

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center**  
**November 9, 2007**

*Board Members:*     *Bonnie Decker (District #4)*  
                          *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:*               *Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel*

*Interim*  
*Superintendent:*   *Rick Hauan*

*Guests:*             *Lorana Myers*  
                          *Heather Abraham, Director of Outreach*  
                          *Ashley Koe, Parent/ADWAS*

*Recorder:*           *Judy Smith*  
*Interpreters:*       *Elizabeth Morgan, Stephen Tontoni*

*The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Decker at 9:06 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.*

**Minutes from October 12, 2007, meeting**

*Gail Pollock moved that the minutes from the October 12, 2007, meeting be approved. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

***Lake Washington Technical College*** – *This item will be added to the agenda after the Superintendent Search discussion.*

**Superintendent Search**

*A Superintendent Search meeting was held at the Hearing, Speech, & Deafness Center on Thursday evening, November 8. Those who attended gave a brief update.*

*Larry Swift reviewed the timeline. The interviews are scheduled to begin in February. The candidates will be in Seattle on Wednesday, March 12, and in Vancouver, March 13 (interviewed by the Board) with an open meeting in the*

evening. The regularly scheduled Board meeting would be held on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested that K-20 sites be set up the evening of March 13<sup>th</sup> in the following areas: Tri-Cities, Wenatchee, and Spokane. The possibility of having representatives from each of the above Deaf Centers publicize and facilitate the meetings was also discussed.

The Board was asked to start thinking of how they would frame the interview questions for the candidates. This topic will be discussed during the February Board meeting.

### **Visit to Lake Washington Technical College (Larry Swift, Ariele Belo)**

Larry Swift and Ariele Belo recently attended a meeting at Lake Washington Technical College which focused on training opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing individuals in technical fields. It was a very emotionally charged meeting.

It is important to keep in contact with Lake Washington Technical College as they are very skilled in writing grants and also very supportive of deaf and hard of hearing individuals being able to access valuable training opportunities.

### **Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2246**

The House Bill is ready to go before the legislature. Suggested changes:

- The term "hearing impaired" should be changed.
- Sec. 39(e) – Define what a "school-age" child is. It is important to access birth – 3 parents as well as parents of older children.
- Sec. 39(2)(line 5) – With the interviews for the Superintendent candidates taking place in March 2008, the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline may be unrealistic.
- Sec. 39(3)(lines 8-24) – The selection of two demonstration sites by November 1, 2008, may also be unrealistic.
- Sec. 39(1)(c)(lines 20-22) – It is important that the Interim Superintendent meet with ESD Superintendents and WASA so they will be aware of this section of the bill.

ESHB 2246 provides the first opportunity in a long time to bring ESDs together with WSD to support families and children who are deaf and hard of hearing. It will also strengthen the school and strengthen the service delivery to deaf and hard of hearing children throughout the state.

It was suggested that Larry Swift, Pat Clothier, and the Interim Superintendent meet with Representative Ruth Kagi to discuss ESHB 2246. Rita Reandeu could possibly attend that meeting as well.

*A summary of the bill is on the following website: [wahandsandvoices.org](http://wahandsandvoices.org). A link to this information will be added to WSD's website with a disclaimer that ESHB 2246 is a legislative generated bill and the link is informational only. This link will only be added after approval from Legal Counsel.*

*Kudos went to Larry Swift regarding his work on ESHB 2246.*

**GMAP Presentation – Outreach (Heather Abraham, Director of Outreach)**  
*(Handout) Heather gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the outreach activities at WSD.*

*Highlights of the presentation:*

- *Early Education & Support*
  - *Exploring a partnership in ESD 113 (Olympia area) to hire a birth to three provider.*
  - *The birth to three programs in both Vancouver and Wenatchee are continually growing.*
- *Literacy & Language Support through Videoconference Technology*
  - *SRVOP (Shared Reading Video Outreach Program) is serving children in both the school and home settings.*
  - *The challenge is to provide these services in the home of children who live in rural areas due to the lack of high speed internet.*
- *Distance Learning*
  - *The focus will be on 9<sup>th</sup> graders (preparation for the WASL). It was suggested to offer clock hours for teachers to take the distance learning classes as well.*
- *Educational Interpreter Training*
  - *WSD's Educational Interpreter Consultant, is visiting various school districts to provide on-site support.*
- *Community Education/Classes*
  - *Attendance at community education classes is continually growing.*
- *On Campus Workshops*
  - *On campus workshops are continuing to grow.*
- *Evaluation & Assessment*
  - *WSD provides evaluations and assessment in:*
    - *Academic & Intellectual*
    - *Speech/Language*
    - *ASL*
    - *Audiological*
    - *Transition*
    - *Educational Consultation*
- *Partnerships*
  - *WSD is partnering with many organizations throughout the state:*

- *Listen and Talk*
- *WSDS (capacity building)*
- *OSPI*
- *Educational Service Districts*
- *Washington State Hands & Voices*
- *Virginia Mason Medical Center*
- *Local School Districts*
- *Local Businesses for Post High School Programming*
- *Special Events*
  - *Special events planned for 2008 are:*
    - *Junior Achievement*
    - *ASL Poetry Competition*
    - *Family Fiesta*

*The Board asked that special thanks be extended to the entire Outreach team for all their hard work.*

**December Board Meeting**

*The next Board meeting will be held Friday, December 14, 2007. Topic of discussion: HB 2246.*

**Executive Session**

*It was determined that an Executive Session was not needed at this time.*

**Adjournment**

*Pat Clothier moved that the meeting be adjourned. Allie "AJ" Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.*