

Southwest Educational Development Center
Executive Board Meeting
Little America - Coffee Shop
500 S. Main St.
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
February 5, 2026
6:00 PM.

Garfield District

John Dodds- Excused

Beaver District

David Long

Iron District

Lance Hatch

Kane District

Ben Dalton

Millard District

Randy Hunter - Excused

Washington District

Richard Holmes

SUU

Pamela Powell - Excused

State School Board

Emily Green - Excused

Joann Brinton - Excused

Charter Schools

Colin Metzger - Excused

SEDC

Joe B. Wright

Melissa Van Horn - Excused

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Superintendent David Long called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance at 7:18PM.

Excused: Superintendent Randy Hunter, Superintendent John Dodds, Pamela Powell SUU, Emily Green & Joann Brinton State School Board, Colin Metzger Charter Schools, Melissa Van Horn SEDC

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Southwest Educational Development Center meetings held on Wednesday January 8, 2026 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent Lance Hatch, seconded by Superintendent Richard Holmes and passed unanimously by all Board members present. Superintendent Randy Hunter and Superintendent John Dodds - Excused

III. Approval of Check Register Reports

Motion: Approval of Check Register Report:

Mr. Joe Wright explained a few of the many items in the report. The NLP Travel Reimbursement of \$2,800.00, Grow Your Own Grant expenses and the Audit expense. The check register reports for January 3, 2026 to January 30, 2026 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent Ben Dalton, seconded by Superintendent Lance Hatch and passed unanimously by all Board members present. Superintendent Randy Hunter and Superintendent John Dodds - Excused

IV. Reports/Board Discussion Items

A. Executive Director Report:

Joe B. Wright – SEDC Executive Director:

1. **Regional Art Show:** Mr. Wright let the board know he was contacted late by the St. George Art Museum regarding the awards ceremony so that is why he didn't have event information to send to the Board ahead of time. The Best in Show was awarded to Regina Barraza of Hurricane High School, 2-D winner was Morgan Neilsen of Snow Canyon High School and 3-D was Cynthia Affleck of Cedar High School.

2. **Legislative Session Updates:** None

3. **Sterling Scholar Awards - Thursday March 26, 2026 @ 5:30pm at UTU:** Mr. Wright requested that Superintendents and a member of their Board be present at the Award Ceremony to present the awards. Mr. Wright discussed moving Sterling Scholar to the Fall of each year instead of the Spring.

4. **Autism Conference Expansion:** Mr. Wright discussed that SEDC is considering changing it to make it a Behavior and Autism Conference. SEDC may want to move it closer to September instead of April.

5. **Emergency Radio Testing for Schools:** Mr. Wright asked if all the districts had Sergeant Nash come to their districts and do a site assessment yet? Sergeant Nash is checking for radio frequencies inside all buildings. If they don't pass, another assessment will be required. It is this test that SEDC hopes to assist the LEAs with.

6. **Common Mandatory Training Resources:** Mr. Wright mentioned that most of the schools are using Vector Solutions Safe Schools. Mr. Wright is interested in helping all districts with a list of the required training. Those in attendance have agreed to share their lists so everyone has them.

C. Board Requested Items: None

D. Utah State School Board Items: None - Joann Brinton and Emily Green were not present

E. Southern Utah University Items: None - Pamela Powell was not present

F. Charter School Items: None - Executive Director was not present

VI. Board Dialogue: There was a discussion regarding potential changes to Compulsory Education in Utah

VII. Adjourn:

Superintendent Ben Dalton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Superintendent Richard Hatch seconded the motion and passed unanimously by all Board members present. Superintendent Randy Hunter and Superintendent John Dodds - Excused