

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Eastern Washington Center for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing
May 16, 2008

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Bonnie Decker (District #4)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: Gail Pollock (District #3)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel

Superintendent: Rick Hauan

Guests: Heather Abraham, Director of Outreach
Carol Carrothers, Hands & Voices
Jeannie Bryant, Hands & Voices

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Decker, Board Chair, at 12:22 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes from April 11, 2008, meeting

Correction: Under Policy Review, change the word “adopted” to “adopt”. Allie Joiner moved that the April 11, 2008, minutes be approved with the above correction. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Reports

• **Finance**

- *Monthly reports were distributed and discussed. The supplemental dollars have come in and WSD is now in the “black”. Residential costs have increased because of higher fuel costs and several staff members have been out ill for extended periods of time resulting in both sick pay and sub-pay. The Business Office is working on a new reporting system so WSD managers will be able to manage their own departmental budget.*

- **Superintendent's Report**

- Elizabeth Morgan announced that she has sold her business (Signing Resources and Interpreters). She and her family will be moving out of state. She will be greatly missed.
- CEASD/NAAS visit: WSD was given provisional accreditation. Many areas at WSD were commended. CEASD recommends the following:
 - Stability in leadership and communication (including parents) and climate
 - Curriculum and instruction strategies – aligning and articulating the curriculum with assessment
 - Media services and technology – make sure the technology is in place to support instruction

Thanks to Board members Bonnie Decker and Allie Joiner for participating in the exit interview. CEASD will return to WSD in three years to see what progress has been made regarding their recommendations.

The "Activity Inventory Performance Measurement Assessment" was distributed and discussed. This document was submitted to and approved by OFM (Office of Financial Management).

It was suggested that each department manager have an individual work plan for their department which relates to the Strategic Plan. This annual work plan would be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Special presentation – Carol Carrothers representing Hands & Voices

Brochures outlining the Hands & Voices program were distributed and Board members were encouraged to join. Carol Carrothers talked about the "Guide by Your Side" program. This program is designed to provide emotional support and specialized knowledge from trained parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing to parents of a newly diagnosed child with hearing loss. It is hoped that this program will begin in Washington State in the fall.

- **Construction Update**

- The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new vocational/cafeteria/maintenance building. Each Board member was given a supply of announcements with the request that they invite their local representatives as well as other members of their community.
- Bids for the new building went out last week. Bids will be opened on June 4, 2008.
- Construction on the bathrooms (second floor of Clarke Hall) is on target. The bids came in \$80,000 lower than expected.

Policy Review

- *2nd Reading: Special Education and Special Services for Eligible Students (Policy: 2161). Larry Swift moved that Policy 2161 be approved. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

Strategic Planning

The areas of recommendation by CEASD were discussed further.

- *Communication: Meet more often with the parents and the Parent Staff Organization (PSO).*
- *Media/Technology: Needs to be a tie in to technology and instruction.*
- *The Board was very impressed with the Self-Study document and the staff at WSD is to be commended for its thoroughness.*
- *As WSD moves ahead we need to be thinking of how to strengthen areas on campus. The Board would like to see presentations regarding curriculum and instruction at each meeting.*
- *Larry Swift moved that the Board commend the staff for their diligent work on the CEASD/NAAS Self-Study. They look forward to working with the staff to support their work and also look forward to seeing the students' success. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

Division of Licensed Resources Comprehensive Report

The report from the December 2007 comprehensive report was distributed and discussed. WSD only received two recommendations:

- *Standard 3: "It is recommended that WSD find a means to centralize documentation of all training through the Office of Personnel."*
- *Standard 9: "Recommend that WSD consider staff's concerns about the basketball court."*

CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) Training

It was suggested that WSD research the possibility of providing on-line training in CPI for use by schools throughout the state.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. for 30 minutes to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The meeting reopened at 4:30 p.m. and closed again for an additional 30 minutes. The meeting reopened at 4:56 p.m.

June Board Meeting

Topics for the June Board meeting:

- *The Superintendent will give a full report on the CEASD Conference he recently attended.*
- *Director of Outreach position discussion*
- *Election of officers for next year*

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.