

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 9, 2018**

Board Members: Maria Christianson (District #1)
Allie Joiner (District #2)
Nancy Sinkovitz (District #3)
Char Parsley (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)
Nancy Fitta (District #9)
Larry Swift (District #10)

Absent: Ariele Belo (District #7)

Executive Director: Rick Hauan
Superintendent: Shauna Bilyeu
Legal Counsel: Kim Witherspoon
Recorder: Judy Smith
Interpreters: Catherine Thomas, Daniel Mroz

Guests: Tom Galey, Director of Business Operations
Jessica Sydnor, Director of Human Resources

The board meeting was called to order by Char Parsley, chair, at 9:45 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of meeting minutes

Nancy Fitta moved to approve the February 2, 2018, meeting minutes. Maria Christianson seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved with one abstention as Sidney Weldele-Wallace did not attend the February 2nd meeting.

Board Finance Committee

Several capital expenditures required immediate attention and since the capital budget was not approved last year, we used general funds-state to cover necessary repairs. Now that the capital budget has been approved, expenditures can be transferred to the appropriate account.

Since there is not a Board meeting next month, the director of business operations will send out an interim budget report to the Board.

Welcome to CDHL's new Procurement Specialist

Harry Speelman, CDHL's new procurement specialist, was introduced to the Board. He comes to CDHL with over 20 years of state experience. Welcome Harry!

July 1st report – RCW 72.42.041(6)

The above law says that CDHL's Board of Trustees "Shall prepare and submit by July 1st of each even-numbered year a report to the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature which contains a detailed summary of the center's progress on performance objectives and the center's work, facility conditions, and revenues and costs of the center for the previous year and which contains those recommendations it deems necessary and advisable for the governor and the legislature to act on;"

The executive director and director of business operations will bring a draft report for the Board's review to the May 11 Board meeting.

Executive Session

The Board went into executive session at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(f) The board will now go into executive session to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge. This executive session will last 30 minutes.

The Board meeting reopened at 10:30 a.m.

Student Activity – Anthology of Poems (Lillian Hart, Zara Kelly, Aree Blackmeer, and teacher, Jenn Christianson)

The students gave each Board member a copy of their "Anthology of Poems". Lillian shared her poem from the recent ASL Flying Hands Literature competition. Congratulations on her third place medal. Zara and Aree entered the art portion of the competition and did very well.

The board was very impressed with the student's work and kudos to Jenn Christianson for inspiring them.

K-12 English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption (Shannon Graham, Curriculum & Assessment Coordinator)

Shannon Graham and Tyler DeShaw have worked together for the past two years researching various language arts curriculums.

The Board felt it would help if the school-wide profile for reading chart was color coded to indicate which students are new to WSD and which students have been at WSD for some time.

The following English Language Arts curriculums were reviewed and discussed:

- Writing
 - Elementary (K-5): Lucy Calkins Units of Study in Writing by Heinemann
 - Secondary (grades 7-12): Step Up to Writing by Voyager Sopris learning
- Reading
 - Elementary: Scholastic Guided Reading Program – Fiction Focus
 - Secondary:
 - AGS Illustrated Classics
 - Study Sync by McGraw-Hill
 - Practical ELA
- Interdisciplinary curriculum with bilingual focus
 - Life Skills
 - Applied ELA
 - Response to Intervention for reading

The curriculums reviewed include physical as well as digital resources.

Allie Joiner moved to approve the adoption of the curriculum reviewed at today's meeting. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

Seattle Public Schools and CDHL: Growth (Michael Dickneite, DHH Supervisor

Thanks to CDHL and the Board for their ongoing support. Seattle Public Schools (SPS) is very appreciative of the comprehensive review CDHL conducted regarding their DHH services. SPS and CDHL have an open contract that has been instrumental in providing professional development, in-classroom supports, workshops, etc.

Highlights:

- Each of the 10 educational interpreters at SPS have met the EIPA requirements. They currently have three openings for educational interpreters.
- SPS has an open contract with WSDS focusing on students with dual sensory loss.
- Pre-school services are contracted with HSDC (ASL), Listen & Talk (listening and spoken language), and Northwest School (SEE).
- TOPS is a district-wide K-8 "option school" with a social justice theme. Parents of deaf children can "opt-in" to the K-8 Deaf education magnet program at TOPS Elementary like all students who attend the various programs there.
- Roosevelt High School is the magnet school for DHH and currently has 10 students
- SPS has secured funds to send both their audiologist and SLP to Gallaudet for intensive language training.
- Three itinerant staff members serve all five service areas in Seattle Public Schools.
- Target 2021
 - Centralized magnet day program within SPS.
 - Dealing with transportation barriers.

- Not looking at replacing other programs but enhancing services for students in the greater Seattle metropolitan area.

Congratulations to Michael, SPS chief of support services, Wyeth Jesse, and the staff at SPS for their outstanding work.

Travel (policy 6213) – 1st reading

The Board reviewed proposed policy 6213 “Travel”. This policy will be brought back to the May meeting for a 2nd reading along with proposed “Travel Procedures” (6213P).

Executive Director’s report (Rick Hauan)

The Common Ground project recently received two grants from the Oberkötter Foundation:

- Board Relations (work between CEASD and OPTION boards) grant: \$108,000
- CEASD-OPTION 2018 Joint Conference grant: \$62,675.20
- The executive director is finalizing a grant end of the year reports and submission for the Common Ground group to continue their work this year.

Superintendent’s report (Shauna Bilyeu)

Two WSD students (both juniors) have been accepted to the 2018 NAD Youth Leadership Camp (YLC). YLC is an intensive educational four-week summer program for deaf and hard of hearing high school students.

Letters have been sent to parents regarding the National Walkout event to be held on Wednesday, March 14. Students from across the United States will be walking out of school for 17 minutes, representing the 17 individuals killed in the Parkland, Florida, shooting one month ago. There will be a student assembly on Monday where principal Jason Cox will discuss gun violence with smaller group discussions throughout the secondary department on Tuesday.

Three students, the superintendent and WSD’s social studies teacher attended CEASD’s Education and Advocacy Summit last week in Washington, D.C. The group spent a full day at Gallaudet, met with Senators Cantwell and Murray and visited several historical sites and museums.

Board committees

The Board is setting up three *additional* committees in addition to the current Finance committee. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May meeting for the following committees:

- Capital Project
- Policy
- Statewide Resources & Curriculum

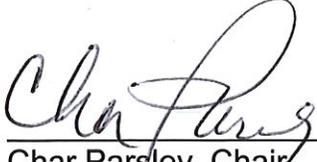
May 11th Board meeting agenda topics

- Review draft of the July 1st report in accordance with RCW 72.42.041(6)
- Presentation by students who recently visited Washington, D.C.

- Proposed Travel policy and procedures (6213 and 6213P)
- Executive Session
- Board summer retreat
- Locations/dates September 2018 through December 2019

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.



Char Parsley, Chair
CDHL Board of Trustees



Rick Huan, Executive director
CDHL Executive Director

05-11-2018

Date

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