

EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 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 Eric Scheetz and Board Members: Natha Anderson; Dave Bianchi; Debbie Biersdorff; Brent Boynton; Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond; Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel (late 4:06); Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas (late 4:13); Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Jill Tolles (late 4:14) were present at roll call.

Members Kristine Brown and Melissa Burnham were absent.

Staff included Brittani Haggarty.

1.03 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On motion by Landon Miller and with second by Dave Bianchi, Education Alliance (EA) Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.

Yea/Unanimous- Eric Scheetz; Natha Anderson; Dave Bianchi; Debbie Biersdorff; Brent Boynton; Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond; Mariluz Garcia; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley. Motion carries.

2. Public Comment

Education Alliance Board of Directors received public comment from the following:

Jeff Church

2.01 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from August 24, 2020

On motion by Brent Boynton and second by Dave Bianchi, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the August 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Yea/Unanimous- Eric Scheetz; Natha Anderson; Dave Bianchi; Debbie Biersdorff; Brent Boynton; Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond; Mariluz Garcia; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley. Motion carries.

2.02 Update and discussion on the Distance Learning Laptop Drive (DLLD), and introduction of Dr. Chris Turner, Washoe County School District (WCSD) Chief of Information Technology, with update on technology, fundraising, sponsors, and goals

Kendall Inskip introduced Dr. Turner to the Board who shared his background and spoke about efforts to ensure all students have technology and connectivity for distance learning noting that 99% of WCSD families with students have been contacted for their needs. He thanked the Education Alliance Board for their efforts raising private funding for devices for students, many of whom already have the devices in hand. Eric Scheetz announced Grand Sierra Resort made a \$10,000 donation to the Distance Learning Laptop Drive (DLLD).

Kendall provided a brief update on the DLLD: 130 donors, with \$475,000 raised since the launch on April 1st. Run for Education/Kids in Motion sponsors and donors redirecting their funding to the DLLD is up close to \$25,000 from last year. Press coverage has been excellent and Kendall invited Directors to view her recent "Face the State" interview which is a good overview of everything EA does.

2.03 Update and Discussion on the Structure, Programs, and Working Groups of the Education Alliance, as they pertain to the 2020-21 School Year

Eric thanked Board Members who have donated financially and asked other members to give any amount to send the message that EA has a 100% Giving Board. Kendall shared the Teacher's Warehouse is open for donations and shopping. Kendall reported the EA Secretary position is posted.

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

Co-Chair Joe Cline reported on the Council's White Paper research on how parent education impacts student educational outcomes. The Board will be receiving a draft to review and discuss at the November 30th Board meeting.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 Public Comment – none

3.02 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 30th, 4:00 PM at a location and method of meeting to be determined based on the Governor's COVID-19 Response Directives.

3.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, President Eric Scheetz adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.



Eric Scheetz, President

1/27/2021

Date