



EDUCATION ALLIANCE OF WASHOE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES



September 27, 2021

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.01 Call to Order

Washoe County School District Administration Building Board Room, 425 East Ninth Street

1.02 Roll Call

President Melissa Deadmond (virtual) and Board members: John Ahdunko; David Bianchi; Debbie Biersdorff, Kristine Brown-Caliger; Joe Cline; Mariluz Garcia; Kendall Inskip; Phil Kaiser; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Charles Pasillas (virtual); Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Eric Scheetz; and David Shintani were present at roll call.

Members Lauren Garfinkel and Jill Tolles were absent.

Staff included Brittani Haggarty and Kathleen Newman.

1.03 Action to Adopt the Agenda

On motion by David Bianchi and second by Melissa Deadmond, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the agenda as presented.

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

2.0 Public Comment - No public comment.

2.01 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from June 28, 2021

On motion by Dave Bianchi and second by Eric Scheetz, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the June 28, 2021, Meeting Minutes.

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

2.02 Consideration and Possible Action to Approval the Education Alliance Mission Statement and Strategic Plan 2021-2024, including the implementation of a Mission Activity by board members to share involvement with education and the Education Alliance

President Deadmond reviewed the new Mission Statement and Strategic Plan for 2021-2024 and indicated the last three pages titled Indicators of Success are the measurable action steps for our Board. David Shintani confirmed University of Nevada President Brian Sandoval was aware of the Education Alliance after Joe Cline asked. When appropriate, Kendall Inskip invites an opportunity to share our mission with President Sandoval and any other University leaders to inform and strengthen the relationship.

Inskip thanked the Strategic Planning Team, citing eight months of work and efforts around inclusion and diversity.

On motion by Phil Kaiser and second by Chris Morgan, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the Education Alliance Mission Statement and Strategic Plan 2021-2024.

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

The Board then participated in the Director Spotlight and Mission Driven Activity in which board members briefly share personal story about their path to support education and reflect on what the EA Mission means to them and/or how they are putting it to action. President Deadmond and Chris Morgan participated.

2.03 Presentation, Discussion, and Update on the Healing through Health initiative to generate funding and raise awareness of the need for student physical, nutritional, and social and emotional health support

Chair of the Special Forces Team, Dave Bianchi, thanked members of the Team, citing the success of 'putting on a party' for 200 attendees. Bianchi shared three goals for the event: educate the public on the Healing through Health initiative; raise money; and to have fun. Bianchi gave high marks and thanks to the Sparks Water Bar saying it had a San Francisco feel and was a 'huge success.' Bianchi thanked KTVN 2 News and Ryan Canaday, anchor for the pre-event coverage. Inskip expressed her gratitude to Board members, financial supporters, volunteers, and staff.

The total raised for the event to-date is \$91,030. Inskip and Haggarty will present next week to Microsoft Reno for their employee giving program and there are other pending grants. Inskip shared the EA website now can accommodate recurring donations.

Four Healing through Health videos were developed by Brittani Haggarty and WCSD Videographer Jeff Foss which are living on ed-alliance.org, and washoeschools.net. Haggarty shared the video of the Hunter Lake Elementary School principal who shares the challenges her school and students are experiencing. The other three feature a WCSD family, and WCSD heads of Counseling and Athletics/Activities. Bianchi handed out index cards to have the Board jot down additional ideas/supporters to keep the funding momentum going post-event.

2.04 Presentation, Discussion, and Update on the structure, programs, and working groups of the Education Alliance for the 2021-2022 School Year, including 2021-22 Board Business Timeline, and updates from our three educational institutions

Inskip brought attention to the new June Board meeting which will be June 6, 2022, because of a new federal holiday, Juneteenth. All calendars have been updated by Newman.

At 5:03 p.m., the Zoom meeting was restarted technical glitch. The meeting was restored at 5:06pm. Deadmond and Pasillas are the only members on the Zoom meeting.

Deadmond reiterated our Board's goal of 100% Giving Board status and asked members to consider donating to reach our goal.

WCSD: Biersdorff shared the Washoe County School District's 'Response to Recovery,' the Strategic Plan for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year. A physical booklet was provided to in-person members. This Plan is a direct response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and highlights from Biersdorff included reporting structures, guiding principles, goals of the recovery operation—from academic to student safety. She also mentioned how the graduation rate for the class of 2021 will not be confirmed until December 2021. Biersdorff briefly touched on COVID-19 in the District, saying "knock on wood, schools are still open." Fall break is next week and the first quarter ends in two weeks.

UNR: Shintani shared current happenings at the University of Nevada including that all freshmen receive a new iPad with enrollment and the Nevada Fit Initiative. The University is also putting together a new strategic plan itself and Shintani shared diversity efforts and how to serve underrepresented communities. Sierra Nevada University will be acquired potentially by July 2022. Shintani is excited to expand the University's dual enrollment opportunities for high schoolers.

TMCC: Deadmond shared the news that its Safety Center re-opened this summer. The public will soon be able to take hazardous classes. An accreditation group approved class sizes can increase to 20 students from 14. She also shared the news that enrollment is up. Truckee Meadows Community College is under an institutional accreditation. It is year six of a seven-year cycle of a reaffirmation of accreditation.

EA Programs: Inskip thanked Greater Nevada Credit Union for its supply drive for the Teachers' Warehouse. Inskip reported The ROW acquired Caesar's Entertainment donated 750 bags to WCSD teachers from 20 schools with the remainder going to the Teachers' Warehouse. Inskip also reported Teacher's Warehouse events will be held in November: Community Donation Day is November 5th from 9am-6pm, and Wednesday, November 10th will be the Teacher Shop 'Till You Drop event. Board members are encouraged to volunteer to help and calendar invites will be sent.

2.05 2.05 Presentation, Discussion, and Update on the activities and initiatives of the P-16 Advocacy Council

Scheetz shared Amy Fleming from GOWINN discussed the governor's efforts around workforce development. Scheetz also shared the upcoming meeting will be done virtually with several documents and links being shared electronically. P-16 will also work on a strategic plan of its own.

3. CLOSING ITEMS

3.01 Public Comment

Phil Kaiser

3.02 Announcement of next meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 29, 2021, 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 5:35 PM.

Melissa Deadmond, President

Date