

WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 5, 2008

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #1)
Pat Clothier (District #2)
Gail Pollock (District #3)
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Larry Swift (District #9)

Absent: Char Parsley (District #5)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Superintendent: Rick Hauan

Guests: April Rounds, Human Resources Manager
Jane Mulholland, Assistant Superintendent
Kris Rydecki, Director of Outreach
Lorana Myers, Federation
J. Piper Gallucci, WPEA
Chris Newell, School Psychologist
Gretchen Volker, Secretary Senior
ILS Students – Daniel Laurion, Shaylee Fogelberg

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Rosyln Ward, Don Coates

The meeting was called to order by Allie Joiner, Board Chair, at 11:28 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.

ILS Students (Independent Living Skills) (Daniel Laurion, Shaylee Fogelberg)

The ILS students are working on a food drive to benefit Share House a local shelter for families. They have a goal of 600 cans of food (deadline for donations is December 16, 2008.) The Board took up a collection (\$101) to purchase items for the food drive.

Minutes from November 7, 2008, meeting

Larry Swift moved that the November 7, 2008, minutes be approved. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Reports

Financial Update

The Board Finance Committee met this morning. It appears that WSD will not have to make any further budget cuts this biennium. It is unknown what cuts may or may not have to be made in the next biennium (2009-2011). The Governor's budget is due out December 18, 2008.

The Board is recommending that budget discussions be open to all interested parties during a special meeting in mid-late spring. The next several months will be challenging but it is important to keep focused on the students and their educational needs.

The Board Finance Committee has asked that the Superintendent add an appendix to the Strategic Plan to articulate that although the state is in a financial crisis and WSD must make cuts, a minimum standard for services for deaf and hard of hearing children will be maintained.

The staff has done a tremendous job in cutting costs and the Board is very appreciative of the extra sacrifice everyone has made to serve our students. The Board members have made a commitment to cut their expenses by 10%.

Current budget update (as of October 2008): WSD is on track for the operating, minor public works, and construction budgets. All projects are running on time (or completed) and on budget.

The Board congratulated the Superintendent on his efforts to gain approval from the Governor's Office for the students and staff to travel to Riverside, California, for the Western States Basketball Classic (WSBC).

Superintendent's report

- **D.E.A.F. (Deaf Education Advocates Foundation) Tour – November 17, 2008**
 - Tom Koenninger (The Columbian) and De Stickel (Hewlett Packard) recently visited WSD. Both have agreed to be an honorary member of the D.E.A.F. Board. They will attend D.E.A.F. Board meetings when their schedule allows.
- **Staff Celebration – November 25, 2008**
 - Over 100 staff members attended the November 25th celebration!
- **Meeting with Listen & Talk**
 - This meeting focused on pulling together the partnership and providing additional joint services with WSD and Listen & Talk. The WSD/Listen & Talk partnership is currently serving 33 children throughout the state of Washington.
- **Joint meeting at Clark College – December 1, 2008**
 - Larry Swift and the Superintendent attended a joint meeting of local school boards hosted by Clark College. Clark College is very

interested in working with both WSD and WSSB on various programs. The next meeting will be held in spring 2009.

- **Four-day school week**

- *Barriers:*
 - *Currently linked with local school districts for mainstream activities and if WSD students go home on Thursday they would miss out on classes/activities every Friday.*
 - *Family impact by sending students home Thursday night rather than Friday afternoon.*
 - *Would lessen the number of school days but increase the length of the school day. We must have 180 school days.*
 - *WSD wants to be available to deaf and hearing children more days rather than less.*
 - *This topic will be discussed again at a future Board meeting.*
- *WSD's enrollment continues to grow and the BRFs (Behavioral Referral Form) continue to decline.*

Policy Review – 2nd Reading

- *Student Teacher-Intern (Policy: 5600). The purpose of this policy to establish a structure when interns come to WSD.*
- *Changes to Policy 5600:*
 - *General Guidelines/Expectations (bullet 6):*
 - *Add fingerprinting requirement*
 - *Change “an” to “and” in the sentence beginning “However, student.....”.*
 - *Change “student teachers/interns” to “student teacher/intern” throughout document*
- *Changes to Form 5600F1:*
 - *The Student Teacher/Intern will (bullet 2):*
 - *Change “Work 10 hours a week” to “Provide 10 hours of service per week”.*
- *Sidney Weldele-Wallace moved to adopt policy 5600 with the corrections noted above. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

School Calendar 2009/2010

- *Two proposed calendars were recently emailed and voted on by staff:*
 - *Option A: Classes held during the week of November 9th. This option would be very costly as Veterans' Day is in the middle of the week and would require student supervision on a holiday.*
 - *Option B: No classes held during the week of November 9th. This option would save the agency approximately \$20,000 in additional staff costs.*

- Pat Clothier moved that Option B be approved for the 2009/2010 school year. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Executive Session

The Executive Session was cancelled.

January meeting – January, 2009

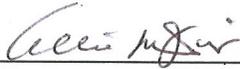
The January Board meeting has been cancelled as a cost saving measure. The Board Finance Committee members will meet in Olympia on January 13, 2009. A report will be brought back to the February Board meeting.

February Board meeting – February 6, 2009

The February Board meeting will be held on the Vancouver campus on Friday, February 6th (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.).

Adjournment

Gail Pollock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat Clothier seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:51p.m.



Allie "AJ" Joiner, Chair
WSD Board of Trustees



Rick Hauan, Superintendent
Washington School for the Deaf

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