.*

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*Larry Swift, Chair  
WSD Board of Trustees*

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*Todd Reeves, Superintendent  
Washington School for the Deaf*

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