

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
April 11, 2008

Board Members: 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)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel

Superintendent: Rick Hauan

Guests: Lorana Myers, Federation representative
Donna Sorensen, WPEA representative
Carey Price, WSDAA representative
Heidi Redford, PSO representative
Heather Abraham, Director of Outreach
April Rounds, Human Resources Manager
Bill Newell, Principal

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Decker, Board Chair, at 9:00 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Rick Hauan was introduced as WSD's new Superintendent!

Minutes from March 14, 2008, meeting

Larry Swift moved that the minutes from the March 14, 2008, meeting be approved as written. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Reports

- **Finance**

- Monthly reports will be out on Tuesday,

- **Superintendent's Report**
 - *Deer Hall Day – congratulations to both WSDAA and WSD's Residential department on an excellent job. Deer Hall Day was a huge success.*
 - *Carey Price (WSDAA) would like to transfer the name "Deer" to "Roberts" cottage. The student health center will be renamed "Roberts Student Health Center" as Mrs. Roberts was the school nurse many years ago.*
- **Construction Update**
 - *Naming buildings – WSDAA has established guidelines to name new buildings at WSD. A committee has been set up to review nominations and three names are picked as finalists. WSDAA members then vote and the winner's name is sent to WSD's Administration.*
 - *WSDAA would like to name the new Cafeteria/Vocational/Maintenance building the "Oliver Kastel" building.*
 - *Pat Clothier moved that the new Cafeteria/Vocational/Maintenance building be named the "Oliver Kastel" building. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*
 - *Groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled for June 11, 2008.*
 - *An additional Deer Hall Day, sponsored by WSDAA, will be held on May 31, 2008.*

Policy Review

- *2nd Reading: Plain Talk (Policy: 5218): Allie Joiner moved to adopt Policy 5218. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*
- *Policy 2161: The WSSDA (Washington State School Directors Association) policy was reviewed. The Superintendent will introduce a WSD Policy 2161 at a future meeting.*

Kudos to WSD staff

The Board would like to compliment staff on their work with individual students. The Behavioral Referral numbers are way down which is due to the hard work and dedication of staff. Thank you to all for an outstanding job!

Enrollment

WSD has enrolled 35 new students during the 2007/2008 school year. Many students have joined WSD because of their attendance at Literacy Faire. Literacy Faire 2008 will be held July 17-26, 2008.

Junior Achievement Day is scheduled for May 2, 2008, at the Auburn Biz Town. WSD will be sending 50 students to this event.

Initial Strategic Planning Session

Each Board member received a “Strategic Planning” notebook. The Superintendent reviewed the process and deadlines. Since the Strategic Plan is due on June 13th, four hours of the May Board meeting will be devoted to strategic planning. Prior to the May meeting a rough draft of the Strategic Plan will be sent to the Board for their review.

WSD-TV

A student led short TV show is produced each day in the high school and the most recent one was shared with the Board. What a wonderful performance!

Curriculum Updates

Keyboarding/Typing Curriculum (Michelle Clark, High School Teacher)

- “Applied Computer Keyboarding” will be used in the middle and high school classes.
- The above curriculum connects to WSD’s technology mission statement “develop skills necessary to use technology to enhance their effectiveness”.

Reading Curriculum (Ginger Speranza (Elementary), April McArthur (Middle School), Janice Stotts (High School))

- The pros and cons of each adopted reading program were discussed:
 - 1-4th grades use “Avenues” and “Fair View Learning” programs. These grades also use Accelerated Reading, Picture Me Reading, Read Alouds, Reader’s Theatre, and ASL Translation activities.
 - Middle School uses the “High Point” curriculum as well as Accelerated Reader, Book Study, ASL-English Translation activities, ASL Literature, and Drama.
 - High School is using the “High Point” curriculum.
- Preschool focuses on communication and language.
- Specific data for the Elementary and Middle School will be shared with the Board in the fall.

Science Curriculum

- Team members are: Michelle Clark (High School), Matt Stefano (High School), Mary Williams (Middle School), Alfred Malone (Elementary), Ginger Speranza (Elementary), Teresa Stotler-Martin (High School), Donna Power (Coordinator, Special Projects)
- Three teachers (Elementary, Middle, High School) are currently piloting the “FOSS” science kits.
- More information regarding textbooks and costs will be presented at a future board meeting

Math Curriculum (Math Stefano (High School), Alfred Malone (Elementary), Michelle Clark (High School), Judy Miller (High School))

- High School: McDougal Littell Algebra I, II, and Geometry Textbook and Resources. Students have shown remarkable improvement.

- *Middle School: McDougal Littell Math Course is used daily in the classroom and the students have shown improvement using these textbooks.*
- *Elementary: The Real Math curriculum is used in K – 4th grade. Student growth has been wonderful.*

The Board congratulated all the staff members involved in curriculum development on their hard work.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 1:50 p.m. for one hour to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The meeting reopened at 2:50 p.m.

May Board Meeting

Topics for the May Board meeting:

- *All future Board packets will include a school calendar.*
- *Char Parsley made a motion to change the May meeting to May 16. Pat Clothier amended the motion to change the time and location of the May meeting to Spokane, 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. Larry Swift seconded the amendment. It was voted on and approved. The original motion to change the May meeting to May 16th was seconded by Pat Clothier. The original motion was voted on and approved.*
- *Strategic Planning (4 hours)*

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.