

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 1, 2010**

Board Members: Pat Clothier (District #2)
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: Allie Joiner (District #1)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel

Director: Rick Huan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Guests: Lorana Myers, Federation representative
April Rounds, Human Resources Manager
Bill Newell, Principal
Heidi & Don Redford, PSO/parents
Additional guests listed under Public Comments

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Rosyln Ward, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Rita Reandeau, Board Chair, at 9:34 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present. Guests were introduced.

Minutes – June 11, 2010

Sidney Weldele-Wallace made a motion to approve the June 11, 2010, minutes as written. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Reports - (complete written reports are included in the Board packet)

Rick Huan, Director

- The Oliver Kastel Building was selected to receive a Community Pride Design Award. The awards ceremony will be held on Friday, November 5th.
- Thanks to the work of Kay Pedisich CDHL received over \$19,000 from the Clark Public Utilities District. A letter of appreciation was signed by the Board Chair on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

- CDHL's business office is now operated by SACS (Small Agency Client Services). Tesfa Amene will remain as the liaison between SACS and CDHL.

Jane Mulholland, Superintendent

- The week of September 20-24, was Deaf Awareness Week. During the opening ceremonies the Mayor of Vancouver, Tim Leavitt, read a Proclamation declaring the week of September 20-24, 2010 as "Deaf Awareness Week" and encouraged all citizens to join in this observance. The WSD students who wrote the Proclamation attended a Vancouver City Council meeting where the Proclamation was read to the public. Thanks to everyone who set up and participated in this great week!
- Jane Tabor, WSD's new Audiologist met with representatives of Starkey Hearing Aids. Starkey has offered state-of-the-art hearing aids to staff, students, and family members free of charge. Thanks Jane for your part in getting this wonderful gift to our students, staff and families.

April Lynch, Human Resources Manager

- Due to budget discussions scheduled at this meeting new staff will be introduced at the November meeting.
- Bargaining update: If new agreements aren't signed by the July 1, 2011, deadline the existing agreements will continue until new ones have been finalized.
- Congratulations to April on her recent marriage!

Kris Ching, Outreach Director

- Seven consultations requests have been received so far this school year.
- Kerriane Christie, Early Intervention Coordinator, has been working on a Silent Auction. The proceeds from this auction will be used for deaf family events at WSD and throughout the state. Approximately \$4,000 has been raised so far. Great job Kerriane!
- DSHS has requested consultation services for their Children's Intensive In-home Behavior Support program (CIIBS) for a family in Seattle. They are requesting assistance from our autism specialist.
- Congratulations to Kris on her recent marriage!

Policy: Admissions for new and former students (policy # 3000):

- Recommended changes:
 - Page 3:
 - #5: Delete the word "ongoing"
 - Diagnostic Placement (paragraph 4): Delete the word "ongoing"
 - Delete the word "Formal" in the heading "Formal Enrollment Decision".
- Suggestions:
 - "Washington School for the Deaf" should be changed to "CDHL's Vancouver Campus" as CDHL will be setting up sites in other areas of the state.
 - Use either the word "enrollment" or "admissions" throughout the policy but not both.

The Admissions for new and former students' policy is being adopted after the first reading in accordance with Policy 1310 "Policy Adoption and Administrative Procedures" – "...it is deemed by the Board that immediate action would be in the best interests of WSD..."

Emergency adoption of Policy 3000 "Admissions for new and former students"

Larry Swift moved to adopt Policy 3000 "Admissions for new and former students" on an emergency basis with the understanding that this newly adopted policy is only in effect for 120 days. During this time legal counsel will prepare and file paperwork to repeal WAC 148-171-100 in order to make the changes to the policy permanent. Char Parsley seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Legal counsel recommends that all CDHL/WSD's special education rules (as outlined in the (WACs) Washington Administrative Code & (RCWs) Revised Code of Washington) be revised in accordance with OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) rules and exceptions pertaining to CDHL only be noted in the new ruling.

November 5, 2010 Board meeting – changed to November 19, 2010

There is an expected new budget forecast mid-November. Due to this and the CDHL report to the legislature due December 1, it was decided to moved the Board meeting to November 19th (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.).

Char Parsley made a motion to move the November Board meeting to November 19th and the time be changed to 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Ariele seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. for two (2) hours pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) "To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation" and 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...." The meeting reopened at 1:00 p.m. and closed again for 30 minutes and reopened at 1:30 p.m.

Budget Discussion

The Director and Superintendent have met with staff this week to discuss a possible budget reduction plan. The PowerPoint shared with staff was viewed and discussed.

It is the job of the Board to make decisions that best serve the educational needs of deaf and hard of hearing students throughout the state of Washington. The Board expressed their appreciation to the leadership team for their hard work on the budget reduction plan, and thanked them for developing a plan that will have the least amount of impact to students and staff.

Two budget reduction handouts were distributed featuring 6.3% across the board cuts for fiscal year 2011 (effective October 1, 2010); and a supplemental budget for the 2011-13 biennium.

- Budget reductions with furloughs
- Budget reductions without furloughs

Public Comments

Individuals who attended the public comments portion of the meeting: Greg & JeanMarie Moore, Kerianne Christie, Renee Charest, Sarah Barker, John Clarkson, Jane Tabor, Brian & Toni Stromberg, Bill Newell, Chris Newell, Katie Wolfe, Amy Ellis, Donna Sorensen, Todd Murano, Stephanie Aves de Lima, Julie Moore, Don & Heidi Redford, Lorana Myers, Nancy Sinkovitz, Sharon Caton, April Lynch, Warren Pratt, Fanny Lau, Kris Ching, Denise Marychild.

The meeting was opened for comments from the audience:

- *Toni Stromberg*, parent: Very concerned with the reduction plan that does not include furloughs and its effect on the pre-school program at WSD. The district she lives in does not have a program for her children. How do parents protect the school programs at WSD? How do parents get support?
 - *Larry Swift*, Board member: It is imperative that everyone who is concerned about the education of deaf and hard of hearing children in the state of Washington contact their legislators. WSD is not a protected educational facility yet we are an educational program. Be heard by anyone so your message will get through to the legislature and the Governor's Office. They have the ability to make things better for deaf and hard of hearing children throughout the state but you must get the word out that if the Birth-3 and elementary school programs are cut it only pushes the child backwards and we have come so far to let that happen now. I can't stress enough that this is the time to become politically active to prevent the situation from getting worse. It is a collective responsibility (Board members, staff, parents, families, etc.) to make sure legislators in our state know the importance of educating deaf and hard of hearing children. Suggested action:
 - The Board to meet with the Governor
 - Write your legislators
 - Preserve relationships with outside agencies and groups to continue capacity building
 - Speak out for deaf and hard of hearing children
- *Stephanie Alves de Lima*, WSD's pre-school teacher: What are the ramifications if the second plan is selected and the pre-school students are sent back to their district? Will the Governor recognize that placement outside of this school violates the children's Washington state constitutional rights?
- *Lorana Myers*, Federation President: Furloughs are not ideal but it protects our programs and our jobs. That is most important!
- *JeanMarie Moore*, parent of a WSD student. Support for their child at WSD has been invaluable. The local district could not have provided the level of

education her child is receiving at WSD. She will contact her legislators as children can't vote but their parents do.

- *Don Redford*, parent: Must keep our focus on the children. If the reduction plan without furloughs was enacted it could mean the death of WSD.
 - Rick Hauan, CDHL Director: This is everyone's fear and we hope it won't advance to the reduction plan without furloughs. We are exploring a possible alternative funding approach. It is important not to give up hope but continue to look at ways to operate differently.
- *Renee Charest*, WSD's Speech Language Pathologist: The Birth-3 programs should not be listed on any reduction plan. It will cost more in the long run to cut these programs. Be very creative thinkers and help to solve this problem.
 - Larry Swift, Board member: The Board feels the same way. The children in our Birth-3 programs are our future. We are looking at other funding streams to help prevent the closure of this program.
- *Sarah Barker*, WSD's Special Education Secretary: When will we know about furlough days?
 - Rick Hauan, Director: We should know shortly and will share with staff as soon as the information is received. The attorney general's office is working with OFM to determine if furloughs will be allowed.
- *Katie Wolfe*, WSD's staff interpreter: In the reduction plan without furloughs why cut the Birth-3 and elementary programs? Why wasn't the high school program considered first?
 - There are legal requirements to provide services. The impact to the residential program options for students in the secondary program (Middle School, High School) is critical as we offer educational services to students on an IEP (Individualized Education Plan). No program closure option is good, however, proposed program cuts are being implemented where services offered would result in impacting the fewest students in the current system.

Thanks to everyone for coming to the meeting and sharing your concerns and ideas. If you have future comments or ideas please send them to:
ask.rick@wsd.wa.gov. All emails will be shared with the Board members.

Important note: The Director received a call from OFM at 3:25 p.m. CDHL may only need to submit one reduction plan using the furlough option with the caveat that an alternative funding is researched for future agency fiscal stability.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m. for 10 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) "To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation" and 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...." The meeting

reopened at 3:40 p.m. closed for an additional 30 minutes. The meeting reopened at 3:53 p.m.

Budget Reduction Plan

Larry Swift made a motion to adopt the budget reduction plan of 6.3% that includes furloughs for all staff. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Larry Swift moved to approve the 10% budget reduction plan that includes furloughs for all staff. In submitting the biennial budget the Board asks the Director to request from OFM the opportunity to make the school eligible for alternative revenue streams available through basic education. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. This motion was withdrawn by both Larry Swift and Sidney Weldele-Wallace.

Char Parsley moved that the Board Finance Committee to work with the Director on the submission of the 2011-13 reduction plan due on October 13th. Nita Kamphuis seconded the motion. An amendment was added with the request that the reduction plan for the 2011-13 biennium include a suggested alternative revenue stream. The revenue stream would be protected by the Washington State Constitution and fluctuate with enrollment. Pat Clothier seconded the amended motion. The amended motion was voted on and approved. The original motion was voted on and approved.

Larry Swift moved that the Board as a whole go on record in opposition of the budget reduction plan reviewed at this meeting that does not include furloughs. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved.

Adjournment

Char Parsley moved to adjourn the meeting. Nita Kamphuis seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.



Rita Reandeau, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees

12-6-10

Date



Rick Hauan, Director
CDHL

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Date