

SESC Board Meeting

September 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

SESC Office, Price, Utah

Present:

Taryn Kay
Ron Nielson
Mika Salas

Roberta Hardy
Shane Erickson
Johnna Boyack

Welcome from Superintendent Kay.

Consent Items:

- After a brief review of the minutes from the 5/17/21 SESC Board Meeting Ron Nielson motioned to approve the minutes. Taryn Kay seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- With no questions Ron Nielson motioned to approve the warrants from 5/13/21, 5/27/21, 6/3/21, 6/17/21, 6/30/21, 7/15/21, 7/30/21, 8/5/21, 8/18/21, 8/23/21 and 9/1/21. Mika Salas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Blue Ribbon Comments:

- Carbon - The Tik Tok challenges are proving to be very destructive at the school level. Carbon has experienced approximately \$4,000 worth of damage to the new bathrooms at Carbon High School. The High School construction is going very well. Both projects should be completed by the end of the school year. The high school organized a wonderful support program for an alumni student who was injured in Kabul.
- Grand - The high school and middle school has experienced damage as well. The district still has a mask mandate. The charter school in Grand also has a mask mandate. Middle school building is almost completed. The official completion date is October 31, 2021. Volleyball team recently held a fundraiser for a coach who passed away.
- San Juan - We are monitoring the COVID numbers and they are cautiously optimistic about the numbers. The district still has a mask mandate in their River region. Other than COVID they are just striving for normalcy.

Business/Action Items:

- SESC APPEL Policy 2nd Reading - Shane reviewed the changes that have been made to the APPEL Policy since the first reading. Mika Salas motioned to approve the SESC APPEL Policy. Ron Nielson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- SESC Cell Phone Policy Revision 1st reading - Shane reviewed the change in the policy from a \$300 to \$500 reimbursement for the purchase of a new cell phone every 3 years. Ron Nielson motioned to approve the change in the cell phone policy. Mika Salas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Reporting of Child Pornography Schools and SESC Technicians 1st Reading - Shane reviewed the addition of this policy to the SESC manual. Ron Nielson would like to bring this policy back at a future meeting to give time for review. The policy will be brought back at the next official meeting for a 2nd reading.
- Ratification of Driver's Ed Program admission fee from \$45 to \$50 - Ron Nielson motioned to ratify this change. Mika Salas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- SESC Job Announcement/Progress - Both positions have been posted in local papers and the Division of Workforce Services and we have 1 application at this point for the SESC Tech Trainer position.

USSA Meeting Discussion Items:

- COVID 19 - The board took a few minutes to review the situations within their districts/schools.

SESC Discussion Items:

- New Principal Mentoring Program Review - Lisa Young was available virtually at today's meeting to review the Principal Mentoring Program, The West Ed Handout and Professional Learning Series for School Leaders Opportunities are available through USBE. Handouts/links can be found on the agenda in the 9/16/21 folder of the SESC Board Drive. All Principal sessions will be recorded and available at any time. Ron Nielson is in favor of bringing this topic back at a future meeting. Lisa would be willing to work with the Superintendents to set up a program for their district.
- BYU Science Region Project for RESA's - Rebecca Sansom was in attendance at today's meeting to receive the names for Science Teacher Leader from the districts. Mika Salas, Carbon School District, has identified a Science teacher leader identified from within their district. The first year a Science teacher from within the region will work as a team leader for the group who is determined for the program next year. The Grand science candidate teaches a variety of subjects within the district. San Juan has a great veteran candidate, Jamie Carling, but has not had an opportunity to visit with her on this program. The board decided to submit the name from San Juan and use the Carbon and Grand candidates as back up if the teacher is not interested. Ron shared his contact information with Rebecca and will try to get back with her today or Monday at the latest. Rebecca will email Ron with a brief overview of the information. Handout links can be found on the 9/16/21 agenda. The Utah Science Teacher Association conference will be held October 25, 21 and there is a grant for rural teacher attendance. She will share a link for the grant application.
- Tech Intern for SESC IT Support - Robert Potts is unavailable for today's meeting.
- APPEL Program Progress/Updates - We have had 5 graduates from the program within the region.
- SESC Finance Progress - The spreadsheet for the current financial situation of SESC is always available in the SESC Board Google Drive.
- SESC Overall Strategic Plan-Vision - Shane updated the board on the status of the strategic plans for SESC. He would like to highlight each of the employees at future board meetings.
- Eduroam for SESC Districts - Robert Potts is unavailable for today's meeting.
- SESC Representative on URSA Board - During the August 26, 2021 collaboration, Superintendent Kay has offered to fill this position.
- Directors possible attendance to USBA/AASA - Shane requested information regarding the board's expectation of Shane's attendance at these meetings. In the past the director has had approval to attend a national conference every other year. Shane would like confirmation/approval for the continuation of this benefit. Ron Nielson remembers these discussions and the board was in favor of Shane continuing this professional development.
- Grow Your Own Grant Funding - We currently have several teachers from the districts who will be participating in this program. We will need to send out additional

confirmation emails to participants to make sure they qualify for this program. We currently have a place for one additional participant. Just have your paraprofessionals communicate with Johnna regarding this program.

- Earling Learning Coaches-access to Acadience Reading and Math data - Shane has been communicating with Sarah at USBE asking about access to this information. Shane wants to confirm with the board that they are okay with this request.
- 16 PD Courses for school leaders in 2021/22 - Tony Pelligrini joined the meeting to share information on the professional development opportunities. They carry a \$300 tuition, but the legislature has provided scholarship opportunities for Title 1 and Turn Around Schools. If the districts have professionals available to teach these courses they are very interested in this information. Links are available on the September 16, 21 agenda in the SESC Board Google Drive. If you would like Shane to gather any additional information just let him know.

Information Items:

- FY '22 SESC Activities
 - Quiz Bowls - We are planning to do a hybrid version of the quiz bowls for FY '22. We will have 2 virtual bowls, 2 in person bowls and a Regional Quiz Bowl for both the middle and high schools. Shane will reach out to Greg Dart to see if the regional bowls can be held on the USU Eastern campus. Joe Cha will be doing the coordination with the district coaches on this program.
 - Spelling Bee - Region Bee scheduled for March 10, 2022 at Green River High School
 - Sumo Bot Competitions - Nathan Wilson has been reaching out to past coordinators regarding scheduling for the FY '22 Sumo Bot competitions.
 - Title IX Training - John is willing to schedule these trainings and they will be done on site. The board requested that Shane communicate with John to schedule these trainings for the districts. Mika Salas feels that it would be beneficial to hold these training sessions every other year.

Closed Session: Ron Nielson motioned to go into a closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Mika Salas seconded the motion. Roll call shows unanimous. The meeting moved to closed session at 12:27 p.m. on Thursday, September 16, 2021.

Next Meeting: November 2021, date to be determined.