



## EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



Sept 23, 2019

### 1. OPENING ITEMS

#### 1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors was called to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Board Room at WCSD Administration Building on 425 E 9<sup>th</sup> St, Reno, NV.

#### 1.02 Roll Call

President Dave Bianchi and Board members Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff (4:20), Melissa Burnham, Melissa Deadmond, Lauren Garfinkel, Bill Fong, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Ben Rogers, Eric Scheetz, Ann Silver, and Jill Tolles were present at roll call.

Members Brent Boynton, Joe Cline, Mariluz Garcia, Nanette Quitt, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, and John Slaughter were absent.

Staff included Brittani Haggerty.

#### 1.03 Public Comment None.

#### 1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda

**On motion by Ben Rogers, second by Melissa Burnham, the Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.** Yea/Unanimous: Dave Bianchi, Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Melissa Burnham, Melissa Deadmond, Lauren Garfinkel, Bill Fong, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Ben Rogers, Eric Scheetz, Ann Silver, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

### 2. CONSENT

#### 2.01 Approval of Consent Agenda Items 2.01 through 2.02

#### 2.02 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from Aug 26, 2019

**On motion by Jill Tolles, second by Ann Silver, the Education Alliance Board of Directors approved consent agenda items 2.01 through 2.02**

Yea/Unanimous: Dave Bianchi, Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Melissa Burnham, Melissa Deadmond, Lauren Garfinkel, Bill Fong, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris

Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Ben Rogers, Eric Scheetz, Ann Silver, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

### **3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION, ACTION**

#### **3.01 Recognition and Discussion of the value of the Education Alliance and the Collaboration between Education Alliance and Washoe County School District (WCSD) by Malena Raymond, Vice President of the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees**

Kendall introduced Malena who expressed thanks to the Board for their dedication and volunteer time. She recognized the 31-year partnership and education support programs which bring resources to help schools, students, and teachers. She spoke of the transition period between finding a new superintendent and the importance of focusing on keeping schools operating. An outside firm is helping with the search for a new superintendent with proposals due in October and interview process in late winter/early spring with EA and community involvement at all levels. June is the goal for installation of a new superintendent. She encouraged feedback from the EA board, NPO's, and businesses. President Bianchi expressed his appreciation to her and the Trustees. Kendall thanked Malena for her update and support.

#### **3.02 Recognition of Outgoing Board Member, Alex Woodley**

Dave Bianchi recognized Alex for his dedication and leadership and presented him with mementos of thanks. Dave thanked Alex for continuing his key role as Co-Chair for the Run for Education. Alex expressed his respect for the organization and loved running efficient meetings to respect our time. The entire Board expressed gratitude to Alex.

#### **3.03 Presentation and Discussion of the Education Alliance Structure, Programs, and Working Groups, as they pertain to the scheduling of a Strategic Planning Retreat for the 2019-20 new year – Dave Bianchi**

Dave Bianchi noted Ben Rogers is stepping off the Board and thanked him for his service. Ben thanked the Board and expressed how impressed he is at the impact of EA. He said his decision was based on a recent promotion and the plans for him and his family to move to Argentina for six months. Ben thanked Landon Miller for taking over leadership of the Classroom Speaker Program. Dave and the Board expressed their appreciation to Ben for his contributions.

#### **3.04 Update and Discussion on Run For Education Event**

Kendall thanked Melissa Deadmond for helping with school registrations and expressed appreciation to Lauren Garfinkel for securing Panasonic's sponsorship of the youth

medals as well as their Silver sponsorship. To date \$88,000 has been raised in grants and sponsorships from: WEA; Hunt and Sons; EL Cord Foundation; Northern NV Medical Group; Reno City Councilman Oscar Delgado; Lumos Engineering, and Van Wort Biggotti, and others. In-kind is at \$65,400. There is a new opportunity for non-profits: a table and shout-outs on Run4Ed day for \$500. Kendall passed around a sign-up sheet specifically for Board members and thanked Mariluz Garcia for leading volunteer signup. Kendall asked for a volunteer to do social media posts (Facebook and Twitter) on Run4Ed day and Ann Silver noted she knows someone. Kendall recognized Landon for the Facebook Live promo at Corbett Elementary with teachers and students. Another story by our media sponsor, KTVN 2 News, will feature a 1<sup>st</sup> grader at Double Diamond Elementary who could not attend the Run but donated her own \$10 for another child to run. Ann also mentioned there is strong community support within the Chamber and EA should promote how the funds from this event support the Kids in Motion program year-round. Natha Anderson agreed noting the benefit of continuing to show how these funds directly support schools.

### **3.05 Presentation and Discussion on Board of Directors Goals including "100% Board Giving"**

President Bianchi reported the EA Board is currently at 75% giving and pledges are acceptable as well. Kendall noted that Oct 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to be considered for the 100% Giving Award" and to be recognized on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> at the AFP Cornerstone Awards

### **3.06 Update and Discussion on the Activities of the P-16 Advocacy Council**

Chris Morgan thanked Debbie Biersdorff for her efforts to have key WCSD staff present to P-16 to enhance understanding of departments and leadership. Eric and Debbie noted the upcoming meeting will focus on discussion of the "Pathway to Positive Progress" which is the 90/120/180 plan the District and Interim Superintendent are following. November's meeting will feature CTE Director, Josh Hartzog.

## **4. CLOSING ITEMS**

### **4.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce, 449 S. Virginia St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Reno, NV.

### **4.02 Public Comment** None.

### **4.03 Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business, President Dave Bianchi adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.