

SESC Board Meeting

August 5, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

Present: Jim Shank
Matthew Keyes
Mika Salas

Christine Fitzgerald
John Hughes
Johnna Boyack

Welcome from Dr. Shank.

Consent Items: Matthew Keyes motioned to approve the minutes from June 2, 2026 and the warrants from 6/4/26, 6/19/26, 6/25/26, 6/30/26, 7/9/26, 7/16/26, & 7/30/26. Mika Salas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Presentations:

- Net Positive - Emily Alarcon-Patricio was on hand to give an overview of the Net Positive program. Free to the district with no fees.
- Edwinn Assist - Kristy Pendrey was at today's meeting to give an explanation of the Edwin Assist software program. This program is available to the Districts at a Founding Partner rate until the 2029-30 year.

Discussion Items:

- Back to school events - SESC will be set up at the Carbon & Emery Back-to-School events. JoLynn will visit schools and share information in the Grand and San Juan school districts.
- USBE Regional Education Service Agency Annual Report for FY '27 - John Hughes has completed and submitted this report as required by USBE to Deputies Jones and Voorhies on July 22, 2026.
- URSA Conference Report - The URSA conference has had another successful completion with a total of 491 attendees. The SESC region sent a total of 71 attendees to this year's conference. SESC looks forward to the 2027 conference which will be held at Carbon School District on July 7-8, 2027.
- Mental Health Grant FY 27-FY 29: John Hughes included the application with goals on the current agenda. He asked that the superintendents review the application with goals. SESC has been awarded \$200,000 and the money will be distributed as in the past.
- Grow Your Own Educator Grant FY27-FY28. John Hughes has submitted the application for \$1,826,000 for the Cohort 5 portion of the GYO Grant. The grant will support a cohort of 76 unique educator candidates over the two-year grant cycle. We are waiting to hear what amount they will award to SESC. Some candidates may be able to take advantage of the remaining funds from the 26/27 Cohort 4 grant.
- Gold Medal Schools-John Hughes sent an email to the board on 8/3/26. Make sure you have signed up with your rural elementary schools for the training to receive the \$13,000 per school that has been allocated.
- Droplet-John included the features and pricing tiers on the agenda. Mika Salas is still waiting for the answers to questions that she asked at the presentation. Jim Shank and Matthew Keyes may be interested in proceeding with the program next year. The majority indicated that the program was a no for now.

- Legislative Luncheon Invitations - John Hughes shared with the board a draft of an email that he would like to send to this year's candidates so that they will have the date of the luncheon on their calendars. The board was very favorable to the booklet that was handed out at the luncheon last year and would like to proceed with the booklet again this year. John assured the board that he will be crafting the book again this year and he will send out the informational email to the candidates this week.
- SB241 Funding Update-John Hughes reviewed the revised calculations and distribution methods for the FY 27 ELC funds. The MOU is included on the agenda for each district to review.
- SESC Next Steps-John Hughes requested input on potential needs within the region.

Business/Action Items:

- URSA Board Representative-SESC needs a new representative on the executive section of the URSA board. Matthew Keyes nominated Jim Shank. Christine Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Teacher Mentor Endorsement Instructor Stipend Approval-John Hughes stated that he is spending excessive amounts of personal time grading assignments for the Teacher Mentor Course. He explained the potential stipend payment using the funds paid by the course teachers and how they can be used to reimburse him for his time. Mika Salas motioned that John Hughes be paid a full stipend for each completion and a half stipend for each non-completion participant at \$70 for each out-of-region participant and \$20 for each in-region participant. Christine Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Information Items: John Hughes reviewed the following:

- Board Meeting Schedule
- SMUM Meeting Schedule
- SESC Board Rules FY '27
- Heads Up-Edgenuity Discussion in September-John Hughes will add Edgenuity to the September board meeting agenda for discussion. San Juan has some concerns and the current pricing contract will expire at the end of this school year.
- SESC Total Service Hours

Additional Business:

- Mika Salas was named Bloom Women's Health August Woman of the Month.
- Parking Lot replacement cost update - unfortunately due to sinkage of the under laying surface additional fill will need to be brought in to complete the parking lot. This will add approximately \$150,000 to the current bid. John Hughes will keep the board updated as to the progress.

Adjournment-Christine Fitzgerald motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 am. Matthew Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.