

West Virginia Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Minutes
May 22, 2008

WV School for the Deaf
Administration Building
Romney, West Virginia

Commission Members Present:	Commission Members Absent:	Visitors:
Doug Godfrey	Gary Vandevander	Harriett Fitzgerald
Pierre Sevigny	Dr. Charles Abraham	Paula Forman
John Knisely	Melinda Siler	Connie Pitman
Molly Simonton	James Ennis	Sherry Thompson
Marty Blakely	Jennifer Burgess	
Emily Hopta	Michael Sullivan	Interpreters:
Annette Carey		Teresa McGonigle
Pat Moss	Staff:	Jennifer Casto
Barbara King	Roy Forman (Deputy Director)	
Pam Roush	Kari Preslar (Secretary)	
Dr. Patsy Shank		

I. Call to Order

Doug Godfrey called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

II. Reading of the Mission Statement and Introductions

Dr. Patsy Shank read the mission statement.

III. Minutes

The minutes from the March 27, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Pierre Sevigny made the motion to approve the minutes. Marty Blakely seconded. Motion approved.

IV. Staff Report

Staff report was reviewed.

Old Business

V. Deaf Tech Fair

Roy reported on a successful fair. Approximately 130 people attended. Ubi-Duo sold four units as a result of being there. They were very pleased. Doug sent a letter to Molly Simonton, Jennifer Casto and Leigh-Ann Brewer for their help in getting their students to volunteer in the Children's Activity Room. Roy shared a photo album that his wife, Paula, put together.

VI. Deaf Child's Bill of Rights

Following a long discussion, Pat Moss made the motion for WVCDHH to take the initiative to create a task force with stakeholders including the Department of Education,

Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Rehabilitation Services, School for the Deaf, and interested parents to create a West Virginia Deaf Child's Bill of Rights. Pierre Sevigny seconded. Motion approved. Doug will send a letter to the parents who brought us the document last meeting letting them know our plans.

VII. NAD Conference

Doug has received approval from DHHR to attend the conference in New Orleans on behalf of the Commission.

VIII. Interim Executive Director

Doug reported that the Department of Administration Division of Personnel did not approve Roy Forman to be the interim executive director due to the executive director position and the deputy director position are both listed in the same classification. Dr. Shank made the motion to write a proposal to DOP requesting them to create the classification of Executive Director. Then if DOP approves this change that effective July 1, 2008 Roy be named the Interim Executive Director until the position is filled. Pierre seconded. Motion approved.

New Business

IX. Workshop

Kari reported that the Commission will be sponsoring a workshop on June 14 in South Charleston. Jennifer Casto will teach "American Sign Language for Elementary Settings."

X. Executive Session

Molly Simonton made the motion to go into Executive Session. Marty Blakely seconded. Motion approved.

Barbara King is the alternate member on the Search Committee.

The board developed a list of questions for the Search Committee to use.

XI. Adjournment

Molly made the motion to adjourn. Pierre seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.