

SESC Board Meeting

March 11, 2026 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting Only

Present: Roberta Hardy
Jim Shank
Christine Fitzgerald

Mika Salas
Matthew Keyes
John Hughes

Welcome from Roberta Hardy

Consent Items:

- Minutes - Jim Shank moved to accept the minutes from the February 11, 2026 SESC Board Meeting. Christine Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Warrants - Christine Fitzgerald motioned to accept the warrants from 2/12/26. Jim Shank seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Assignments from Previous Meeting:

- Follow up with Superintendent Fitzgerald on Keynote Speak options for Side by Side Leadership Summit. - Details to follow during discussion items.
- Review the possibility of adding legislative updates to the Side by Side Leadership Summit. - Details to follow during discussion items

Discussion Items:

- Updates on planned Conferences/Trainings:
 - In regards to the Best Practices Forum: Partnership with USU/Edith Bowen Laboratory School/Emma Eccles Jones Foundation. SESC has been offered up to \$20,000 per year for at least 3 years to support both the Best Practices Forum and the Leadership Summit, with additional assistance from USU. These funds will allow for keynote speakers, food, materials, advertising with a potential stipend for presenters in future years and facility fees. SESC will need to make sure that we include logos from the foundations providing assistance.
 - Keynote Speaker Updates:
 - SESC Best Practices Forum which will take place on June 3, 2026. Joseph Kozlowski, who is a 2nd grade teacher at Edith Bowen Laboratory School and a top five finalist Teacher of the Year. John would like the superintendents to add presentation information to the form so that he can share this information with the region. Supt. Shank has a commitment in his district for the secondary slots, but needs additional time for the elementary level. Supt. Salas has said that she will be inviting individuals within their district. John mentioned that there is the possibility of providing funds to pay the presenters. He is trying to determine the logistics of payments. Supt. Fitzgerald mentioned that the employees from her district will be on contract and payment will not be required. Supt. Shank and Director Hardy will not be paying, but the stipend will definitely help.
 - SESC Leadership Summit which will take place on June 4, 2026. The keynotes/presenters are scheduled to be Kim Fratto will speak about

SPED law from USBE, Risk Management will be there as well as Lexi Cunningham and Nate will help with a keynote. Supt. Fitzgerald has an Office of Indian Education grant that would help with the costs for 10 additional leaders to attend the summit. John feels that the funding being provided by USU will cover these individuals. John will share the registration link with the board as soon as the information has been prepared.

- Legislative Updates/Instruction-John has linked the notes from the 6 weeks of the legislative session.
 - In regards to the Literacy Bill a conversation with Julie Clark let John know that the ELC grant that has been awarded to SESC is secured and we will be able to provide funding for an additional 2 years. The bill will also include funding for coaches at each service center, but the \$75,000 is not enough to fund an FTE. John asked if it was possible to spend this money first and then stretch our funding out for an additional 3 years. Supt. Fitzgerald wonders if it would be possible to split the funds and then the districts can pick up the remaining costs.
 - In regards to the SoR Paraprofessional Grant funding John asked Julie about the possibility of supplanting current K-3 aide funding to free up funds for other LEA needs and she felt that this could be allowed, but not guaranteed. They will have a panel to determine what types of training needs to be done and provide this through USBE. Dina is currently working on a bootcamp on the Science of Reading for grades 4-6 teachers that covers the basics. Supt. Salas suggested that each of the districts pay \$500 or a proportion of the costs to continue to license Dina in LETRS. Supt. Fitzgerald is also in favor of assisting this program with district funding.
 - Early Learning Software (LEXIA) has been defunded at the district level. LEXIA is used in several LEAs and SESC has offered to explore consortium purchasing. The board is interested in finding out what the costs would be moving forward. John will also check with Julie to see if the state will be working on any kind of consortium pricing.
- SESC/USBE Regional Instruction Coach training took place on March 10, 2026 with 21 participants. We had coaches from all 4 of the LEAs. Katie Hill is very interested in making this an annual event and rotate between Green River and Moab. The participants were very happy to have localized training.

Business/Action Items:

- Proposed Policy Changes-1st Readings:
 - Code 314-Gratuities - John reviewed the changes being made to Code 314-Gratuities. Mika Sals motioned to accept Code 314 as proposed. Jim Shank seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Information Items:

- The contract has been signed on the roofing project and work will begin in June.

- The Social Studies and Civics Trainings will be taking place March 19 & 20 in Moab. The 4-6th Grade Civics training has not been cancelled, but has been combined with the 3-5th grade training on March 20, 2026.
- April 10, 2026 SESC/USLA Conference at Green River High School. Please encourage your librarians to attend the trainings as we are not getting the registration numbers that we expected.
- April 24, 2026 Red Butte Garden Spring Grow Lab Workshop will be held at SESC. the link for registration can be found on the agenda.
- June 3, 2026 SESC Regional Best Practices and the June 4, 2026 Leadership Summit are open for registration and the links can be found on the agenda.
- SESC/USBE Teacher Mentor Endorsement registration will be opening in April.
- SESC Total Service Hours-John reviewed the service hour chart with the board. If you have needs in your districts please let John know.

Additional Business: The next meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2026 the virtual link can be found on the agenda. John would like to review the June meeting. The meeting is Monday, June 1, 2026 prior to the 2 conferences. The board is in favor of moving the June Board/Budget meeting to the afternoon of June 2, 2026 prior to the Best Practices Forum. John will work with Kacey to find a space for the meeting.

Jim Shank motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 a.m..