

****WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING YOUTH
Board of Trustees Meeting**
August 20, 2020**

*** In response to restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted via videoconferencing.*

Board Members

District	Board Member Name	Officer	Present	Absent
1	Maria Christianson		X	
2	Allie Joiner		X	
3	Nancy Sinkovitz		X	
4	Nita Kamphuis			Excused
5	Char Parsley		X	
6	Jennifer Acuña		X	
7	Ariele Belo	Vice-chair		Excused
8	Sidney Weldele-Wallace		X	
9	Nancy Fitta	Chair	X	
10	Wes Henson		X	

Leadership Staff

Name	Title	Present	Absent
Rick Hauan	Executive Director	X	
Shauna Bilyeu	Superintendent	X	
Tsering Cornell	Legal Counsel	X	
Erica Rader	Recorder	X	
Kai Matthews	Director, Business Operations	X	
Jessica Sydnor	Director, Human Resources	X	
Kris Ching	Director, Outreach, Birth-5	X	
Carol Carrothers	Director, Outreach, K-12	X	

Interpreters

Name
Emily Dahl
Tammy Adams

Registered Guests

Name	Role
No Guests Present	

Board Business

Nancy Fitta, chair, called the Board meeting to order at 3:00PM. It was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of meeting minutes

1. Board Meeting Minutes from July 28, 2020 were reviewed.
2. Char indicated she was present at the July 28, 2020 meeting and the minutes indicate she was absent. Erica will correct to reflect her presence.

Sidney Weldele-Wallace moved to approve the July 28, 2020, meeting minutes with the corrections made. Allie Joiner seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved.

Safe Start Reopening Plan

Shauna referred to the School Reopening Plan which is in the Board packet. This a new requirement this year which is required to be filed with OSPI two weeks prior to the first day of school. Shauna indicated she developed this plan in collaboration with the Executive Leadership Team and the Safe Start Committee after reviewing many plans from other districts across the state. The Reopening Plan calls for opening the school year with Pre-K, Kindergarten/1st grade for 4 days a week on a rotating schedule. Taking equity and access for all students into consideration, no residential students are placed in the Pre-K, Kindergarten/1st grade programs. Parents have been contacted and we only have one parent who is still deciding if they want to send their child to campus for school. Our school SLC's will provide transportation to students who need it.

- Q.** Nancy Fitta inquired if the Board needed to approve this plan before it was sent to OSPI as they do in public schools?
- A.** Rick indicated we are structured differently than local school districts since we are a school and a state agency. The governing authority remains under the Executive Director who is appointed by the Governor, which is different then public schools. So we have already submitted this plan to OSPI.
- Q.** Maria inquired what will happen to the staff who worked in the cottages?
- A.** Shauna indicated we are going to open the cottages virtually to all students for social and emotional support similar to what we did last spring.
- Q.** Sidney inquired as to what we are doing as to attestation come October?
- A.** Shauna indicated we will not have students back on campus in October. Once we begin integrating students back to campus we will have SLC's doing temp checks of students getting on the buses. We also have a screening app called Qualtrics for the attestation.
- Q.** Allie inquired when we get to 10/31/2020 will we have a lottery to see who gets to come back to school?
- A.** Shauna indicated we are not doing a lottery. We have to provide equality and full access to education.

Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2021-2024

Kai Matthews, Director of Business Operations & Technology

Kai indicated in page 38 of the Board Packet you will see the decision packages to be voted on. There are two decision packages for our operating budgets. We are not requesting new money per OFM guidance in those packages. There are also two decision packages for Capital Projects.

Guidelines from OFM require that our budget request incorporate the 15% budget reduction exercise we developed in the spring into our operating budget requests. You will find that is the first decision package. The second budget request transfers legislative funding for the Interpreter Mentor program from OSPI to CDHY. OSPI is in support of the transfer.

- Q.** Allie inquired of Carol about the bill sent up for educational interpreters and whatever happened with that bill.
- A.** Carol indicated it moved to the Governors office for signature but didn't get signed due to COVID-19, but we will try again next year.

Kai indicated the two decision packages for capital projects include one package for \$50 million for a new school and PE building. Kai indicated we will ask for the money even though we may not get it. The second package is for minor works and small repairs which include:

- Repairs to the lower level parking lot
- The HVAC system
- Update to the fiber internet system
- Pump house repair at the football stadium

Rick indicated that there has been a lot of social media buzz about WSD shutting down. We are not shutting down WSD. We are doing everything in our power to keep us open and growing. We need to stay strong and united and let everyone know that we are here for the children and families.

- Q.** Allie inquired about the letter sent by Randy. She indicated that there are a lot of people that don't understand what is involved and not sure how we want to respond to his letter. It seems that we need to communicate with the deaf community. It's a complicated issue and the Board is doing the best it possibly can.

Jessica clarified "Randy" to which Allie is referring is actually Randall Smith, a former student of WSD.

- A.** Rick indicated that he did respond to Randall and copied the Board on his reply. He also inquired of Allie if she had any recommendations in mind on how to reach out to the deaf community.

- Q. Allie indicated with COVID it's more of a challenge, and indicated when we can we should have meetings throughout the state we should attend in person. That would be a good first step, but would have to happen later on since it would be a challenge right now with COVID. We could try and get out a letter or a blog/vlog.
- Q. Char indicated that maybe the school and staff can come up with a blog/vlog to indicate what the issues involved are, and let them know we are in this together and show everyone we are working together to continue services. We could ask deaf agencies and Deaf centers across the state to help get the word out. Char also indicated there is CDHY Facebook page that doesn't look associated with WSD or CDHY.
- A. Rick indicated he will look into the CDHY Facebook page and attempt to remedy the information sharing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public Comments

Adjournment


Seeing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:40PM.




Nancy Fitta, Chair
CDHY Board of Trustees



Date



Richard Hauan
CDHY Executive Director



Date