

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

November 30, 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 (4:10pm); Kristine Brown; Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond; Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Jill Tolles were present at roll call.

Member Melissa Burnham was absent.

Staff included Brittani Haggarty and Kathleen Newman.

1.03 Action to Adopt the Agenda

Joe Cline requested to remove item 2.7 for discussion at our next Board meeting.

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

Yea/Unanimous- Eric Scheetz; Natha Anderson; Dave Bianchi; Kristine Brown; Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond; Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2 Public Comment – none

2.01 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from September 28, 2020

On motion by Melissa Deadmond and second by Dave Bianchi, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the September 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Yea/Unanimous- Eric Scheetz; Natha Anderson; Dave Bianchi; Kristine Brown; Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond; Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.02 Update and Discussion on the structure, programs, and working groups of the Education Alliance for the 2020-21 School Year, including an introduction of Phil Kaiser, incoming Washoe Education Association president, and Kathleen Newman, new Education Alliance secretary

Board members took a moment of silence for former board member Brent Boynton's recent passing, as well as shared stories of his dedication to education and communications.

Kendall Inskip introduced Phil Kaiser, the new Washoe Education Association President who will be completing Natha Anderson's term who has been elected Nevada State Assemblywoman. Natha noted Phil's dedication to the school district and her appreciation for him as both an educator and colleague. Kendall then introduced Kathleen Newman, newly hired Ed Alliance Secretary, who shared her background and excitement for being the newest addition to the team.

Melissa Deadmond shared that Covid caused delays in the Strategic Planning Team together but will get a smaller group together to revisit the plan and align it with Washoe County's "Bridge" and "Picture of a Graduate" plan. She invited interested Board members to join the group by contacting her.

Landon Miller gave an update on the Marketing Team who recently met regarding Principal for 1/2 Day, which unfortunately is postponed until 2022, but ideas for celebrating/awarding the Partners in Education were discussed.

2.03 Presentation and Discussion on the Board of Directors' Goals, including recognition by the Community Foundation of Western Nevada as a "100% Giving Board"

Eric Scheetz thanked the board for their financial contributions as EA was recognized again this year by the Community Foundation of Western Nevada as a 100% Giving Board.

2.04 Update on the Distance Learning Laptop Drive, with information on technology, fundraising, sponsors, and goals.

Kendall Inskip provided an updating including \$562,000 raised to date with \$15,000 in pledges for laptops for WCSD students. Kendall also thanked Lauren Garfinkel for Panasonic's donation of \$15,000 and the amount being able to be distributed for both 2020 and 2021's Run for Education, and the impact Panasonic's giving will give to other large companies moving into our area who are looking to give back to the community and support education. Kendall added that EA was selected as one of Microsoft Reno's recipient charities for their employee giving month and will be receiving a donation of over \$8,000 which includes the company's match.

2.05 Discussion and Approval of the 2019-20 Education Alliance Financial Statement for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Treasurer Chris Morgan presented the Financials from last fiscal year. Highlights pertained to the Distance Learning Laptop Drive. Chris noted EA ended the year stronger than we started with an increase in in-kind donations. He discussed revenues, balances, and expenditures in detail from last year. Natha Anderson noted the importance of physical education and how distance learning has hindered that, and Mariluz Garcia noted the importance as well and thanked the Board for any support with programs moving forward. Eric Scheetz added the idea of a YouTube engagement in lieu of the Run for Education previously discussed by the Executive Board as an example.

On motion by Dave Bianchi and second by Charles Pasillas, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the 2019-20 Education Alliance Financial Statements for July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Yea/Unanimous- Eric Scheetz; Natha Anderson; Dave Bianchi; Kristine Brown; Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond; Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.06 Consideration of Approval of the 2020-21 Education Alliance Budget

Treasurer Morgan presented the proposed budget for the 2020-21 Fiscal year. No significant changes from last year to this year to be made. Natha Anderson made a comment there should continue to be a distance learning line item that is left blank in the budget proposed moving forward as "going back to normal" is not guaranteed. Jill Tolles agreed, stating having a line in the budget to be prepared for future needs to

support the district would add to our mission by including it long-term. Landon Miller also noted the connectivity component for students is critical as well.

On motion by Natha Anderson and second by Jill Tolles, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the 2020-21 Education Alliance Budget.

Yea/Unanimous- Eric Scheetz; Natha Anderson; Dave Bianchi; Kristine Brown; Joe Cline; Melissa Deadmond; Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

2.07 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Dissemination of the P16 Advocacy Council White Paper titled, "Understanding Nevada's Educational Ranking: How WCSD Can Address Its Biggest Demographic Challenge."

Per item 1.07, this item was removed from discussion for this Board of Director's 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, January 25th, 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 5:23 PM.

Eric Scheetz, President

Date