

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
March 16, 2006

Board Members: *Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Chair (District #8)*
 Holly Parker-Jensen (District #1)
 Pat Clothier (District #2)
 Gail Pollock (District #3)
 Bonnie Decker (District #4)
 Duane Sommers (District #5)
 Rita Reandeau (District #6)
 Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent *Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel*

Superintendent: *Todd Reeves*

Guests: *Fred Olson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Gregoire*
 Chuck McCarthy, Financial Operations Administrator
 April Rounds, Human Resources
 Dana Pride, Federation representative
 April McArthur, WPEA representative
 Lori Scheer-Matheson, School Audiologist
 Lorana Myers, Supply Officer
 Kay Pedisich, Financial Analyst 3

Recorder: *Judy Smith*

Interpreters: *Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates*

The meeting was called to order by Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Chair, at 9:04 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Welcome to the new Board member – Gail Pollock.

Fred Olson, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Gregoire

On behalf of the Governor, Fred Olson thanked the Board for their service to the state.

The Governor has been frustrated with the lack of capital support for WSD. She recently met with Representatives Kagi, Dunshee, and Moeller and they said that legislators are struggling with what should happen to the two schools (maintain or put students back into their districts). In the interim, a group will be set up to develop a process to review both schools, possibly using the “Base, Realignment and Closure” process. The process recommendation will be voted on during the 2007 legislative session. During the 2008 legislative session, the group will

make recommendations regarding both schools. The Governor is confident that this process will come out with a reasonable solution.

No budget cuts are anticipated and the Governor is committed to the school and will continue to work to help sustain our program.

It is important that interpreters are provided whenever topics affecting the Deaf community are discussed. Mr. Olson will bring this issue up to the appropriate individuals.

Messages to the Governor:

- Board would like to meet with the Governor.*
- The Board met with stakeholders in Seattle and it was brought out that some Deaf children feel very isolated in the public schools.*
- Programs around the state fail to focus on transition planning for Deaf and hard of hearing children.*
- Early childhood learning is extremely important for Deaf and hard of hearing children.*

Minutes from January 19, 2006 meeting

Pat Clothier made a motion to approve the January 19, 2006, Board meeting minutes and Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Thank you

The Board will write a thank you to:

- Fred Olson*
- WSBC Committee Members*

Larry Swift made a motion to send a letter of commendation to the cheerleaders and their coach. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

GMAP – Employee Satisfaction Survey Results (April Rounds, Human Resources)

April Rounds gave a GMAP presentation on the recent employee satisfaction survey given to staff and the results of that survey. The Board would like to meet with various departments to further discuss issues raised in the survey.

Budget (Capital) (Chuck McCarthy)

Capital project (demolition of the business office, remodel MacDonald cottage basement and fencing) went out for bid on March 1. The bid opening will take place on March 23rd. It is anticipated that the project will begin mid-April and will be completed no later than August 15th.

WSD received \$200,000 during the last legislative session for maintenance and safety.

The next project is the "energy" project. An energy audit has been completed and a meeting will be held soon to discuss the results. Clark County has an incentive program for energy savings WSD may be able to participate in.

As soon as weather permits, exterior work (painting, work on the bricks, etc.) on the cottages will begin.

IPP (Institute for Public Policy) (Todd Reeves)

Superintendent Reeves reviewed the timeline surrounding the IPP study; including testimony given at both the House Capital and House Children & Family Service Committee meetings.

Children & Family Services Committee will visit WSD on Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

It was suggested that any time legislators are on campus that the delegates from the 49th district be invited. Representatives Fromhold and Moeller have indicated that they would like to meet with the Board.

Both Todd Reeves and Dean Stenejhem (WSSB) will present at an upcoming Clark County Superintendent's meeting.

Strategic Plan (Chuck McCarthy)

Chuck McCarthy explained the Strategic Plan process and what will be needed to develop a new plan. A "draft" Strategic Plan for the 2007-09 biennium will be reviewed and voted on at the April Board meeting. The approved plan is due in to the Office of Financial Management by May 1, 2006.

Future Board Retreat

- Possible agenda item - development of a "vision" statement.

Executive Session

The meeting closed at 1:22 p.m. for an Executive Session to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent until 2:20 p.m. The meeting reopened at 2:20 p.m. and closed again for an additional 15 minutes. The meeting reopened at 2:35 p.m.

Future Board Meetings

- April Board meeting will be held at WSD.
- May Board meeting – Pasco
- June Board meeting – Bonnie Decker moved that the June Board meeting changed to Thursday, June 8 so the Board members can attend

graduation. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Adjournment

Holly Parker-Jensen moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.