

**WASHINGTON SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**December 14, 2007**

*Board Members:* Bonnie Decker (District #4)  
Allie Joiner (District #1)  
Pat Clothier (District #2)  
Gail Pollock (District #3)  
Char Parsley (District #5)  
Ariele Belo (District #7)  
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)  
Larry Swift (District #9)

*Absent:* Rita Reandeau (District #6)

*Legal Counsel:* Bonnie Terada, Legal Counsel

*Interim  
Superintendent:* Rick Hauan

*Guests:* Lorana Myers, Federation representative  
Carey Price, WSDAA representative  
Heidi Redford, PSO representative  
April Rounds, Human Recourses  
Lori Scheer-Matheson, WPEA representative  
Chuck McCarthy, Director of Business Operations  
Heather Abraham, Director of Outreach

*Recorder:* Judy Smith  
*Interpreters:* Elizabeth Morgan, Don Coates

*The meeting was called to order by Bonnie Decker at 9:01 a.m. It was determined that a quorum was present.*

*When guests are introduced any issues they wish to bring up during the Board meeting should be mentioned at that time.*

*Pat Clothier moved to amend the agenda to include committee reports on all future Board meeting agendas. Gail Pollock seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

**Budget Committee (Chuck McCarthy, Director of Business Operations)**

*The budget is on track even with several substantial equipment purchases that were recently made. The boiler project is on time and on budget. In approximately one year the Board would like to have a cost report and environmental information to see the effectiveness of the new boiler.*

*Construction plans will be brought and shared with the Board at the next meeting.*

*The Board would like to be kept apprised of any budgetary changes regarding capital projects.*

*Congratulations to the WSD staff on the outstanding audit review.*

**Minutes from November 9, 2007, meeting**

*Pat Clothier moved that the minutes from the November 9, 2007, meeting be approved. Sidney Weldele-Wallace seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*

**Superintendent Search (Larry Swift)**

*Seven applications have been received so far. The Board will review the applicants at the February meeting.*

*Plans were discussed regarding the "Meet the Candidate" evening on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Puget Sound ESD in Renton. The K-20 system will be used to connect to the four eastern Washington ESD's.*

*Larry Swift will contact Executive Careers and give the approval to set up the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Puget Sound ESD, including the K-20 sites. The Deaf Centers will be contacted to assist with interpreters at each of the sites. Allie Joiner will also be contacting Sprint to see if they can also assist with interpreters.*

**Policy Review**

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Honoraria (Policy: 5216)**
  - *Pat Clothier moved that the above policy be adopted as written. Char Parsley seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.*
- **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Stipends (Policy: 5217)**
  - *This policy will be a voted on at the next meeting.*

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

*The Interim Superintendent and Larry Swift met with the Puget Sound ESD Superintendents regarding ESHB 2246. It was requested that they attend the Special Education Directors meeting in January to discuss this topic.*

*There will be an "ASK WSD" videoconference on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) Since a quorum of Board members would like to be attend the meeting in their region a notification of a "special meeting" will be sent out.*

### **January Board Meeting**

*The next Board meeting will be held Friday, January 11, 2008. Topics will include:*

- *Report from the January 9<sup>th</sup> "ASK WSD" videoconference*
- *Follow up on ESHB 2246*
- *Construction project update and budget ramifications (one hour)*
- *Committee reports*
- *GMAP – HR Report Card*
- *Policy 5217 (Stipends): Second reading*

*Gail Pollock made a motion that the January meeting be held in Vancouver. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was approved with five in favor and three opposed.*

*The February meeting will be held in Olympia.*

### **Executive Session**

*The meeting closed for one hour to discuss individual student and personnel issues with the Interim Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 1:50 p.m.*

### **WSU/Vancouver Proposed Teacher of the Deaf Program (Bruce Romanish, Vice Chancellor, WSU/Vancouver)**

*WSU/Vancouver is proposing a deaf education teacher endorsement program. It would attract:*

- *Post baccalaureate candidates*
- *Individuals that are already teaching*

*WSU/Vancouver envisions several avenues for this program including: a summer institute, distance, and e-learning. The focus of the program would be either ASL or oral communication so all students can be served. Several legislators will be introducing a bill in the upcoming session so WSU/Vancouver can go ahead with these plans. The Board will be sent a copy of the bill as soon as it is drafted.*

### **Executive Session continued**

*The meeting closed at 2:40 p.m. for 10 minutes to finish a discussion regarding a staff issue with the Interim Superintendent and legal counsel. The meeting reopened at 2:50 p.m.*

### **Commendation**

*The Board would like to commend the staff on their outstanding work during the recent flooding.*

**Adjournment**

*Gail Pollock moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ariele Belo seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:58 p.m.*