

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**April 6, 2007**

*Board Members:* Larry Swift (District #9)  
Allie Joiner (District #1)  
Pat Clothier (District #2)  
Gail Pollock (District #3)  
Bonnie Decker (District #4)  
Char Parsley (District #5)  
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  
Lorana Myers, Classified staff representative  
Chuck McCarthy, Director of Business Operations  
Larry Cole, Director of Residential Services  
April Rounds, Human Resources Manager

*Recorder:* Judy Smith

*Interpreters:* Bob Pfaff, Don Coates

*The meeting was called to order by Larry Swift at 9:00 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.*

*Welcome to Char Parsley, WSD's newest Board member representing Congressional District #5.*

**Minutes from March 2, 2007, meeting**

*Pat Clothier moved that the minutes from the March 2, 2007, meeting be approved. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

**Finance Committee Report (Pat Clothier, Board member)**

*The Board Finance Committee met this morning and Pat Clothier shared the highlights of that meeting.*

- *Equipment costs are up (software licensing)*
- *Reports submitted to the Board will be changed to make them easier to read and understand.*

- *The Board will review the budget to see if dollars should be reallocated to other areas.*
- *The Board would like to have a mini in-service on the workings of the budget.*

### **Capital Projects (Chuck McCarthy)**

- *Sidewalk work by McDonald Cottage will be completed within the next week*
- *New boiler and venting work is being done this week in Northrop*
- *Work in the kitchen should be completed within two weeks*
- *House and Senate are in agreement regarding WSD's capital budget:
 
  - *Preliminary meetings have been held with General Administration regarding the upcoming projects once the budget is approved**
- *Minor public works – energy project discussions have begun. This project will remove the rest of the campus from the main boiler. This work should be completed in the first year of the next biennium*
- *Dwayne Harkness with General Administration is the direct contact with the architects*
- *The Budget Committee would like clear information regarding how monies are spent on the capital projects*

### **ADWAS (Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services) (Todd Reeves)**

*The Superintendent recently met with representatives of ADWAS and parents of young deaf children regarding a possible partnership between ADWAS and WSD. ADWAS would like WSD to set up a satellite school in the Seattle area to provide services to children.*

*If WSD is to establish a presence in the Seattle area it is important to bring together organizations from that area and discuss the possibilities and needs. It was suggested that an IPP (Institute for Public Policy) facilitator join this group discussion.*

### **CEASD (Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf) Accreditation**

*The Superintendent recently participated in the CEASD site accreditation review of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf. WSD's accreditation review will take place in 2008.*

### **Facilities Use Fees (Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent)**

*(handout – Facility Use Analysis) The facility use fee structure was discussed. An Events Committee has been established which will review upcoming events, forms used, fee analysis, challenges, etc. Many groups are using the facilities at WSD and the Events Committee will help streamline the process and address any issues/challenges that arise.*

**ILS (Independent Living Skills) Nutrition (Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent)**

*Mr. Hauan followed up on a request to determine how nutrition education is provided in the ILS program. WSD's Nutrition Services Manager and Nursing Supervisor meet with the ILS students two to three times a year to discuss nutrition. All students in the ILS program go through the food and beverage handler's program.*

**Texas Education Code Update (Allie "AJ" Joiner, Board member)**

*Allie shared the highlights of her visit to the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD). Approximately 10% of deaf and hard of hearing children in the State of Texas attend TSD. The money follows the student from their home school district to TSD.*

**Legislative Updates**

*Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2246 did not make it out of the Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education Committee.*

*What should be done in case the bill is re-submitted during the next legislative session?*

- *Set up advisory committees/panels with specific topics*
- *Move Board meetings to different areas and set up stakeholders meetings. Invite local legislators to these meetings*
- *Meetings with parent groups*
- *Hear from a variety of stakeholders (formal and informal)*
- *Communicate backgrounds/expertise of Board members (put on WSD's website)*
- *Involve IPP facilitators*
- *Attend ESD Special Education Directors meeting*
- *Attend RESPECT meetings*
- *Meet with members of the Senate and House Education Committees*
- *Meet with the Governor*
- *Review the Superintendent's job description to see if any changes need to be made*
- *Staff review*

*Are there changes in the bill that should be raised?*

- *Timelines are way too short*
- *Review final IPP report to see if parts of it should be included*
- *The Superintendent will be meeting with WSU/Vancouver to discuss their ideas*

*Board Reports - What are the implications of the bill for WSD?*

- *Two demonstration regional centers (Bonnie Decker, Sidney Weldele-Wallace, Rita Reandeu)*
  - *Increase the timelines. Have sufficient time to meet with stakeholders, etc*
  - *Identify numbers and location of deaf and hard of hearing children in the State of Washington*
  - *Very little information available on the internet*
  - *Need volunteers for panel*
  - *Identify site locations*
  - *Service delivery options*
  - *Training options*
  - *Look at staffing issues*
  
- *Collaboration with WSU/Vancouver regarding professional development (Gail Pollock, Ariele Belo, Char Parsley)*
  - *Funding is a concern*
  - *WSU is located in several areas of the state*
    - *Technology (satellite classes)*
  - *Audiologist training opportunities*
    - *Many programs are closing*
    - *Numbers are dwindling*
  - *Large number of openings for Speech Therapists*
  - *Teacher training is new*
  - *Build relationship*
  - *Look at how the program would be designed*
  
- *Post and pre-graduate programs (Allie "AJ" Joiner, Pat Clothier, Larry Swift)*
  - *These programs can be implemented without the passage of ESHB 2246*
  - *Use GMAP process*
  - *Pre-graduate programs*
    - *Summer programs*
    - *Social programs*
    - *Training to work programs*
    - *Funding for transportation is an issue*
      - *Need ideas how to make transportation affordable to school districts*
    - *Advertise programs*

*An information system is needed as well the staff to gather and disseminate the information to the appropriate individuals/stakeholders.*

*The suggestion of putting forth a supplemental budget in August was discussed.*

**The Columbian Editorial Board (Larry Swift, Gail Pollock, Board members)**

Larry Swift, Gail Pollock, and Todd Reeves recently met with the Editorial Board at The Columbian newspaper. The highlights of that meeting were discussed.

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

Larry recently visited the Wenatchee School District and a tour of WSD by four Wenatchee students is being arranged. Larry is also working with both the Spokane and Pasco School Districts and will be making a presentation to their students.

Two current WSD seniors are enrolled part time in the Post High School program. They take classes in the morning and then work at Red Lion for the remainder of the day.

**Superintendent's Evaluation Form (Board members)**

Superintendent's Evaluation must be submitted to the Governor's office by June 30, 2007.

Comments regarding current form:

- Too long and cumbersome
- Even though the current form is cumbersome it addresses all the needs and areas that should be addressed
- Suggestions discussed:
  - Standard #7: Divide to are for "Significant Targets from the Superintendent" and "Significant Targets from the Board"
  - Summary rating – add "very satisfactory" or 1, 2, or 3

**Senior Trip – Class of 2007**

All seniors will be traveling to Silverwood, Idaho, for their Senior Trip during the first part of June. There will be a 1:10 student to staff ratio.

**Executive Session**

The meeting closed at 2:06 p.m. for 45 minutes to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 2:50 p.m.

**Plan for May and June Board meetings**

May Board Meeting

- The May Board meeting has been cancelled.

June Board Meeting

- The June Board meeting will be held Friday, June 1, with a Board retreat on Saturday, June 2. The June meetings will be held in the Olympia or Tacoma area.

*Char Parsley moved that the May meeting be cancelled and the June Board meeting be held on Friday, June 1 with a Board retreat on Saturday, June 2. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved*

*Board members are to complete the Superintendent's Evaluation form and submit it to Bonnie Decker via email by no later than May 25. Past performance reviews will be sent to Char Parsley, Ariele Belo, Allie Joiner, and Sidney Weldele-Wallace.*

**Adjournment**

*Gail Pollock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.*