

Southwest Educational Development Center -Executive Board Meeting
Little America Hotel – Coffee Shop
500 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
January 4, 2024 8:00 A.M.

Present:

Beaver District

David Long

Iron District

Lance Hatch

Millard District

Dave Styler

SUU

Pamela Powell

Charter Schools

Garfield District

John Dodds

Kane District

Ben Dalton

Washington District

Richard Holmes

State School Board

SEDC

Joe B. Wright, Selene Corbridge

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Superintendent Dalton welcomed everyone in attendance.

Visitors: James Gilbert, Gilbert & Stewart CPA, Dr. Heather Leary, BYU, Rachele Ackley, Utah-K12 Initiative

Excused: Ben Kaufman - SUCCESS Academy, Kristan Norton and Emily Green - State School Board.

II. Informational Items:

A. Talent Ready Utah: K12 Initiative – Rachele Ackley: Ms. Ackley shared a history and overview of the Talent Ready Utah program. The Board asked questions and thanked Ms. Ackley for all the information. The Board would like to meet again with Ms. Ackley to learn more about what is offered. Superintendent Holmes offered Washington's Career Tech High School for the meeting.

B. BYU Science Teacher PD Project – Dr. Heather Leary: Dr. Leary took the board through a PowerPoint presentation on the social networking and professional development project they have been working on with secondary science teachers in the region. Dr. Leary invited the Board to encourage more secondary science teachers in the region to participate.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Southwest Educational Development Center meeting held Wednesday, December 13, 2023 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent David Long, seconded by Superintendent John Dodds and passed unanimously by all Board members.

IV. Approval of Check Register Reports

Motion: Approval of Check Register Report:

The check register reports for December 5, 2023 through December 19, 2023 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent Lance Hatch, seconded by Superintendent Richard Holmes and passed unanimously by all Board members.

V. Reports/Board Discussion Items

A. James Gilbert, CPA – Gilbert & Stewart:

SEDC's 2023 Audit Report: Mr. James Gilbert provided each board member with a copy of SEDC's 2023 Audit Report. He explained a few of SEDC's financial statements. Mr. Gilbert explained that SEDC received the highest rating that can be awarded. Mr. Gilbert also thanked those at SEDC for their manner of detail in preparing for the audit. The Board thanked Mr. Gilbert. Superintendent David Long made a motion to approve SEDC's FY 2023 Audit. Superintendent John Dodds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Reports/Board Discussion Items

C. Executive Director's Report - Joe B. Wright:

1. **Courageous Principals:** All of the principals that signed up have been registered, and there is room in April's training to accommodate the region's group. Mr. Wright is working on arranging the travel plans. It was suggested to go through Utah State Travel.

2. **Legislative Luncheon Feedback:** The Board was pleased with the event and they appreciated the seating arrangements. Sitting with the Legislators made the event more personal. Even though some districts have other events, the Board continues to appreciate this regional event and wants to see it continue. Mr. Wright thanked Washington District for hosting the event.

3. **Plans for Legislative Session:** The Board is grateful for Mr. Wright and how he keeps them up to date, and informed throughout the session. The Board talked about having an intern help Mr. Wright during the session. They also spoke about the Thursday afternoon meeting and how important it is to Superintendents and Legislators.

3. **USBE Legislative Priorities:** Mr. Wright informed the board that not much has changed since the last Board meeting.

- a. Funding Requests:
- b. Statutory Change Requests:

C. Board Requested Items:

D. Utah State School Board Items:

Kristan Norton - State School Board: Excused

Emily Green - State School Board: Excused

E. Southern Utah University Items:

Pamela Powell – SUU Dean of Education: Dean Powell shared that SUU is in the process of hiring a new K12 Program Director. She also handed out the job description, along with the duties and responsibilities. Funding for this position is self-supportive. She also commented on how she enjoyed the Legislative Luncheon and sitting with legislators. She wished the Board a Happy New Year.

F. Charter School Items:

Ben Kaufman – SUCCESS Director - Charter Schools Representative: Excused

VI. Board Dialogue:

VII. Adjourn:

Superintendent David Long moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent John Dodds seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.