



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



November 29, 2021

### 1. OPENING ITEMS

#### 1.01 Call to Order

Washoe County School District Administration Building Board Room, 425 East Ninth Street at 4:10 p.m.

#### 1.02 Roll Call

President Melissa Deadmond and Board members John Ahdunko; Mariluz Garcia; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan (virtual); Michelle Sanchez-Bickley (virtual); Eric Scheetz were present at roll call.

*Jill Tolles arrived at 4:22 p.m.*

*Kristine Brown-Caliger arrived at 4:53 p.m.*

*Mariluz Garcia left at 5:08pm*

*Michelle Sanchez-Bickley left at 5:17pm*

Absent: David Bianchi; Debbie Biersdorff; Lauren Garfinkel; Joe Cline; Phil Kaiser; Charles Pasillas; David Shintani

Staff included Brittani Haggarty and Kathleen Newman.

#### 2.0 Public Comment – None.

#### 2.01 Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of the Education Alliance Board of Directors from September 27, 2021

**On motion by Eric Scheetz and second by Kendall Inskip, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the September 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes.**

Yea/Unanimous: President Melissa Deadmond and Board members John Ahdunko; Mariluz Garcia; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Erik Scheetz; Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

#### 2.02 Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Education Alliance Financials for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021

Treasurer Chris Morgan reviewed the revenues and expenditures for 2020-21. Inskip noted the WCSD general budget was reduced by 5% per district request and reduction was taken from Professional Services.

**Public Comment – None.**

**On motion by Chris Morgan and second by Jill Tolles, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved the Education Alliance Financials for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.**

Yea/Unanimous: President Melissa Deadmond and Board members John Ahdunko; Kristine Brown- Caliger; Mariluz Garcia; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Erik Scheetz; Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

**2.03 Consideration and Possible Action to Approve the Education Alliance 2021-22 Budget**

Treasurer Morgan highlights included transfers from the Run for Education for both Healing through Health and the Education Alliance Secretary.

Inskip pointed out a proposed raise for the Education Alliance Intern from \$12 to \$13/hr, starting July 1, 2021. Tolles asked if the rate would go back down to \$12/hr once the intern leaves and Inskip responded affirmatively.

**Public Comment** - None.

**On motion by Jill Tolles and second by Eric Scheetz, Education Alliance Board of Directors approved discussion to Approve the Education Alliance 2021-22 Budget**

Yea/Unanimous: President Melissa Deadmond and Board members John Ahdunko; Kristine Brown Caliger; Mariluz Garcia; Kendall Inskip; Landon Miller; Chris Morgan; Michelle Sanchez-Bickley; Erik Scheetz; Jill Tolles. Motion carries.

**2.04 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**

Per Inskip, \$100,500 has been raised for this program for elementary school support in less than four months. There are pledges and grants pending. If all 65 elementary schools apply, funds would be an estimated at \$1,500 each ( $\$100,500 \div 65 = \$1,545$ ). Aligned with the Run for Education Kids in Motion program, funding is for elementary school physical, nutritional, needs with the addition of mental health resources. A simple online application will be sent to each elementary school principal to apply for this non-competitive grant which will allow them to check which area they need funding for: physical and nutrition education and mental health wellness curriculum/products and programs that are approved by District leadership including counseling and SEL departments. Inskip is hopeful staff could launch the application process with principals this week, pending the board's vote.

Scheetz said he would prefer if the principals could essentially compete for the money. Haggarty made the comment it should be simpler based on how EA funds the Kids in Motion grants (20 paid students registered per school). President Deadmond asked for possible

outcomes from schools and Inskip responded principals will be asked to share what the funding went toward at their school, and the number of students (and possibly educators) impacted from physical education, nutrition programs, and/or mental health resources purchased with the funding.

**Public Comment** - None.

**Landon Miller made the motion to approve Healing through Health total amount raised to be divided equally among elementary schools that apply during December 1 through December 17. Jill Tolles seconded the motion.**

*This item was tabled after it was discovered there were not enough members for quorum after Garcia and Sanchez Bickley left the meeting at 5:08 and 5:17 pm respectively. A special meeting may be considered.*

**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 Member Spotlight to share involvement with education and EA, Partner in Education Program, Teachers' Warehouse Events, Principal for a ½ Day Events, and updates from our three educational institutions**

President Deadmond recognized the EA Board for achieving its 100% Giving Board Award with a total of \$33,250.

Inskip shared the news of Deputy Superintendent Biersdorff's retirement in June 2022.

Eric Scheetz is Education Alliance Board Member Spotlight this month who said he became involved in the Board after he wanted to share his excitement about engineering with students in the District. Engineering touches all aspects of the community, he stated, which underscores the importance of quality education for all students in the community.

Inskip gave an update on the Teacher's Warehouse Community Donation Day and shared a great video coordinated by Haggarty and produced by Jeff Foss, WCSD videographer. Following the video, Inskip thanked the volunteers and community partners who donated supplies and their time including, Ahdunko, Deadmond, and Garcia for attending. More than 500 educators attended the Shop 'Til You Drop event which is highest attendance in the past few years. Inskip believes the success of the events were because of the change to November.

Principal for ½ Day has been given a greenlight for 2022 by the Washoe County School District. Meet Your Match will be February 9, 2022, at the Chamber, Principal for ½ Day Thursday February 10, 2022.

Haggarty gave an extensive report on the many activities of the Partners in Education PiE program outside of our events. More than \$520,000 of in-kind and financial donations were made to schools and departments through our PiE Program. Haggarty highlighted Assistance League, Big Reno Coat Drive, The ROW, Greater Nevada Credit Union, Renown.

P-16 Advocacy Council – nothing to report per Eric Scheetz.

Updates from Educational Institutions: Deadmond gave several updates for Truckee Meadows Community College, however, she stated the biggest news is that TMCC will start a bachelor's degree in Architecture degree, a 5-year degree with an emphasis in architecture for the Northern Nevada region. From other certificates and rebranding programs to undergraduate research and diversity campaigns, a lot is happening at TMCC.

### **3. CLOSING ITEMS**

#### **3.01 Public Comment via email - Jeff Church (attached)**

#### **3.02 Announcement of next meeting**

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 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 Deadmond adjourned the meeting at 5:39 PM.

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**Melissa Deadmond, President**

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**Date**

**From:** [Church, Jeffrey](#)  
**To:** [Education Alliance](#)  
**Cc:** [Inskip, Kendall](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Ed Alliance Meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, November 21, 2021 8:56:19 AM

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Dear Ed Alliance Committee:

I'm sorry that I can't attend but I strongly support any ideas for community partnerships, especially for At-Risk kids. I trust that the Alliance is aware of the new Carlin Academy for At-Risk kids but locally we must ask what we can do. I think a trip to visit Carlin should be considered.

I am a big supporter of fieldtrips and in discussion with possible donors for a Tour Bus (restroom, video, reclining seats etc) that could support such. I find so many kids have never seen the ocean, many never out of Washoe- Carson. I can put you in touch with those individuals.

I reached out to the Airport Authority with an idea of aircraft trips for students to see the ocean and points in between and return to Reno as a promotion, community engagement idea. Obviously funding is a factor. In other words, a 60-90 minute trip non stop from Reno to Reno but west and back. So many kids have never been in an airplane. They could study and report on sites they see as an educational project. While the Air Guard could be asked too, most of those aircraft lack windows.

Again, think outside the box on how to engage the community and support our kids. I suspect that the best approach, for liability, that it be done outside WCSD channels via non-profits or directly with the community.

I encourage members to reach out to me to discuss any and all ideas.

\*Views are mine

Sincerely,

Jeff Church, Trustee