

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

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

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Superintendent: Todd Reeves

Guests: Lori Scheer-Matheson, 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 Larry Swift, at 9:25 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

Pat Clothier moved that the meeting proceed with the agenda as written. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Minutes from June 8, 2006, meeting

Bonnie Decker made a motion to approve the June 8, 2006, Board meeting minutes and Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Day Student Transportation (Todd Reeves, Superintendent)

Funding for day student transportation was discussed. Could the same funding process used by local districts be replicated for WSD students? If that were to occur it is possible that the funds that are used now for day student transportation would be deducted from the Operating Budget and appropriated to ESD 112 for transportation.

Question: Is it possible to work out this funding without legislation? The question was directed to Bonnie Terada. There is legislation for local school districts to join special co-ops within their ESD but WSD and WSSB must contract with the ESD. In order to have direct funding for transportation, it must be through legislation. The only possibility might be if WSD contracted directly with ESD 112 and OSPI which would not require legislation.

Sidney moved that Superintendent Reeves contact the Superintendent of WSSB and respectfully decline involvement in this project as there doesn't seem to be an advantage in pursuing it at this time. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

House Children & Family Services Work Session

Both Larry Swift and Todd Reeves attended the House Children & Family Services Work Session held Thursday, September 7, 2006. Highlights of the panel discussions were shared with the Board. The session was videotaped and can be viewed on TVW. Parents and staff members, Carey Price and Brian Stromberg, also presented their views to the Committee.

Future Stakeholders Meetings

Pat Clothier suggested that a future stakeholders meeting be held in the North Peninsula area of the state, as it is very isolated.

Executive Session

The meeting closed at 10:25 a.m. for one hour to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 11:25 a.m.

Open House for Washington State Human Rights Commission

The Board attended the Open House for the Washington State Human Rights Commission which was held in Epperson Building.

New staff introductions

- *Heather Abraham, Director of Outreach Services*
- *Donna Harrison, Kindergarten teacher*
- *Raye Shafer, First Grade teacher*
- *Diana Kincaid, Teacher on Special Assignment*

Policy Development – Policy 2163 Revised – Animals on Campus

Pat Clothier made the motion to adopt Policy 2163 Revised – Animals on Campus. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Math Curriculum Adoption (Committee members: Matt Stefano, Judy Miller, Arlan Howard, Robert Born, Alfred Malone)

The Math Curriculum Adoption Committee discussed their research into a new math curriculum for WSD students. They reviewed several different textbooks and recommended the following:

- *Real Math for grades K-4*
 - *Emphasize problem solving and critical thinking*
 - *Hands on and visual*
- *McDougal Littell for grades 5-12*
 - *Aligned to GLE's, problem solving, vocabulary in content, and visual and explanations are clear*
 - *Practice Book, Resource Book, Assessment Book, Special Activities Book*
 - *Textbook on CD's to help students learn in another way, ability to analyze quizzes and tests to provide learning interventions for each student.*

The Board expressed their appreciation for the excellent work that the Math Curriculum Adoption Committee has done. Board members would like to share

the data gathered after the first year of implementation of the new curriculum with school districts in their regions.

Pat Clothier moved that the recommended math curriculum materials be adopted. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

GMAP Presentation – Human Resources Report Card (April Rounds, Human Resources Consultant)

(Powerpoint presentation) April Rounds gave a presentation on “Human Resources Management Report Card”. Among the items discussed were: Standard Performance Measures, Reporting Methods and Reporting Timelines. WSD is investigating various wellness plans to reduce sick leave usage as well as ideas for the reduction of overtime.

Superintendent’s Evaluation

The Superintendent’s Evaluation will be included in the October meeting during Executive Session. If a quorum is not available, the evaluation will be discussed during a work session and presented at the November meeting.

Future Board Meetings

- o October meeting – Gail Pollock will share information about the “360 Degree” review process*
- o May meeting – prepare report that is due into the Governor’s Office in June.*

Adjournment

Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bonnie Decker seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.