

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS**

Special BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 4, 2016

Board Members: Maria Christianson (District #1)
Allie Joiner (District #2)
Nancy Sinkovitz (District #3)
Nita Kamphuis (District # 4)
Ariele Belo (District #7)
Nancy Fitta (District #9) (via K-20)
Larry Swift (District #10)

Absent: Char Parsley (District #5)
Rita Reandeau (District #6)
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Executive Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Recorder: Judy Smith

Interpreters: Danni Keller, Tamara Moxham

Guests: Jessica Sydnor, Director of Business Operations
Lorana Myers, Procurement

Congratulations to the Terriers for winning WSBC! All students that attended the competition were commended for their great attitude and sportsmanship. Kudos to the coaches for their outstanding leadership!

Since both the chair and vice-chair were absent, the Board must elect a chair pro tem in accordance with WAC 148-100-030.

Larry Swift moved to appoint Nita Kamphuis as chair pro tem for the February 4, 2016 meeting. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

The meeting was called to order by Nita Kamphuis, chair pro tem, at 9:54 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

WSD's 130th birthday celebration

WSD's birthday celebration was a huge success – what a great evening! Thanks to Nancy Fitta for suggesting a change to the meeting date so Board members could attend the festivities.

Minutes – October 30, 2015

Allie Joiner moved to approve the October 30, 2015, meeting minutes. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved

Board Finance Committee Report

CDHL is in a sound financial position with a substantial projected savings at the end of the fiscal year. The bulk of savings realized will be used to conduct a technology audit. ESD 112 will be working with staff to identify technology needs. With this information they will be able to submit a technology plan for the future. CDHL/WSD will also be working closely with John Dickenson, international prominent deaf architect, on an emergency notification system.

Tom Galey, new Director of Business Operations, was able to meet with the Board Finance Committee this morning. He will start on March 14th. Congratulations Tom!

Reports Discussion

Executive Director, Rick Hauan

- Both the executive director and superintendent traveled last week to Atlanta to continue work on the Washington/Georgia partnership. It was a very powerful connection and more information regarding this partnership will be shared at future meetings. We were awarded a grant to pay for these activities.
- OSPI's memorandum No. 003-16M "Student Enrollment in State Schools that are Identified as the Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss (CCDHL) and Washington State School for the Blind (WSSB) was distributed and discussed. Unfortunately, there are more questions than answers. The executive director and superintendent are working with OSPI and the AG's office to answer those questions as this would change how we fundamentally do business. The Board thanked the executive director and his staff for taking the lead on searching for clarification of the various issues brought up in this memo. The executive director, superintendent and director of business operations will be meeting with the superintendent of WSSB right after this meeting to discuss the memorandum. The Board will be updated as more information is gathered.
- A hearing was held regarding HB 2324 (Concerning Educational Interpreters) on January 19th. The executive director was given permission by the Governor's office to oppose the bill. HB 2324 never made it out of the House Committee on Education. Thanks to Allie Joiner for attending the hearing.
- Program reviews for the Central Kitsap and Issaquah School Districts began last November. The interest is high in these districts and the staff is eager to discuss services CDHL has to offer.

- Statewide Outreach Team members Cathy Corrado and Amy Kyler recently visited the Seattle Public Schools program and were very impressed with their progress. They observed classrooms where instruction was leading towards goals and connecting language for students. The Vision and DHH Supervisor for Seattle Public Schools was very impressed with the positive instruction being provided to their DHH students. Kudos to both Cathy and Amy for their outstanding work.
- The contract with Tacoma Public Schools has been signed and outreach services are being provided.
- The Board members would like to have a more in-depth outreach report at the next meeting. This report should include information regarding specific projects as well as the work being done in the birth to five program.

Superintendent, Jane Mulholland

- Common Ground Project
 - Upcoming presentations:
 - ACE-DHH Conference, February 2016 in New York City – keynote speakers
 - CEASD presentation, April 2016 in Kansas City
 - EHDl Annual Meeting, March 2016 in San Diego
 - OPTIONS Conference, May 2016 in Nashville
 - AG Bell Conference, June/July 2016 in Denver. The Common Ground Project members are hoping to meet with the Director of AG Bell in March.
 - The Oberkotter Foundation grant has been renewed for 2016 with an increase in funding to support the work of the Common Ground Project.
 - The Oberkotter Foundation also approved a second grant to continue work on the Washington/Georgia partnership.
 - The Common Ground Shared Understandings have been approved by both CEASD and OPTIONS and have been posted on their respective websites.

Policy review – 2nd reading

- Policy 2145: Suicide Prevention

Larry Swift moved to adopt Policy 2145: Suicide Prevention. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

- Policy 3210: Nondiscrimination – Students
 - Corrections
 - First page/first line: delete “educational”
 - Second page/first line: replace “administrators and certificated and classroom personnel” with “all staff”

Nancy Fitta moved to adopt Policy 3210: Nondiscrimination – Students with the corrections noted above. Nancy Sinkovitz seconded the motion. It was voted on and

approved.

- Policy 3211: Transgender Students
 - There was concern expressed with the wording in this policy. The policy will be brought back for a 3rd reading at the March 25th meeting.

Note: Legal counsel is working to revise and update CDHL's administrative code. The revisions will be added to the April Board agenda.

CEASD Accreditation & Strategic Plan (Shauna Bilyeu, Principal)

The CEASD Accreditation review team made several recommendations in their final report. Standard 2: Governance and Leadership had the following recommendation for CDHL's Board of Trustees:

- The CEASD Accreditation team recommends the Washington School for the Deaf Board of Trustees continue its proactive efforts in Olympia to identify and seek resources for the school.

A written report addressing the above recommendation is due within five years. Several possible areas to include:

- Opposition of HB 2324: Concerning Educational Interpreters
- Minor works projects
- Student partnerships
- Work done with OSPI

An email was received recently from CEASD recommending WSD for full accreditation. The certificate will be presented at the upcoming CEASD conference in April.

A Strategic Planning (SP) committee has been set up with the purpose of providing oversight to focus group work and report progress to school stakeholders. This committee will use the goals and recommendations from the CEASD report to create an action plan. The Board is very interested in this process and would like to devote one Board meeting a year to learn about updates, recommendations and plans that are emerging from this committee's work. Out of the 14 recommendations very few will go to the SP committee but will be distributed to the departments who are most qualified to address the recommendation. Kudos to Shauna Bilyeu for leading this process and to the members of the SP committee for their commitment to WSD's students and staff.

AdvancEd Accreditation

AdvancEd Accreditation team visited WSD on December 16-17. In their report received January 13, 2015, they asked WSD to create a schoolwide student monitoring system and submit an action plan by December 2016.

Executive Session

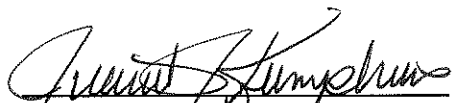
The Executive Session portion of the agenda was cancelled.

Superintendent Search

It was decided to conduct the Superintendent search ourselves rather than hire an outside firm. Sample recruitment packets were distributed to Board members. The last week of April has been set aside to screen applicants.

Adjournment

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Nita Kamphuis, Chair Pro Tem
CDHL Board of Trustees

3/25/16

Date



Rick Hauan, Executive Director
CDHL

3/25/16

Date

