WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
June 11, 2010

Board Members:	Allie Joiner (District #1) Pat Clothier (District #2) Gail Pollock (District #3) Char Parsley (District #5) Rita Reandeau (District #6) Ariele Belo (District #7) Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8) Larry Swift (District #9)
Absent:	Nita Kamphuis (District #4)
Legal Counsel:	Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel
Director:	Rick Hauan
Superintendent:	Jane Mulholland
Guests:	Lorana Myers, Federation representative April Rounds, Human Resources Manager Bill Newell, Principal Nikki Ekle
Recorder:	Judy Smith
Interpreters:	Rosyln Ward, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Pat Clothier, Board Chair, at 9:07 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present. Guests were introduced. At future Board meetings all guests will be asked to sign in and list topics on the agenda they wish to comment on (if applicable).

Due to health reasons Gail Pollock has resigned her position on the Board. Thanks Gail for everything you have done for CDHL/WSD.

Nikki Ekle will be observing the Board meeting today as a possible candidate for the Congressional District #3 position left vacant by Gail Pollock's resignation.

Agenda – April 9, 2010

Changes to the agenda: Break at 10:00 a.m., lunch will be shortened to 30 minutes and Executive Session will move to 12:30 p.m. Sidney Weldele-Wallace made a motion to approve the April 9, 2010, agenda with the changes noted above. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Minutes from April 9, 2010, meeting

Rita Reandeau made a motion to approve the April 6, 2010, minutes as written. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Board Budget Committee Report (Pat Clothier, Rita Reandeau, and Larry Swift

- The legislature recently approved $2.5 million for the auditorium renovation.
- Bathroom renovations in Clarke Hall will begin soon. Work will be done as follows:
  - Sidewalks between the cottages for staff and student safety
  - Parking lot finish work
  - Phase 1 of the courtyard
- Savings during the last school year have included:
  - Energy savings of approximately $5,000 per month since the new Oliver Kastel building opened.
  - Weekend transportation
  - Lower unemployment costs
  - Accounting adjustment monies are being used for new computers in the classrooms (current computers are approximately seven years old), Smart Boards, etc. to support the education of our students
  - Ending the year with a positive balance.

Director's Report (Rick Hauan)

- ESHB 2617 (Boards and Commissions Cost Savings bill). The Director will be submitting a report to OFM (Office of Financial Management) regarding Board expenditures for the past three years. This report is due July 15, 2010. The Director will also submit a plan for future meetings and the costs involved as ESHB 2617 goes into effect July 1, 2010.
- Discussion highlights regarding this topic:
  - Director will notify the Board if OFM approves the expenditure for the August 12 & 13th Board Planning meeting. If so, the meeting will be held on the WSD campus with accommodations available in the cottages.
  - It is important that the Board to maintain their presence both at WSD and in the communities they represent.
  - Our Board is unique as by statute it cannot delegate their duties to the Director or Superintendent.
  - Since there will be a limited number of Board meetings next school year, the new Chair and Vice Chair will meet with the Director and Superintendent periodically to ensure that all Board members are kept
- The Stakeholder meetings are finished. Over 500 people attended the 14 Stakeholder meetings held across the state. The online surveys were taken by 558 people. The Core Team will meet on June 30, 2010, to review the data and an outline of the report due to the legislature on December 1, 2010. The final Core Team meeting will be held on October 7, 2010.
- The Director will meet with Allie Joiner to discuss a possible partnership with ODHH (Office of Deaf & Hard of Hearing) as they oversee the Deaf Centers throughout Washington. It is important that the Deaf Centers and their

members fully understand what the agency name change to CDHL means to their community and deaf and hard of hearing children throughout the state.

- SB 6503 (Furlough bill). CDHL/WSD is exempt from this bill!
- SACS (Small Agency Client Services):
  - The current focus is on the business office and payroll departments,
  - Due to the unique needs of CDHL/WSD, Human Resources is not on the list,
  - DIS (Department of Information Services) does not intend to assume management of technology support for CDHL/WSD as we are 50% agency and 50% school which is unlike other agencies across the state,
  - Purchasing/procurement through General Administration is a possibility but nothing has been discussed as yet.
  - Next meeting with OFM is June 23, 2010.
  - Further information will be shared with the Board as it is received.
- RESPECT: A meeting site in Vancouver (facilitated by Jane Mulholland) will be added. Current sites are in Renton, Moses Lake and Spokane. Meetings are conducted through video conferencing or K-20 system.

Student Health Center Report (Joyce Sjoberg, RN)

The School Nurse shared the following information:

- 130 flu and H1N1 vaccines were given to the students early in the year
- A total of 15 staff members were delegated to administrator medications and/or treatment to students. This means our Registered Nurse provided training that covered knowledge, skills, and procedure necessary to give oral medication and/or treatment.
- Data shared from this school year included:
  - Total # of visits per student to the Student Health Center
  - Time of day visits
  - Reason for visit – number of headaches reported is a concern. The nurse will meet with a pediatrician to see if the number of students reporting headaches is high or in line with what public schools are reporting.
  - Emergency plans for 21 students
  - The Student Health Center makes referrals to mental health agencies if needed.
- The 1st WSD Fitness Workshop was held in May with 47 staff members in attendance
- Collaborated with three nursing colleges this year. A total of eight nursing students were mentored.
- Joyce will be the Team WSD facilitator next school year.
- The Board congratulated Joyce on the outstanding job she is doing on behalf of WSD and its students.

Superintendent's report (Jane Mulholland)

- Flying Hands ASL Poetry Competition
  - 86 participants, ages 3 through high school
- NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). Winning books were published into a "collection" of books entitled Washington School for the Deaf 2009

NANOWRIMO. Congratulations to all the students that participated in this wonderful program.

- OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) Compliance Review
  - 20 student files were reviewed
  - No systemic issues
  - Four files needed minor correction. The changes were made and accepted
  - The final report from OSPI is due late June or early July. Since the four files were corrected the report will indicate that no corrective action is needed.
  - Wonderful news! Thanks to all who made this happen!
- Superintendent's Reception
  - What a great evening!
  - Thanks to Gail for representing the Board at this event.
  - Out of the 16 students graduating this year 14 have specific plans for higher education (87%).
- 8th Grade Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 18th, 9:30 a.m. in the Oliver Kastel Cafeteria.
- Dan Crady, Post High School Program (PHSP) Coordinator was asked to present before the Vancouver City Council regarding PHSP. His presentation was on June 7th and he did an outstanding job. It is hoped that the City Council members will help identify more employers that will accept PHSP students for work experience. Great job Dan!
- News in the Academic department:
  - Michelle Clark will move into an Educational Technology Specialist position next school year. She will teach three technology classes plus assist teachers with educational technology needs during the other three periods.
  - Four candidates for the ASL Specialist position will be interviewed next week. This person will be assigned to the academic department, rather than outreach and tied to the AEBPD (ASL/English Bilingual Professional Development) program.
  - New teachers hired:
    - Todd Murano, PE/Health
    - John Thuahnai, Middle School/High School Science
    - Stowe Beecher, Middle School Math
  - Vacancies: Audiologist (current Audiologist is moving to Southern Oregon) and an additional math teacher.
  - Hiring a part-time SLP (Speech Language Pathologist) with one day specific to working with autistic students.
  - Thanks to the Board for their involvement in student activities. The Board's presence makes a big difference to students or staff.

Client Service Contracts (Rick Hauan)

- Listen & Talk
  - Currently serving 54 students with additional growth anticipated for next year.

    - Would like to increase their contract to $98,000 (currently $59,000) to help support this future growth.
- Hope School (listening and spoken language program in Spokane)
    - New contract request
    - Support listening and spoken language needs in Eastern Washington
    - Up to $15,000 which would accommodate up to eight students (initial contract to be $10,000)
- Tacoma Public Schools (1st project)
    - Would like to contract with Tacoma Public Schools in conjunction with WSDS (Washington Sensory Disabilities Services) for a .5 time position (Cathy Corrado, Teacher of the Deaf)
    - This contract would buy 90 days of Ms. Corrado's time to develop a signed based support program across the state. She would provide support to teachers and students using ASL.
    - Cost of this contract would be $52,000.
- Tacoma Public Schools (2nd project)
    - Assist Tacoma Public Schools personnel with setting up a listening and spoken language preschool
    - No cost to CDHL
- Money accrued from savings outlined earlier in the meeting would be used to fund these projects.

Larry Swift moved to approve funding for the above programs. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Academic Progress (Shauna Bilyeu, Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator)

- Math
    - 69% of all students showed academic growth in the area of math over the past year.
    - Elementary: 71%; Middle School: 70%; High School: 69%
- Reading
    - 70% of all students showed academic growth in the area of reading
    - Elementary: 86%; Middle School: 90%; High School: 59%
- Language Usage
    - 69% of all students showed academic growth in the area of language usage over the past year.
    - Elementary: 71%; Middle School: 91%; High School: 57%
- Updated information will be shared with the Board in fall 2010.

Thanks to Shauna for the great job she has done with assessments and professional development throughout the year. The Board applauds her efforts!

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:36 p.m. for 45 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) "To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee….". No action will be taken during this time.

The meeting reopened at 1:15 p.m.

Whistleblower Program (Policy #5219) – 2nd Reading
The changes suggested by Legal Counsel were made for this 2nd reading.

Sidney Weldele-Wallace moved to approve policy #5219 (Whistleblower Program). Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Staff ASL Communication Policy discussion (Amy Blades and Tiffany Gay, Co-Chairs)
An ASL Communication Policy Committee was set up to suggest revisions to the current Communication policy #5520 which was adopted in December 2004.

The first phase is to set up the framework which would ensure an accessible communication environment for all. The second phase will include a much larger group of staff who will focus on selecting an assessment tool, determining levels of proficiency and looking at needed resources (both monetary and personnel) to implement and sustain this policy.

Comments from the Board:

- Policy and procedures should be presented at the same time
- Use "plain talk" so that the policy language is understandable by all
- Funding issues need to be addressed
- How would this policy relate to existing staff as CDHL/WSD is a business, school and statewide system?
- Need to make sure the policy/procedures are balanced for all staff
- Pleased with the direction the committee is going as the goal is to serve children and meet their communication needs.
- WSD needs to be barrier free and welcoming to all (guests, family members, etc.) regardless of their communication modality (ASL, English, other languages.) The goal is for WSD to be an environment that is friendly and caring for all.

Thanks to the ASL Communication Policy committee for their hard work on this project.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2010/2011

Nominations for Chair for the 2010/2011 school year

Allie Joiner nominated Rita Reandeau to be the next Chair of the CDHL Board of Trustees. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. No other nominees were brought forth. The motion was voted on and approved.

Nominations for Vice Chair for the 2010/2011 school year

Larry Swift nominated Nita Kamphuis to be the next Vice Chair of the CDHL Board

of Trustees. Sidney Weldele-Wallace also nominated Ariele Belo for this position but she declined. No other nominees were brought forth. Sidney Weldele-Wallace withdrew her nomination and seconded Larry Swift's motion. This motion was voted on and approved.

Congratulations to Rita and Nita!

Thank you!
Thanks to Pat Clothier for the amazing job she has done as Board Chair! Pat thanked the Board for all the support they have given to her over the past year.

Larry Swift was honored with a beautiful pink dogwood to celebrate his wellness and contribution to the Board. The tree will be planted on WSD's campus.

Thanks to Gail for attending many activities throughout the year. You will be missed!

Plan for 2010/2011 school year
The Director will submit a plan to OFM for next year's meetings (total of six). More information will be shared as it is received.

Future changes:

- Board Finance Committee meetings will be held for one hour (7:45 – 8:45 a.m.) prior to each Board meeting.
- Lunch will be reduced to 30 minutes

Adjournment

Gail Pollock moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Pat Clothier, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees

10/1/2010
Date

Rick Hauan, Director
CDHL

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