

****WASHINGTON STATE CENTER FOR
DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING YOUTH
Board of Trustees Meeting**
January 29, 2021**

*** 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		X	
5	Char Parsley		X	
6	Jennifer Acuña		X	
7	Ariele Belo	Vice-chair	X	
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	
Jessica Sydnor	Director, Human Resources	X	
Kris Ching	Director, Outreach, Birth-5	X	
Carol Carrothers	Director, Outreach, K-12	X	

Interpreters

Name
Abel Constentino
Emily Dahl

Registered Guests

Name	Role

Board Business

Nancy Fitta, chair, called the Board meeting to order at 10:01. It was determined a quorum was present.

Nancy Fitta goes over the expectations for participating in the meeting through Zoom.

Please keep your video off unless you have a comment. When you are ready to participate or make a comment turn your video on and raise your hand.

Approval of meeting minutes

Nita moved to approve the December 4, 2020, meeting minutes with no changes. Wes seconded the motion. The motion passed and the minutes are approved.

Director's Report

Rick Hauan, Executive Director

Rick indicated it has been a busy month. We have been working on recruitment efforts for various positions in our agency. Rick indicated he included our Human Resources in relation to recruitment in his Executive Director report included in his Board Packet. Rick opened discussion if there are any questions about the activities identified in his report.

- A. Char inquired if we are going to be able to find a qualified person to replace Kai.
- Q. Rick indicated we have posted the position for the Director of Business Operations, and it has been up for about 3 weeks. There are 3 highly qualified candidates as of now. We will still be able to utilize Kai in training purposes since he now works with Department of Enterprise Services (DES).
- Q. Wes inquired about the OSPI and PESB meetings and certification requirements mentioned in the Executive Director's report. He also would like more information about the mobile audiology lab.
- A. Rick indicated the OSPI and PESB meeting identified in his report is actually one meeting with two agencies. The work group is reviewing certification requirements:
- ASL as a world language;
 - ASL taught as a Career Technical Education class
 - Teacher of the Deaf certification requirements; and,
 - National Board certification.

This work group which has been assembled by PESB has been charged with the task of reviewing certification requirements for Washington state teachers. There will be a separate work group that will meet later this spring to review the requirements for Educational Interpreter for the deaf.

In response to the question relating to the mobile audiology lab, Kalani Cox, Director of Audiology, has been gathering info for several years to design the lab and identify staffing needs related to the use of the mobile audiology lab. Dr. Cox has been working with Kai Matthews on developing specifications and needs related to the acquisition of a van with audiology equipment. This mobile lab will allow CDHY to deploy services across the state with a mobile audiology booth. The intention is to provide support to children, youth and their families in areas of the state where services are not available or are extremely difficult to access. Kalani has been in contact with the Georgia Department of Education and in the

state of Utah, where they have implemented this type of mobile audiology system.

Jennifer Acuna and Sidney Weldele-Wallace present at 10:08am

Superintendent's Report

Shauna Bilyeu, Superintendent

We are continuing to hold steady with enrollment numbers. Almost half of our enrollment numbers are local students. We are working on trying to get them back to in-person instruction and residential setting. The logistics of coordinating this support given the current science has been shifting and is quite challenging. Our target is still to have students return later this spring. Currently, we are operating two cottages in a hybrid model. We are using the data we gather for this pilot as we plan for the future increase of students returning to campus, both in the cottages and in other environments such as at meal time, instruction while maintaining social distancing. We want to see how the cottage hybrid goes as we continue to develop plans for re-opening. We will be meeting with parents soon to identify who wants to learn more about our school reopening efforts.

For students returning this weekend, they will have breakfast, lunch & dinner in the cottages. Student Life Counselors will be in cottages around the clock. Students selected for this pilot were chosen first because they were most impacted by instructional or technology barriers while learning in a remote environment. In two weeks we plan to add another group of students. And then additional students in stages after that. Currently, we have more girls than boys based on the criteria established on access needs.

At this time, we are not certain what the future roll-out will look like however, we will continue to evaluate individual needs and return priority based on instructional, social emotional and access needs. For all staff and students, masks are required at all times in public spaces. Students may remove their masks in their own rooms or if outside and allowed when staff indicate it is safe to do so, such as athletic participation. Shauna indicated she has contacted parents directly to help them understand all expectations. Parents have also been informed they will need to come and get their child if they show symptoms of being ill. Everyone is excited to see more students return to campus. We are taking into accounts all of the variables we can as we plan on a safe return.

Our construction efforts are continuing. The roofing is complete on Deer East and Deer West cottages. These are the cottages students will be returning to on Sunday. Roofing will move to Mac West and Mac East next followed by Watson East and West. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning is complete in both Deer cottages as well.

We are continuing to prepare and moving forward with building demolition/deconstruction. We are still on track to have the four buildings removed including Epperson, the old kitchen/cafeteria building, the Red Barn and the Boiler House. We are committed to preserving our heritage and have contracted with ESD 112

to develop four historical documents. We received permission from the FAA and Pearson Air Field to have drone shots of our campus. We have completed four series of outside shots of the buildings with the drone. Next they will do a helicopter ride to get aerial photos. In addition to photo documentation, we have arranged for interviews of some of our alumni. Currently, we have interviews scheduled with; Larry Peterson, Randal Smith, David Born and Gerrienne Henley-Born.

WSD turns 135 on February 3, 2021. WSDAA calls it "new beginnings for us," because for the first time in 135 years we did not open with in-person instruction this past fall. With the new age of technology, we are able to operate remotely.

Recently, we had a school spirit competition with Oregon School for the Deaf (OSD). No one declared a winner (but we believe we won!). ☺ We are thankful to OSD since it was their idea to put the competition together. We have recently begun professional development with OSD. We have never been able to do so before and believe this is a great opportunity. Flying hands Poetry competition will be held virtual this year.

Nancy Fitta commended Shauna for all the planning and hard work she is doing to bring kids back to campus. Nita Kamphuis also commended Shauna on her work bringing kids back. The board recognized that this coordinated effort requires great leadership and a dedicated staff. They wish to send their sincere thanks to the staff and leaders at CDHY and WSD for their dedication and innovation to keep serving students over the past year and as we begin the re-opening process. Hands waving!!

Outreach Report

Kris Ching, Outreach Birth-5

Kris indicated her report was in the Board packet and would answer any questions from the Board if they have any.

The Board did not have any questions.

Carol Carrothers, Outreach K-12

Carol indicated the Outreach Team has been working hard on providing professional development for educators across our state as we have seen a shift in service needs due to school closures. Over the past several months, our professional development series which occur on the third Tuesday of each month has seen on average 80 people attending these webinars. This series of professional development trainings were designed for general education teachers, and other professionals who do not have a background in deaf education. We have been pleasantly surprised that these trainings have been so widely accepted by general education teachers and service providers.

Carol informed the Board she will be retiring after 42 years in Deaf ED on September 1, 2021.

Nita Kamphuis congratulated Carol on her retirement and gave a shout out to the whole Outreach team. Nita was informed her students were struggling socially and emotionally. So she reached out to Carol, Erica Pedro, Julie Spignor and Regina McGinnis and they were able to help with very little notice.

Nancy Fitta commended Carol on the webinars they are doing for non-deaf educators. She is receiving great feedback about the series and looks forward to upcoming trainings.

Q. Nancy Fitta inquired if people who attend those webinars are added to a mailing list to be invited to future webinars?

A. Carol indicated yes they are. After the first webinar they attend they are added to a list for future webinars.

Nancy Sinkovitz congratulated Carol on her retirement and let her know she will be missed.

Allie also congratulated Carol on her retirement and indicated she is sad to see her go.

Executive Session

Board Chair, Nancy Fitta announced the Board would be moving into Executive Session. Ms. Fitta stated "It is 10:40am We are going to enter Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (f) "To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee;" RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) and, RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) " ... to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency."

Board entered Executive Session at 10:40am

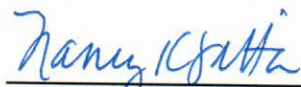
Board re-opened into open session at 10:55am

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public Comments

Adjournment


Seeing no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:59am



Nancy Fitta, Chair
CDHY Board of Trustees

Date

2-26-21



Richard Huan
CDHY Executive Director

Date

2/26/21