

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**October 12, 2007**

*Board Members:*     *Bonnie Decker (District #4)*  
                          *Allie Joiner (District #1)*  
                          *Pat Clothier (District #2)*  
                          *Gail Pollock (District #3)*  
                          *Char Parsley (District #5)*  
                          *Larry Swift (District #9)*

*Absent:*               *Rita Reandeau (District #6)*  
                          *Ariele Belo (District #7)*  
                          *Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)*

*Legal Counsel:*     *Bonnie Terada*

*Interim*  
*Superintendent:*   *Rick Hauan*

*Guests:*             *Lorana Myers, Federation representative*  
                          *Lori Scheer-Matheson, Teacher representative*  
                          *Heidi Redford, PSO representative*  
                          *Carey Price, WSDAA representative*  
                          *Donna Power, Interim Principal*

*Recorder:*           *Judy Smith*  
*Interpreters:*       *Bob Pfaff, Don Coates*

*The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Decker at 9:02 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.*

**Minutes from September 14, 2007, meeting**

*Pat Clothier moved that the minutes from the June 1, 2007, meeting be approved. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

**Superintendent Search**

*Pat Clothier and Larry Swift recently met with the search consultants in Olympia. A series of three meetings were held at WSD and those that attended provided a great deal of input. The set of questions discussed will be put on WSD's webpage to gain additional input.*

*The following items were handed out and discussed:*

- *Questions asked at stakeholders' meeting*
- *Superintendent position announcement – suggested changes/additions*
  - *First paragraph – add 'student oriented'*
  - *Second paragraph – take out 'also' on third line*

- *Third paragraph – change “to visit their website” to “to visit the website”*
- *Fourth paragraph – add “Appointed by the Governor”. Make sure it is known that WSD is a state agency, not just a school*
- *Responsibilities bullets*
  - *Put bullets that have to do with students first.*
  - *Providing and encouraging opportunity. Change “teachers” to “staff”.*
  - *Second bullet – anticipating and “assessing”*
  - *Third bullet – add post graduate programs*
  - *Add: providing the state with extra support for state testing requirements – continue to work with school districts to make sure that all deaf students become highly qualified with regards to state testing requirements.*
- *Qualifications;*
  - *Change “We” to “The Washington School for the Deaf is....”.*
  - *End of first line – change “students” to “learners”*
  - *Bullets*
    - *Change order of degrees, putting Special Education last*
    - *Second bullet – emphasis on experience in deaf education as well as.....*
    - *Knowledge of P-12 and post graduate*
    - *Fourth bullet – delete Goals 2000 and rephrase the rest of the sentence.*
    - *Fifth bullet – change “supportive” to “advocacy”*
    - *Experience or knowledge of the technological improvements of how some students learn (i.e. cochlear implants, etc.)*
  - *Any additional suggestions/changes must be submitted to Larry Swift by the end of the day.*
- *Recruitment Process Overview*
  - *The timeline for the Superintendent Search was reviewed and discussed.*
  - *The full Board would like to be involved in the review of all applicants.*
  - *It is important that the candidates visit with stakeholders from various parts of the state. They would visit the Seattle area and then while in Vancouver a meeting would be held and televised via the K-20 to stakeholders in the eastern part of the state.*
  - *The March meeting may extend into two days in order that the Board and interested stakeholders can meet with applicants.*
    - *Larry Swift made a motion that the Board schedule their March meeting to include both March 13 and 14 to meet with the candidates and conduct interviews. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

### **Policies – 2nd Reading**

- *Exchange Time (Policy: 5213): “non-represented staff” was added to the heading. Change last sentence from ‘should be’ to “shall be”.*
  - *Larry Swift moved that Policy 5213 be adopted with the above revision. Gail Pollock seconded the motion and it was voted on and approved.*
- *Honoraria/Stipends (Policy: 5214)*
  - *Hold for further clarification. This policy will be reintroduced at the next meeting.*
  - *When work is done solely on your own time and you are not representing yourself as a agency representative, then the honoraria is allowed.*
- *Employee Safety, Health, and Wellness (Policy: 5215)*
  - *Pat Clothier made a motion to adopted Policy 5215. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*
- *Small & Attractive Assets (Policy: 6302)*
  - *Allie Joiner made a motion to adopt Policy 6302. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*
- *Meal Sales (Policy: 6320)*
  - *Char Parsley made a motion to adopt Policy 6320. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

### **Budget update (Pat Clothier)**

*Pat Clothier gave a brief update from this morning’s Board Budget Committee meeting. The Board will take a tour of the second floor in Clarke Hall to see where improvements will be made.*

*Future concerns: bus replacement next year.*

*Supplemental budget submission (handout): Additional funding has been requested for the following areas:*

- *Deaf Multi-Disabled program*
- *SRVOP*
- *Superintendent Search*

### **Class of 2008 (Advisors: Shauna Bilyeu, Matt Stefano; Student: Nhan Tran, Senior Class President)**

*The Class of 2008 would like to take a trip to Six Flags in California, on June 9, 2008. They will leave early in the morning and return that night. They anticipate the total cost to be \$2,800 - \$5,000, depending on the number of seniors going. Several fundraisers are planned and the Board provided names of several organizations where the seniors could request sponsorship.*

### **November Board Meeting**

*The November meeting will be held in the Seattle area with a stakeholders meeting the evening before. Allie Joiner moved that a stakeholders meeting be held in the Seattle area on Thursday night, November 8<sup>th</sup>, with the Board*

meeting on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Thursday, November 8, 2007: 7 – 9 p.m. – Stakeholder’s meeting

Friday, November 9, 2007: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Board of Trustees meeting

**WASL (Washington Assessment of Student Learning) (Teresa Stotler-Martin, Teacher of the Deaf)**

Mrs. Stotler-Martin gave a very informative presentation about the upcoming changes in WASL testing as it relates to special education students. Twelve of WSD’s seniors will take the alternative test, DAW (Developmentally Appropriate WASL), during the first part of November.

It was suggested that Terry Bergeson, State Superintendent of Public instruction, be invited to a future meeting.

**GMAP Presentation – BRF Information (Nancy Sinkovitz, Director of Residential Services)**

Nancy Sinkovitz gave a PowerPoint presentation on the 2006/2007 school year BRF (Behavioral Referral Forms) data. The Leadership Team reviews the BRF data weekly. They look for trends (day of the week, time of day, etc.) and take the appropriate corrective action. BRFs have consistently dropped over the past five years.

The Board asked the Interim Superintendent to relay their gratitude for the outstanding work the staff are doing in the area of student behavior.

**Executive Session**

The meeting closed at 2:15 p.m. for 30 minutes to continue discussions on individual student and personnel issues with the Interim Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 2:40 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Larry Swift moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.