

**WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR  
CHILDHOOD DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 6, 2015**

Board Members: Maria Christianson (District #1)  
Allie Joiner (District #2)  
Nancy Sinkovitz (District #3)  
Nita Kamphuis (District # 4)  
Char Parsley (District #5)  
Rita Reandeau (District #6)  
Nancy Fitta (District #9)  
Larry Swift (District #10)

Absent: Ariele Belo (District #7)  
Sidney Weldele-Wallace (District #8)

Legal Counsel: Bonnie Terada

Executive Director: Rick Hauan

Superintendent: Jane Mulholland

Recorder: Judy Smith  
Interpreters: Julie Moore, Don Coates

Guests: Jessica Sydnor, Business Services Manager

The meeting was called to order by Char Parsley, vice-chair, at 9:37 a.m. It was determined a quorum was present.

**Minutes – February 6, 2015**

Correction: (page 2 under Board Packet Discussion – 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet) Change “forms” to forums. Nita Kamphuis moved to approve the February 6, 2015, meeting minutes with the noted correction. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

**Finance Committee Report**

The budget is looking good year-to-date. Legislative hearings on our budget have occurred in both the House of Representatives and Senate. Both operating & capital requests have been received positively as well.

Minor Works – CDHL requested \$1,000,000 for campus preservation and \$1,600,000 to upgrade the HVAC system and repair the doors in the cottages.

If approved, our capital request would enable us to move forward with the design of the new academic building.

The end of the regular legislative session is scheduled for April 26, 2015.

The Board would like to receive regular budget information prior to each meeting.

### **Report Discussions**

- WSD hosted the ESD Special Education Director's meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. All nine Special Ed. Director's or their representative came together to learn about WSD's academic, residential, and outreach programs. Thanks to Renee Cunningham and her staff for the wonderful lunch.
- CDHL is committed to attending all ESD Special Ed. Director's meetings. Representatives from the Statewide Outreach Team attend meetings in their district and bring back information to share with the team. This is a great way to build personal connections with each ESD.

### **Deaf Academic Bowl (DAB) Team (Tyler DeShaw, Team Sponsor)**

WSD's Deaf Academic Bowl team members this year are: Jeremy Descloux, Randall Smith, Kyle Culmer and Miguel Peregrino. Team sponsor is Tyler DeShaw. The DAB team participated in the Western Regional Academic Bowl, held at the Oregon School for the Deaf, over the President's Day weekend. The competition was fierce and WSD's team did a great job. Next year the Western Regional Academic Bowl will be held at the California School for the Deaf in Fremont.

Thanks to the team and their sponsor; it takes courage and self-confidence to participate in this type of competition and the Board is very proud of you all.

The Superintendent shared that the staff sponsor of this event and other similar activities where students participate in off-campus competitions are not paid for the extra time that it takes to support an event. Also, students must fundraise for travel expenses. D.E.A.F. (Deaf Education Advocacy Foundation) is starting to provide more support for this type of activity but it would be nice to have financial support from CDHL/WSD as well. The Board asked the Executive Director to gather information on the various activities and support needed and share it at a future meeting.

### **Accreditation Update (Shauna Bilyeu)**

Copies of the "Report of the External Review Team for Washington School for the Deaf" were distributed to the Board members.

AdvancED accreditation team visited WSD in December 2014. The focus of the visit was on three areas:

- Impact of teaching and learning
- Capacity of leadership
- Use of resources

WSD did extremely well and was scored over the network average in most areas. There were three areas of improvement listed in the report:

- Create formal oversight over the library and media services.

- Create a technology plan which addresses the infrastructure and technology equipment necessary to meet the teaching, learning, and operational needs at WSD.
- Establish a formal means to quickly and effectively communicate the need for implementing a school lockdown or other emergency protocols.

The accreditation team emphasized the importance of using data to drive instruction. A committee to review and revise the School Improvement Plan (SIP) will be set up at the beginning of the 2015/2016 school year. The SIP will be connected to CDHL/WSD's Strategic Plan.

The Board members commended Shauna Bilyeu for her outstanding leadership during the accreditation process. Also, the Board wished to compliment the staff and thank them for all their hard work in helping WSD receive such a wonderful recommendation.

Note: The Executive Session has been moved to 2 p.m.

**National Association of the Deaf, Presentation at Department of Health (April McArthur, Bilingual Services Director)**

The National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Board met on the WSD campus on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The group toured the campus and learned about WSD's academic and residential programs. WSD's Jr. NAD club had breakfast with the NAD Board members.

The NAD Board was very impressed with WSD saying the students were confident and asked great questions and staff clearly respected the students. They were also impressed with WSD's vocational and transition programs.

April McArthur and Krissy Walker (ASL Assistant) have been asked to present at two upcoming Washington State Newborn Hearing Screening Meetings:

- June 1: Sacred Heart Children's Hospital, Spokane
- June 26: Seattle Children's Hospital

Congratulations April and Krissy!

**Reports continued**

The Executive Director has attended and co-facilitated several parent/community forums recently:

- January 22: Spokane Public Schools
- February 24: Seattle Public Schools
  - 100-125 people attend
  - Broke into focus groups
  - Very emotional meeting, parents were shouting at Seattle Public Schools Executive Director of Special Education

Future parent/community forums are:

- March 26: Spokane Public Schools
- May 19: Seattle Public Schools

### **April 3, 2015 Board of Trustees meeting**

Larry Swift moved to cancel the April 3, 2015, Board meeting. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

### **Strategic Plan**

A sample of the proposed Strategic Plan was distributed and discussed. The Board would like the Strategic Plan separated into the three responsibilities:

1. To manage and direct the activities for the state school for the deaf (Washington School for the Deaf – WSD);
2. Provide statewide leadership and support to coordinate regionally delivered educational services in the full range of communication modalities, for children who are deaf or hard of hearing;
3. Expand system capacity at the local and statewide level by collaborating with appropriate public and private partners for the training and professional development of educators serving children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
  - In this section address what needs to be done in the next 10 years and what is needed to do it.

Goals should include strengths, weaknesses, opportunity, and gaps. This is going to be rewritten with baseline, goal, and activities.

The Board approved the format. A final draft will be presented at the May meeting.

### **Policy Review**

#### **2nd Reading**

- Ethical Conduct (Policy 5241)

Larry Swift moved to adopt policy 5241 - Ethical Conduct. Rita Reandeau seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

#### **3rd Reading**

- Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity (Policy 5220)
- Nutrition and Physical Fitness (Policy 6701)

Nita Kamphuis moved to adopt policy 5220 – Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity and policy 6701 – Nutrition and Physical Fitness. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

#### **Revocation of Policy 6600 – Frequent Flyer Miles**

- This policy is in conflict with current state ethics rulings so must be revoked.

Larry Swift moved to revoke policy 6600 – Frequent Flyer Miles. Nancy Fitta seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved.

### **CEASD Conference**

If you know of any organizations related to the Deaf Community that would be willing to become a sponsor or is interested in donating to the silent auction, please let Jane Mulholland know.

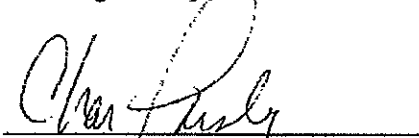
If you wish to attend either the CEASD Conference (April 17-19) and/or National Outreach Conference (April 16-17), contact Judy Smith and she will take care of your registration.

**Executive Session**

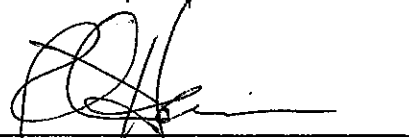
The Board went into Executive Session at 2:15 p.m. for 10 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) "To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee...." The meeting reopened at 2:30 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Hearing no objections the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.



Char Parsley, Vice-Chair  
CDHL Board of Trustees



Rick Hauan, Executive Director  
CDHL

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Date

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