

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 8, 2006

Board Members: Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Holly Parker-Jensen (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Gail Pollock (District #3)
Bonnie Decker (District #4)
Duane Sommers (District #5)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: Rita Reandeau (District #6)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Superintendent: Todd Reeves

Guests: Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent
April McArthur, Certificated staff representative
Dawn Smith, PSO representative
Dana Pride, Classified staff representative

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Sidney Weldele-Wallace, at 9:06 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Minutes from May 19, 2006, meeting

Larry Swift made a motion to approve the May 19, 2006, Board meeting minutes and Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

GMAP – Outreach (Rick Hauan, Assistant Superintendent)

(Handout) The Assistant Superintendent gave an update on WSD's Outreach activities. Numbers for the 2005/2006 school year have grown substantially. Several summer programs are planned including Literacy Faire which will involve approximately 80 children from throughout the state of Washington.

Potential new programs in eastern Washington – preliminary discussions have begun regarding the establishment of remote sites in eastern Washington. These sites will provide services to students in their local area. As discussions progress, the Board will be updated.

The Board recognizes the need to assist students that do not meet the criteria to attend WSD. It is important that WSD works with school districts to make sure that these students receive the support they need.

The Board thanked Rick Hauan for the time and effort he has contributed to WSD's Outreach program.

Outreach Update (Todd Reeves, Superintendent)

North Central ESD

- *Establishing communications with ESD personnel to assist with support for their deaf and hard of hearing students.*
- *Discussions have begun on a potential distance learning program with students in remote areas to provide them with specially designed instruction.*
- *Provide staff development video tapes that can be shared with school districts throughout the state.*

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center (HSDC)

- *HSDC approached WSD to see how a partnership could be developed for a pre-school program.*
- *Need to make sure that good relationships are maintained with school districts that already provide this service.*
- *The Board will be kept up-to-date regarding this possible partnership.*

Exchange Program – China

- *The Chongqing School for the Deaf in central China has expressed interest in an exchange program with WSD.*
- *Opportunity for students throughout the state to participate in this program.*

K-20 with SRVOP (Howie Seago, Director, SRVOP)

Howie Seago joined the meeting via K. He explained the Shared Reading Video Outreach Program (SRVOP) and gave a short demonstration.

Legislative Visit (Todd Reeves, Superintendent)

The Superintendent gave an update on the recent tour by the House Children & Family Services Committee. Several staffers and local legislators were also in attendance. A thank you card from Representative Ruth Kagi was shared with the group.

Public Comments on the proposed policy: Animals on Campus

Comments:

- *Sherry Mowatt (Fort Vancouver Tapestry) – would like an exception to this policy. Her dog “Riley” has been interacting and providing support to stitchers that participate in the Fort Vancouver Tapestry.*
- *Robert Bradley (Fort Vancouver Tapestry) – submitted letter that was read at the May 19th Board meeting. “Riley” is a therapeutic support to the elderly individuals who volunteer for the tapestry project.*
- *Kay Pedisich (WSD staff member) – would like to keep animals in van (in crate) on campus for purpose of transport.*
- *Tedi Keiner (WSD staff member) – would like to have animal in truck on campus as shift doesn’t end until 12 midnight and this provide her more during the drive home.*
- *Lorana Myers (WSD staff member) – concern regarding individuals that use WSD facilities. Feels that the “service animal” description is very vague.*
- *Dawn Smith (PSO) – would like policy to include the cottage/residential areas.*

Possible procedure language: clearly define service/therapeutic animals.

Bonnie Decker moved to grandfather "Riley" into policy 2163. If any issues arise with Riley this grandfather clause would be withdrawn at the discretion of the Board. Clarification of service/therapeutic animals will also be added. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved, with one abstention. These revisions will be made and brought to the next Board meeting.

Post High School Program (Larry Cole, Residential Program Supervisor)

Larry Cole gave an update on the post high school program. WSD has offered Clark College assistance in their tutor center with deaf and hard of hearing students.

ESD 112 is interested in working with WSD in setting up vocational programs, both during the school year and in the summer. Several other organizations have expressed interested in working with WSD's Post High School students.

Applications will be distributed as programs become available.

Minor Public Works, Gymnasium, Energy/Boiler Project (Chuck McCarthy, Business & Operations Manager)

- Parking lot next to Clarke Hall – work should be completed by the middle of July.
- MacDonald cottage – work in the basement is on schedule. The walls will feature clouds and mountains utilizing artwork by WSD students.
- Gymnasium – emergency letter will be prepared to expedite the repairs.
- Boiler/energy project – The plan of action for next year was discussed. It is estimated that energy project will save approximately \$36,000 a year in operating costs.

Policy Development (First Reading)

Nondiscrimination (Policy 5209)

Sexual Harassment (Policy 5210)

Reasonable Accommodation (Policy 5211)

Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (Policy 5212)

Bonnie Terada will inform the Superintendent's Office of additional legal references that need to be added. These policies will also be reviewed by WSD's labor counsel.

Thanks!

Thanks from the Board of Trustees to both the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for their hard work this past year. Also, the Board wanted to thank the interpreters who worked at both the Board Stakeholders meeting on Thursday evening and at the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday morning in Pasco.

Executive Session

The meeting closed at 1:40 p.m. for one hour to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 2:40 p.m.

Board Retreat – June 9, 2006

Possible topics

- *Recent meeting with the Governor*
- *IPP process*
- *Legislative action planning*
- *Year round schooling – six week program*
- *Emotional behavior program*
- *Immersion program for deaf and hearing individuals – world languages*

Duane Sommers

Thanks to the Board of Trustees for their support. Duane has thoroughly enjoyed his time spent on the Board and will miss everyone.

Election of new officers

Pat Clothier nominated Larry Swift as Board Chair. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. Pat Clothier nominated Bonnie Decker as Vice Chair. Duane Sommers seconded the motion. Both motions were voted on and approved.

Adjournment

Bonnie Decker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.