



EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



June 22, 2020

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of Education Alliance Board of Directors was called to order at 4:00 p.m., via Zoom Conference Call per the Nevada State Governor's directives to abide by COVID-19 civil restrictions of not having public meetings in person.

1.02 Roll Call

President Dave Bianchi and Board members Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff; Brent Boynton; Melissa Burnham (4:01); Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond; Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas; Eric Scheetz; and Jill Tolles were present at roll call.

Members Bill Fong, Ann Silver, and Michelle Sanchez-Bickley were absent.

Staff included Brittani Haggarty and Sarah Shuster.

Guests included Kristen McNeill, WCSO Superintendent, and incoming Board Director, Kristine Brown, Director of Member Engagement, Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce.

1.03 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On motion by Jill Tolles and with second by Joe Cline, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented. Yea/Unanimous - Dave Bianchi, Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.0 Public Comment - No public comment given.

2.01 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from January 27, 2020

On motion by Brent Boynton and second by Landon Miller, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Yea/Unanimous- Dave Bianchi, Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.02 Consideration and Approval of Slate of Officers for the 2020-21 School Year: Eric Scheetz – President; Dave Bianchi – Past-President; Melissa Deadmond – Vice-President; Lauren Garfinkel – Secretary; Chris Morgan – Treasurer; Melissa Burnham – P-16 Advocacy Liaison; Charles Pasillas – Run for Education Liaison; Mariluz Garcia and Landon Miller – Members at Large

Kendall Inskip presented the 2020-21 Slate of Officers and thanked all for their leadership. She reviewed the current Board make-up and terms and proposed the new officers for consideration for the upcoming year.

On motion by Melissa Burnham and second by Lauren Garfinkel, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the 2020-21 Slate of Officers

Yea/Unanimous- Dave Bianchi, Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.03 Consideration and Approval of the Appointment of Kristine Brown to the Education Alliance Board of Directors to complete Ann Silver's term 2018-2024, ending on June 30, 2024.

On motion by Eric Scheetz and second by Mariluz Garcia, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the appointment of Kristine Brown.

Yea/Unanimous- Dave Bianchi, Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.04 Discussion and Acceptance of the Education Alliance Financial Report July 1 through March 31, 2020

Treasurer Melissa Deadmond announced the full reconciliation of the financials with the WCSD BusinessPlus Program used to track Education Alliance accounts. Melissa was pleased to report highlights of the Financials, including the EA's donation of \$107,000 to

WCSD schools via the Kids in Motion program and other grants or pass throughs. Some large donors such as NV Energy, Panasonic, Renown Health (\$25,000), were notable. The Levy Pro Sports Catering account also accounted for a large amount of pass through donations to schools.

On motion by Melissa Deadmond and second by Chris Morgan, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the Financial Report for the period July 1 through March 31, 2020.

Yea/Unanimous- Dave Bianchi, Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.05 Discussion and Approval of the Budget Request to increase EA Secretary Hours to 30 per week, 10 hours to be funded by the Education Alliance.

As recommended by EA Executive Board, Inskip presented a proposal to increase the EA Secretary hours from 20 to 30 per week in 2020-21, with 20 hours funded by the WCSD General Fund as approved and the remaining 10 hours, estimated at \$18,825, funded through EA reserve for one year only. This position supports EA with payroll and bookkeeping as well as significant work associated with the Redfield Community Outreach Program. Melissa Deadmond noted the Board has received details in the past and encouraged a motion. Eric Scheetz noted this proposal will increase retention plus it is important to have clerical assistance so staff and Board can support WCSD.

On motion by Joe Cline and second by Melissa Deadmond, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the Budget Request to increase EA Secretary Hours to 30 per week, 10 hours funded by the Education Alliance for one year.

Yea/Unanimous- Dave Bianchi, Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.06 Discussion and update on the 2020 Run for Education planning process and possible action to determine alternatives, such as postponement, to ensure the health and safety of participants.

Run Chair Charles Pasillas noted the importance of following the lead and needs of WCSD. Kendall concurred noting the safety, health and wellness of students, families, teachers, and our community participants is of utmost importance. Landon Miller invited discussion on alternatives for health and wellness, but agreed on importance of alignment with WCSD needs. Natha Anderson shared her concerns about an event that size and the current significant digital divide among students lacking distance learning technology right now. Chris Morgan agreed and Brent Boynton stated it was clear this Board wants to do something to support WCSD students.

On motion by Charles Pasillas and second by Eric Scheetz, Education Alliance Board of Directors voted to postpone the 2020 Run for Education until October 2021 while also looking at options for student support in 2020-2021.

Yea/Unanimous- Dave Bianchi, Natha Anderson, Debbie Biersdorff, Brent Boynton, Melissa Burnham, Joe Cline, Melissa Deadmond, Mariluz Garcia, Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip, Landon Miller, Chris Morgan, Charles Pasillas, Eric Scheetz, and Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.07 Update and Discussion on the Activities of the P-16 Advocacy Council

2019-20 Co-Chair Eric Scheetz reported progress by the two Pack Interns on the white paper, stating it should be completed this summer and possibly include recommendations. Kendall thanked Eric for donating to pay half of one intern. Joe Cline noted the team used the same report from Ed Week that the Nevada Legislative Education Committee utilized. Joe noted likely recommendations would include assisting with Parent University and shared results: parent education level and involvement impacts student performance. Natha Anderson asked if the team could use a Pre-K representative and offered to find one. Debbie Biersdorff noted there is a course list for Parent University to help families understand distance learning. She also noted it was critical to continue forward and integrate any work with the WCSD Strategic Plan. WCSD Board of Trustees will be working on a Bridge Plan for now through 2022. Superintendent McNeill concurred noting the bridge document would have five (5) defined goals with metrics which will help to tailor a budget that meets these goals. McNeill also noted there was a work session Friday to look at the "Portrait/Profile of a Graduate" which will drive the Strategic Plan and the budget. Jill Tolles reported the Interim Committee on Education met and pointed out since 2003 great strides have been made in Nevada education which must be acknowledged, citing improvements in grad rates, reading, and math. She said EA work absolutely supports student achievement helping these numbers go up.

P-16 Advocacy Council leaders recommend the group align with the WCSD as they develop their plan. Chris Morgan also noted in looking at Best Practices and graduate

portrait definitions, P-16 could continue work researching comparative districts with successes or lessons learned.

4. CLOSING ITEMS

4.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24th, 4:00 PM at a location and method of meeting to be determined based on the Governor's COVID-19 Response Directives.

4.02 Public Comment

President Dave Bianchi thanked the Board for their service and support of him as President during his term. Eric Scheetz then thanked Dave Bianchi for his service and said he hoped to continue the very fine job Dave did as President.

4.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, President Dave Bianchi adjourned the meeting at 4:56 PM.

David Bianchi, President

Date