



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



January 24, 2022

### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

#### **1.01 Call to Order**

Washoe County School District Administration Building Board Room, 425 East Ninth Street at 4:03 p.m.

#### **1.02 Roll Call**

President Melissa Deadmond and Board members John Ahdunko; David Bianchi, Debbie Biersdorff, Kristine Brown-Caliger, Joe Cline, Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Jill Tolles were present at roll call.

Eric Scheetz joined at 4:08pm

Absent: Phil Kaiser; Landon Miller, David Shintani

Staff included Brittani Haggarty and Kathleen Newman

#### **2.01 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from November 29, 2021**

**On motion by Charles Pasillas and second by Lauren Garfinkel, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the November 29, 2021, Meeting Minutes.**

Yea/Unanimous: President Melissa Deadmond and Board members John Ahdunko; David Bianchi, Debbie Biersdorff, Kristine Brown-Caliger, Joe Cline, Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Jill Tolles Motion carries.

No public comment.

#### **2.02 Presentation and Update on the Washoe County School District Superintendent Search by the Office of Human Resources, including brief information on the timeline and other pertinent information for stakeholders (FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Emily Ellison, WCSD Chief Human Resources Officer, gave an update on the search for a new superintendent for the Washoe County School District. The process is underway

and the position posting and brochure are on the district's website. The Bryan Group is leading the search and a community survey will be sent out to the public next week. Long interviews are slated to take place mid to late March. An 'aggressive' goal is to identify the chosen candidate by early April. The contract begins July 1, 2022.

No public comment.

**2.03 Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action to approve distribution of the funding raised for the Healing through Health initiative for elementary schools' need for student physical, nutritional, and social and emotional health support (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)**

Inskip provided context and background for the funding, saying more than \$104,000 was raised for the Healing through Health initiative. Pledges and payments are in. If every elementary school applies, each will receive about \$1,600. A proposed donor celebration is scheduled for after spring break at Hunter Lake Elementary School. Donors, board members and media will be invited. Inskip thanked the Board for their personal and company contributions.

**On motion by Dave Bianchi and second by Jill Tolles, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved distribution of Healing through Health initiative funding for elementary schools who apply from January 25 through February 11, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per elementary school for student physical, nutritional, and social and emotional health support.**

Yea/Unanimous: President Melissa Deadmond and Board members John Ahdunko; David Bianchi, Debbie Biersdorff, Kristine Brown-Caliger, Joe Cline, Mariluz Garcia; Lauren Garfinkel, Kendall Inskip; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas; Eric Scheetz, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Jill Tolles Motion carries.

No public comment.

**2.04 Presentation, Discussion, and Update on the Principal for a 1/2 Day / Partner in Education PiE Champion Awards and events scheduled February 9 and 10, 2022 (FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Although Board members were updated via email, Inskip restated that the 2022 Principal for 1/2 Day was cancelled due to increase in COVID 19 cases and other staffing issues within the district. However, KTVN 2 News has once again offered to produce another 30-minute special highlighting the 2022 PIE Champion Awards. The air date of the special is still to be determined, but tentatively set for late April or early May.

**2.05 Presentation, Discussion, and Update on the structure, programs, and working groups of the Education Alliance for the 2021-2022 School Year, including Board Development for 2022-23, Board Member Spotlight to share involvement with education and EA, and updates from our three educational institutions (FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY)**

Inskip invited all members to express their interest in officer positions and asked for recommendations for potential new board members. She indicated she would also be reaching out to members.

Dave Bianchi, Mariluz Garcia, and Charles Pasillas are the featured Directors for our monthly Board Member Spotlight. Each shared stories and reflected on the mission statement.

Updates from three educational institutions: Deadmond said today is the first day of the Spring semester at Truckee Meadows Community College. The Dean of Technical Sciences at TMCC left for a job in Michigan. An interim dean is in place.

Biersdorff said WCSD is doing everything possible to keep schools open during the surge of COVID-19. "It gets tough for sure at times with staffing," she said. She also noted the shortages in transportation and nutrition services.

**3. CLOSING ITEMS**

**3.01 Public Comment – none**

**3.02 Announcement of next meeting – March 28, 2022**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2022, 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 Melissa Deadmond adjourned the meeting at 5:12 PM.

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**Melissa Deadmond, President**

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**Date**