

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR  
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
November 3, 2017**

Board Members: Allie Joiner (District #2)  
Nancy Sinkovitz (District #3)  
Char Parsley (District #5)  
Rita Reandeau (District #6)  
Ariele Belo (District #7)  
Nancy Fitta (District #9)  
Larry Swift (District #10)

Absent: Maria Christianson (District #1)  
Nita Kamphuis (District #4)  
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

Executive director: Rick Hauan  
Superintendent: Shauna Bilyeu  
Legal Counsel: Jennifer Mankowski-Dixon  
Recorder: Judy Smith  
Interpreters: Catherine Thomas, Rich Hall

Guests: Tom Galey, Director of Business Operations  
Kris Ching, Outreach Director (Birth to 5)  
Sarah Decker, Outreach Coordinator

The board meeting was called to order by Char Parsley, chair, at 9:55 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

The Board Chair read an email from Board member, Nita Kamphuis. Her new work commitments require her to stay in the district, therefore, she will be stepping down from the CDHL Board. Nita has made a tremendous contribution to the Board and she will be greatly missed.

Due to inclement weather around the state, both Michael Dickneite and Kris Ching's presentations have been cancelled.

**Approval of meeting minutes**

Rita Reandeau moved to approve the September 15, 2017, meeting minutes. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

**Board Finance Committee**

Good news! The Executive director and Director of Business Operations & Technology recent met with Kate Dave, Senior Budget Assistant and Justin Rogers, Capital Budget

Assistant to the Governor, regarding several budget questions. They suggested that CDHL submit a supplemental capital budget which was completed last week. Both Ms. Davis and Mr. Rogers were extremely helpful and their support is greatly appreciated.

The Board complimented the staff, especially Tom Galey, for all the hard work that went into creating and submitting a capital supplemental.

Larry Swift also wished to thank Tom Galey for providing detailed budget information at each Board Finance Committee meeting.

If there are legislators in your area you would like the Executive director or Superintendent to meet with, please let Judy Smith know.

### **Superintendent's report (Shauna Bilyeu)**

Highlights from the Superintendent's report:

- Enrollment continues to rise. Current enrollment is now 101.
- Many parents and family members attended Open House and Homecoming, both held in October.
- WSD recently purchased IEP (Individualized Education Plan) Spanish translation for our increasing number of Hispanic families.
- D.E.A.F. (Deaf Education Advocacy Foundation) has offered mini grants (up to \$1,000) to staff. They will be reviewing the submissions at their next board meeting.
- WSD's Jr. NAD officers will be attending the Jr. NAD conference in November. The conference will be held in Ashland, Nebraska. Amy Blades, School Counselor, is the sponsor of this group.
- The Superintendent is a member of the CEASD board. She recently attended their annual retreat in Hartford, Connecticut. The topic of discussion was to re- envision the group's 3-year goals as well as issues the deaf education field are facing.
- The Superintendent also attended the recent NASDSE (National Association of State Directors of Special Education) conference held in Portland. She had the opportunity to meet with Glenna Gallo, OSPI's new special education assistant superintendent who replaced Doug Gill when he retired.
- OSPI's special education advisory council visited and toured the WSD campus. The council members were very impressed with WSD and their programs.

Note from the executive director: CDHL has many great leaders in Washington who are changing deaf education in the state and the nation. Thanks to the Board for their continued support.

### **Outreach coordinator's report (Sarah Decker)**

Comment from CDHL's executive director: Sarah has done a beautiful job in putting data together. She has gone above and beyond. Thank you Sarah for a great job!

Comments:

- Two new ASL specialists have joined CDHL's statewide outreach team to help with the numerous requests from school districts:
  - Sean Broderick
  - Jer Loudenback
- The Board is very appreciative of the expanded reports in the packet.

**Elementary Pumpkin Patch Field Trip: Building Social Capital (April McArthur, Elementary Principal and Director of Bilingual Services; Pamela Whitney, Pre-school teacher)**

A PowerPoint entitled "Deaf bilinguals learn when taught capital as a life navigational tool". The recent visit by the elementary students to the pumpkin patch provided a wonderful opportunity to build "social capital" (understanding of self and ability to navigate relationships) for both the students and parents.

**Policy review – 1<sup>st</sup> reading**

- Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) – Student Committee (Policy: 3403)
  - Comments:
    - Inclusiveness. During Homecoming, Prom, etc. several school districts are now using the term "Royal Court" instead of king and queen.
    - What's the difference between a club and a committee?
    - What is the focus of this policy?
    - Would like information from the authors of this policy.
- Senior Trips (Policy: 3531)
  - Comments:
    - The superintendent must first approve the proposal.
    - Board member Nancy Sinkovitz is not comfortable with the policy as written.
  - What costs do students and CDHL currently pay for the senior trip?
    - CDHL pays for the staff costs. An overnight creates the need for more staffing. The longer the distance, the greater the risk.
    - Seniors must raise funds for entertainment, travel and lodging.
    - Legal counsel: A non-educational trip would be considered a gift of state funds and prohibited.
  - Educational component
    - What satisfies the educational component? Would it include pre-learning in school and a summary after the experience?
    - Have to be clear in the policy and/or procedure what "valid educational experience" means.
    - What do students think about having an educational component in their senior trip? How much learning are they willing to incorporate in their senior trip? The Board would like input on these two questions?
    - Define field trip vs. senior trip
    - Would like input from the supervisory perspective
    - Would like input from the student's perspective (Jr. NAD)

- The Board has asked the executive director and superintendent to work on this policy and report back at a future Board meeting.

**Seattle Update (Rick Hauan)**

Good progress on a regional program. Will be holding community forums in the future. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, Michael Dickneite, DHH supervisor for Seattle Public Schools, was unable to present at today's meeting. He will be rescheduled for the February meeting.

**Future Board meeting date changes:**

The following 2018 Board meeting dates have been changed (change noted in red):

- February 9, 2018 to February 2, 2018 (Olympia)
- September 14, 2018 to September 21, 2018

Rita Reandeau moved to approve Board meeting date changes noted above. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

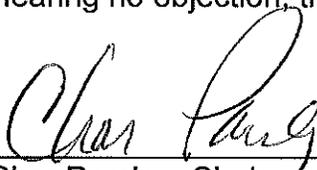
**Executive Session**

The Board went into executive session pursuant to 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...." at 1:13 p.m. for 20 minutes. The meeting reopened at 1:33 and went back into executive session for an additional 10 minutes. The meeting reopened at 1:42 p.m.

Rita Reandeau moved to adjourn the Board meeting early due to inclement weather. Larry Swift seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

**Adjournment**

Hearing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

  
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Char Parsley, Chair  
CDHL Board of Trustees

  
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Rick Hauan, Executive director  
CDHL Executive Director

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