

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
ESD 123
May 19, 2006

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

Absent: *Duane Sommers (District #5)*
 Holly Parker-Jensen (District #1)

Legal Counsel: *Bonnie Terada*

Superintendent: *Todd Reeves*

Guests: *Amy Brown, Teacher of the Deaf, Pasco*
 Darrell Shoemaker
 Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent

Recorder: *Judy Smith*
Interpreters: *Cindy Beaulaurier, Shelly Hanson*

The meeting was called to order by Sidney Weldele-Wallace, at 9:07 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes from April 20, 2006, meeting

Pat Clothier made a motion to approve the April 20, 2006, Board meeting minutes and Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Strategic Plan

A draft Strategic Plan was emailed to various stakeholders throughout the state of Washington and the responses received were discussed.

Goal 2 – Missing “Ultimate Outcome”

- *Link to vision statement – success in adult lives*

Behaviorally challenged youth and what WSD can offer in the way of educational services for them will be discussed at the Board Retreat on June 9th.

Vision statement: Use a stronger term “WSD has a responsibility to”

Collaboration with community colleges and universities – add “such as Washington State University/Vancouver”.

Distance learning – WSD will look at staffing for next year to see if a staff member is available for this program. If not, additional funding will need to be addressed. A distance learning link could be to ASL classes.

CART – change to “Communication Assisted Realtime Translation”

Larry Swift moved that the Superintendent make the revisions based on further input received and submit the plan to the Governor’s Office by June 1, 2006. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Exchange Program - China (Todd Reeves, Superintendent)

The Superintendent recently met with a member of the Governor’s Office to discuss the idea of a possible exchange program with a School for the Deaf in China. The Governor’s Office was very excited about this possible program.

Hunter Gym (Todd Reeves, Superintendent)

A wall in Hunter gym was closed one day in the spring due to a crack down one side of the wall, both inside and out. The gym was sealed off until engineers could review the issue. The expected cost to make repairs is over \$150,000.

Larry Swift moved that the Superintendent use the funds appropriated for safety improvements to make repairs to the gym. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Policy Development – Animals on Campus (Todd Reeves)

The Superintendent read comments received regarding this proposed policy.

Larry Swift recommended that the Board table the decision on this policy until the June Board meeting so concerned individuals can address the Board personally.

Thanks!

Thanks from the Board of Trustees to both the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for their hard work this past year.

Thanks from the Board to the two interpreters who worked at both the Board Stakeholders meeting on Thursday evening and at the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday morning.

Executive Session

The meeting closed at 11:00 a.m. for one hour to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 11:55 a.m.

Future Board Meetings

The day of the week Board meetings will be held next year will be discussed at the June Board meeting.

Election of new officers

This topic is tabled until the June Board meeting.

June 5th meeting with the Governor

- *Discuss vision statement*
- *Share Strategic Plan*
- *Focus on collaboration and partnerships that the Outreach department has established*
- *Mention stakeholders meetings and the feedback received from those meetings.*
- *WSD is aligning with GMAP (Government Management Accountability and Performance)*
- *China Exchange Program*
- *Behaviorally challenged deaf and hard of hearing children – no services in the state of Washington*
- *Hunter Gym – safety improvements*
- *Seek funding to address issues of isolation in rural areas (e.g. Gates Foundation, etc.)*
- *Larry Swift will outline discussion topics and email to the various Board members*

June 9, 2006, Retreat

- *Demonstration school*

Adjournment

Gail Pollock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.