

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**June 1, 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)  
                          Ariele Belo (District #7)  
                          Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

*Absent:*               Rita Reandeau (District #6)

*Legal Counsel:*     Bonnie Terada

*Superintendent:*   Todd Reeves

*Guests:*             Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent  
                          Lorana Myers, Classified staff representative  
                          Lori Scheer-Matheson, Certificated staff representative  
                          Heather Abraham, Director of Outreach

*Recorder:*           Judy Smith

*Interpreters:*       Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

*The meeting was called to order by Larry Swift at 9:12 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.*

*Due to issues before the Board they will be unable to attend the Special Olympics event tomorrow. Lorana Myers will deliver a congratulatory note to the team on behalf of the Board.*

*The Retreat will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*National Board Certification – Donna Sorensen, Teacher of the Deaf at WSD, sent materials regarding National Board Certification for the Board to review. A recent bill before the legislators addressed a stipend for teachers with this certification. WSD asked that all teachers employed in a public capacity in Washington State be included.*

*CEASD documents regarding No Child Left Behind were made available to Board members.*

Larry Swift recently met with Joyce Turner, Deputy Chief of Staff. She will attend a future meeting. Mr. Swift also met with two parents regarding their concerns with House Bill 2246. This topic will be included in a Board Retreat discussion of partnerships.

**Minutes from April 6, 2007, meeting**

Pat Clothier moved that the minutes from the April 6, 2007, meeting be approved. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

**Chongqing School for the Deaf (Todd Reeves)**

The Superintendent recently visited the Chongqing School for the Deaf in China. An "Initial Proposal" regarding the establishment of a partner-school relationship was included in the Board packet. The classrooms at the Chongqing School for the Deaf are multi-age (Elementary, Middle, and High School all in the same classroom). A meeting with held with the Director of the school who was very interested in pursuing an exchange program but the decision making authority there is very complex.

During a visit to the Quzhou School for the Deaf, the principal was very interested in pursuing an exchange program. They also had a deaf instructor whereas the Chongqing School for the Deaf had none.

The next step is for the Superintendent to contact Jessica Bucknam (facilitator for exchange programs in the Portland Public Schools) and Dr. Lytle (Partners in Education) to discuss the options available. The Superintendent will also contact Dr. Lytle to see if partnerships have been set up with schools in other countries.

The Superintendent will email the Board the locations of both schools discussed this morning.

Possible partnerships: staff exchange – how the native language of children is used to promote literacy development in the United States.

**HSDC (Hearing, Speech, and Deafness Center) (Todd Reeves)**

There has been previous discussion on hiring a teacher to work with HSDC in their expanding preschool program. A follow-up discuss with the Director of HSDC was held on May 31st and they are still interested in pursuing this program. Additional meetings will be held to see what type of services this proposed position would be responsible for.

HSDC might also be interested in working with WSD on the Shared Reading Video Outreach Project (SRVOP). WSD's grant for the SRVOP project will be cut approximately 20% next year (\$31,571), 70% the following year

*(\$73,665), and there may not be monies available after that. A decision needs to be made to determine how WSD will fund this program.*

*Pat Clothier moved to recommend that WSD seek a budget supplemental funding request to cover the SRVOP shortfall. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

*For the coming year the Superintendent will seek a reduction in rent at Puget Sound ESD (where SRVOP is currently located) and other cost savings to continue SRVOP during the 2007/2008 school year. This topic will be discussed at the Board Retreat and also added to the September Board meeting.*

*The Board will work on an action plan that is more specific regarding the direction the Board would like to go.*

**D.E.A.F. (Deaf Education Advocacy Foundation) (Todd Reeves)**

*The Superintendent recently met with D.E.A.F. and this organization would like to re-energize their program. They would like to hire a grant writer to prepare a grant which would be submitted to the Murdock Trust. The grant monies would be used to hire a director for D.E.A.F.*

**Capital/Operating Budget (Todd Reeves)**

*WSD is on target with all minor public works projects (i.e. boilers, air-conditioning units, etc.) A kick-off meeting with General Administration and other involved parties will be held this month regarding capital projects. If there is a limited amount of changes the time to put the project out to bid could be accelerated.*

*The new summary budget summary report was reviewed and discussed. The Board was very pleased with the new format and requests that it be included in all future Board packets.*

**Accreditation – CEASD (Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf) (Todd Reeves)**

*WSD is set for an accreditation review in 2008. The “accreditation standards” are included in the Board packet. There are certain costs associated with the accreditation process (off site meetings, staff meeting after their scheduled shift, etc.) The Superintendent will provide approximate cost information at a future meeting.*

**GMAP Schedule (Todd Reeves)**

*The GMAP presentation schedule for next year’s Board meetings was discussed. They will be:*

- *September: BRFs (Behavioral Referral Forms)*

- *October: WASL (Washington Assessment of Student Learning) - including goals for last year*
- *November: HR (Human Resources) Report*
- *December: Outreach*
- *January: Transportation Costs*
- *February: Leadership Team Goals (effectiveness)*

*It was suggested that the self-assessment study be submitted as a GMAP presentation.*

*The Board would like to meet with the Reading and Math Curriculum Committees to discuss the adopted curriculums. They would like to see what is working and what is not.*

### **Facilities (Todd Reeves)**

*Through a letter the Assistant Superintendent made a recommendation to amend the fee schedule to waive the facility fee for deaf/hard of hearing members of the community. The Superintendent concurs with this recommendation but also addressed the service fee and would like to only charge for actual costs incurred.*

*Those groups/individuals that don't have insurance can sign a release of liability form (per legal counsel).*

*Changes proposed:*

- *All deaf/hard of hearing members of the community would become part of Category A*
- *Fixed service fee would be eliminated and WSD would charge for actual costs only (all categories)*
- *Those groups/individuals that don't have insurance can sign a release of liability form*

*Gail Pollock made a motion to approve the above changes. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

### **Election of Officers**

- *Pat Clothier made a motion to nominate Bonnie Decker for the position of Board Chair for the 2007/2008 school year. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved.*
- *Pat Clothier made a motion to nominate Allie Joiner as Vice-Chair. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

### **Future Board meetings**

- *The Board will tentatively hold Board meetings on the second Friday of each month. Formal action regarding future meetings will be taken*

at the September meeting which will be held on September 14, 2007, at WSD.

### **Supplemental Budget Request**

- *It was suggested that the Board set parameters on a supplemental budget request at their Board Retreat on Saturday, June 2, 2007. The Superintendent would take those parameters and prepare a supplemental request. The Board would then review the proposal and submit any questions.*
- *The Board Budget Committee would like to meet at WSD to review the proposed request.*
- *Pat Clothier made a motion that the Board delegates the Superintendent the authority to submit a supplemental budget request on behalf of the school. Prior to the submission of a request the Budget Committee would review the request as well as have it sent to all members. The Board members would have an opportunity to answer questions and the answers would be shared. Any member of the Board could quash the budget request at which time a special meeting would be called to discuss the proposed changes. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

### **Executive Session**

*The meeting closed at 1:43 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 3:00 p.m. and closed for an additional hour. The meeting reopened at 3:50 p.m.*

### **Adjournment**

*Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.*