



EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Monday, September 23, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
WCSD Administration Building
425 East Ninth Street, Board Room
Reno, NV 89512



AGENDA

1. OPENING ITEMS

- 1.01 Call to Order – 4:00 p.m., WCSD Administration Building, 425 East Ninth Street, Board Room, Reno, NV
- 1.02 Roll Call
- 1.03 Public Comment - Comments from the public are invited at this time on topics not specifically addressed elsewhere in the agenda wherein public comment is permitted. A "Citizen's Request to Speak" card should be filled out and submitted to the Recording Secretary before speaking during the Public Comment section. All persons are limited to 3 minutes per item. In accordance with Open Meeting Law and on the advice of legal counsel, the public body is discouraged from discussing and precluded from deliberating and/or acting on items raised by Public Comment which are not already on the agenda. The public body may impose reasonable content-neutral restrictions on public comment such as willfully disruptive comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Correspondence or written materials submitted for public comment by the general public shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting.
- 1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda – Items on this agenda may be taken out of order; the public body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and the public body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. (For Possible Action)

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS - All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered routine and may be acted upon by the Public Body with one action and without an extensive hearing. Any member of the Board of Directors or any citizen may request that an item be taken from the consent agenda, discussed, to include public comment, and acted upon separately during this meeting. The President retains discretion in deciding whether or not an item will be removed from the consent agenda.

- 2.01 Approval of Consent Agenda Item 2.02 (For Possible Action)
- 2.02 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from August 26, 2019 (For Possible Action)

3. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION (Public comment: any individual may address the public body concerning any item listed below. A completed "Citizen's Right to Speak" card must be submitted to the public body at the meeting. During the discussion of each item on the agenda, the Chair will invite the individual to come forward to speak. Individuals are limited to three minutes per item.)

- 3.01 Recognition and Discussion of the value of the Education Alliance and the Collaboration between Education Alliance and Washoe County School District (WCSD). Discussion may include a brief description of WCSD programs and

initiatives for the new school year and how Education Alliance can collaborate.

Presented by Malena Raymond, Vice-President of the Washoe County School District Board of Trustees (For Information and Discussion Only)

- 3.02 Recognition of Outgoing Board Member, Alex Woodley (For Information and Discussion Only)
- 3.03 Discussion of the Education Alliance Structure, Programs, and Working Groups, as they pertain to the 2019-20 new year – Presented by Dave Bianchi (For Information and Discussion Only)
- 3.04 Update and Discussion on Run For Education Event, including event location, funding, and volunteer opportunities – Presented by Kendall Inskip (For Information and Discussion Only)
- 3.05 Presentation and Discussion on Board of Directors Goals including “100% Board Giving” – Presented by Dave Bianchi (For Information and Discussion Only)
- 3.06 Update and Discussion on the Activities of the P-16 Advocacy Council – Presented by Chris Morgan and Eric Scheetz, Co-Chairs (For Information and Discussion Only)

4. CLOSING ITEMS

- 4.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting – The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2019, Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce, 449 South Virginia Str., Third Floor, Reno
- 4.02 Public Comment - Comments from the public are invited at this time on topics not specifically addressed elsewhere in the agenda. A “Citizen’s Request to Speak” card should be filled out and submitted to the Recording Secretary before speaking during the Public Comment section. All persons are limited to 3 minutes per item. In accordance with Open Meeting Law and on the advice of legal counsel, the public body is discouraged from discussing and precluded from deliberating and/or acting on items raised by Public Comment which are not already on the agenda. The public body may impose reasonable content-neutral restrictions on public comment such as willfully disruptive comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Correspondence or written materials submitted for public comment by the general public shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting.
- 4.03 Adjourn Meeting

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business: The Education Alliance conducts the business of the Washoe County School District during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

Members of the public wishing to request supporting materials for this meeting or who are disabled and require special accommodations at the meeting should contact Kendall Inskip, Executive Director, in writing at Education Alliance of Washoe County, P.O. Box 30425, Reno, Nevada 89520-3425 or by telephone at 775-353-6950.

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www.washoeschools.net (with supporting materials)
www.boarddocs.com/nv/washoe/board.nsf/public (with supporting materials)
State of Nevada website (notice.nv.gov)
WCSD Central Administrative Building
Washoe County Administration Building
Washoe County Courthouse
Reno City Hall
Sparks City Hall
Sparks Library
Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Administration Building
Reno Sparks Indian Colony Administrative Office



EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



Aug 08, 2019

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

The meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors was called to order at 4:14 p.m. in Room 270 of the TMCC Pennington Applied Technology Center, 475 Edison Way, Reno, NV 89502.

1.02 Roll Call

President Dave Bianchi and board members Debbie Biersdorff, Melissa Deadmond, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Landon Miller, Mariluz Garcia, Melissa Burnham, Kendall Inskip, Chris Morgan, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Eric Scheetz, Ben Rogers, and Charles Pasillas were present at roll call.

Members Bill Fong, Natha Anderson, Nanette Quitt, Ann Silver, Joe Cline, and Lauren Garfinkel were absent.

Guests included Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) President, Dr. Karin Hilgersom, Washoe County School District (WCSD) Trustee Jacqueline Calvert, Tom Greene, and student name.

1.03 Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

1.04 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On motion by Melissa Deadmond, second by Brent Boynton, the Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented. Yea:

Unanimous- Dave Bianchi, Debbie Biersdorff, Melissa Deadmond, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Landon Miller, Mariluz Garcia, Melissa Burnham, Kendall Inskip, Chris Morgan, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Eric Scheetz, Ben Rogers, and Charles Pasillas. Motion carries.

2. CONSENT

2.01 Approval of Consent Agenda Items 2.01 through 2.03

2.02 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from June 24, 2019

2.03 Approval of the revised Education Alliance Bylaws, reducing the membership of the Board of Directors from 23 to 21

On motion by Brent Boynton, second by Jill Tolles, the Education Alliance Board of Directors approved consent agenda items 2.01 through 3.03 Year: Unanimous- Dave Bianchi, Debbie Biersdorff, Melissa Deadmond, Brent Boynton, Jill Tolles, Landon Miller, Mariluz Garcia, Melissa Burnham, Kendall Inskip, Chris Morgan, Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, Eric Scheetz, Ben Rogers, and Charles Pasillas. Motion Carries.

3. REPORTS

3.01 Introduction of Dr. Karin Hilgersom, President, Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) and Presentation on TMCC's Current Programs and Activities. Discussion may include a brief description of TMCC programs and initiatives for the new school year and how Education Alliance can collaborate

Melissa Deadmond introduced Dr. Hilgersom noting it was her 4th year at TMCC and expressed her appreciation of Karin's focus on inclusivity and community. Dr. Hilgersom noted TMCC is moving towards an outstanding culture. Examples of gains and important points include items such as: making the Aspen Top 150 in part due to persistence and completion rates, working with WCSD on skill certificates and dual enrollment programs which lead to more masters students at UNR, having a priority at this (Pennington) facility of expanding work experiences and continuing development, having an intern program, having popular courses such as architectural design and landscape design as taught by Kreg Mebust, having as its biggest partnering customers Tesla and Panasonic, having built a new soccer field and health center as voted upon and paid by the student body, building a new theater and culinary arts remodeled building, starting a robotics coding and an entrepreneurship code programming curriculum that will work with Apple and Blockchain, and continue to serve and improve remediation classes. She also noted an EMSI study identified financial and community impact associated with TMCC with a 14.4% Return on Investment, is 2% of the county GDP, as well as a 4.4 Benefit Cost Analysis. As a follow up to this meeting she asked that a video of this analysis be emailed to the board of EA and she will send this report (to EA/Kendall) to send out.

Chris Morgan asked what skills employers were asking for (classes which support). Dr Hilgersom noted that cybersecurity was in high demand. The critical issue in general is to give the students experiential opportunities. Morgan also asked what gaps could be supported in K-12 education. Hilgersom's response is home and math support for students are always an issue and can improve. She did note she was proud TMCC now

has a majority of Latino/ Latina students choosing STEM (curriculums). She also noted and thanked Jill Tolles for her support of education.

3.02 Recognition of Outgoing Board Member, Alex Woodley

This item was tabled until another meeting as Mr. Woodley was not able to attend.

3.03 Presentation and Discussion on the outcome of the 2019 Nevada State Legislative Session as it pertains to Education, including changes to funding – Lindsay Anderson, Director, WCSD Government Affairs

Lindsay Anderson noted this last legislative session was positive in adding financial resources to WCSD and there was incremental progress as the state budget for education in almost 40% of the total budget. She recommended the EA board look at SB 555 for funding requirements. She also noted this year there was an omnibus school safety bill, there was a change in the fingerprinting requirements if a school visitor was directly supervised, and there was an addition of requirements to protect student data from 3rd party vendors (SB 403). She then noted now the 6 month legislative session period is complete, her focus goes to another 6 months of understanding and relating to the new regulatory requirements. In Jan 2020, interim committees and work associated will begin followed by candidate education efforts in July 2020. Lindsay discussed the excellent working relationship with Las Vegas education professionals as items down south tend to find their way to Washoe. Jill Tolles noted her appreciation of Lindsey Anderson, and her help and knowledge to her as a legislator.

Mary Alber asked if there was discussion on minimum adequacy in yearly grade progression and graduation. Lindsey noted she was disappointed the tax bill did not discuss this. Morgan asked what bills were next to be discussed. Anderson noted likely next session they would continue issues discussed this past session such as the ACT, SBAC, and Pre-K. She noted not changing requirements for graduation was beneficial. Tolles noted discussion of class size ratios were likely and may use this year's school safety task force of a broad range of stakeholders and experts as a guide.

3.04 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 stated the mission statement is being worked on and since resources for EA are limited, focus on priorities is necessary. Kendall noted the current EA mission is for 2020 which will shape the future while comparing budget versus capacity. She noted moving to six annual board meetings will help streamline activities and during off meeting months, she will send updates via email. Dave reminded the board that profiles

and Mutual Commitment Agreements are due. Kendall also congratulated Ben Rogers on his promotion to Director of Engineering at NevadaNano.

3.05 Update on Changes to Education Alliance Staff and Location

Dave and Kendall introduced Sarah Shuster as the new part time secretary who gave her background. Kendall then noted EA is moving from Riggins offices to the 9th Street WCSD Main on Friday Aug 30th and welcomed help moving computers. Bianchi explained the reason for the move is because EA is now under the Office of Academics.

3.06 Update and Discussion on Run For Education Event, including event location, funding, and volunteer opportunities

Charles Pasillas described the changes being made to the layout this year for safety reasons such as not crossing Sparks Blvd, using less public streets and moving west in the SCHEELS parking lot for safety and to ensure public access to the handicap spots at 10:00am. Charles stated there will be a 4K, Fun Run, and Sparks Marina March and asked for Board volunteers to work the registration counter since only board members can handle money. Jill Tolles volunteered. Kendall noted she met with the Washoe County Sheriff CERT coordinator who will help with traffic control. She also stated stff trained 70 teacher school run coordinators at two workshops who rally their middle and elementary schools. Sponsorship deadline is Friday, September 20th to have logo on the back of the 4,000 t-shirts. There are currently \$41k in sponsorships and donations with a goal of \$150k. Kendall thanked current board company donors including, Nanette at NV Energy (Employee Volunteer Council and Dollars for Dingers), Michelle at Renown Health, Lauren at Panasonic, and new donor Building and Construction Trades Council. She is still looking for t-shirt and medal sponsors. Mariluz Garcia said she would serve as Volunteer Director to help with the google drive volunteer list.

3.07 Presentation and Discussion of Grants and Grant Funded Programs to include "Inspiring Students with Educational Excursions!" (ISEE!) Program Grant

Brittani shared Washoe County awarded EA with a grant of \$8,500 for the Partner in Education ISEE! Program modeled after the Redfield Community Outreach Program, which targets ten schools in 89512 and three additional high-needs schools and includes webpage development of a resource portal for teachers for coordinating with community partners for learning opportunities that complement their academic focus. She is looking for a board member to lead this program which would include awarding ISEE! Grants for experiential learning trips.

Presentation and Discussion on Board of Directors Goals including “100% Board Giving”

Dave Bianchi noted that the board was currently at 30%. Michelle Sanchez-Bickley asked if board members could still give on the website and it was noted that they could.

3.08 Update on Nomination of EDawn as a Community Partner

Kendall noted EA has been nominated by EDawn as Community Partner for this year and hoped Board members would join her at the reception on October 17th.

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

Eric Scheetz noted the monthly P-16 meeting on the first Monday of each month at 4 PM. The 2019 Data Profile is nearing completion and only need the letters of support and a few other minor support program pieces. Karin Hilgersom and Melissa Deadmond would help with TMCC' letter and Melissa Burnham and Mariluz Garcia would help with UNR letters of support.

5. CLOSING ITEMS

5.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23rd, 2019, at the WCSD Administration Building – 425 Ninth St, Reno, Board Room. Parking for board members may be available at the cage.

5.02 Public Comment

There was no public comment given.

5.03 Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business, President Dave Bianchi adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.