

SESC Board Meeting

March 24, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Green River High School, Green River

Present:

Taryn Kay
Mika Salas
Ryan Maughan
Ron Nielson
Greg Dart

Roberta Hardy
Cynthia Davis IVC
Megan McDonald IVC
Shane Erickson
Johnna Boyack

Welcome from Superintendent Kay.

SUU K-12 Programs - Cynthia Davis, new K-12 Director @ SUU was available via IVC at today's meeting to update the board on the professional development and endorsement programs available at SUU. Cynthia will share a one page information document and link with Shane to be shared with the group.

Consent Items: Mika Salas motioned to approve the minutes from January 12, 2022 and the 1/14/22, 1/27/22, 2/4/22, 2/10/22, 2/28/22, 3/3/22, 3/10/22, 3/18/22 warrants as shown on the agenda. Ryan Maughan seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Blue Ribbon:

- San Juan - The San Juan High School boys basketball team took state. Jocelyn Francom, Monticello High School, was the winning speller at the recent SESC Regional Spelling Bee. Purchase price for shock clocks is about \$3,500.
- USUEastern - Next week in Moab they will have a ribbon cutting for the new campus. Received \$5 million, during the recent legislative session, for a new building in Monument Valley. A new veterinary school in Logan. There will also be a new veterinary 2/4 yr program in Price. A USUE welding student, Jordan Packard, took 2nd in a National skills USA welding competition. Commencement is coming up on 30th of April.
- Emery - Emery school district is requesting to take Nathan Wilson from SESC to work in educational technology coaching/tech support in person at Emery SD.
- PCA - All secondary teachers will be returning next year. Will lose some elementary teachers though. Have had a full staff for the first time in 5 years.
- Carbon - Successful play, Little Mermaid, at Carbon High School. Mika was very pleased by some positive comments on student participation at Carbon HS.
- SESC - Ron Nielson attended the Spelling Bee and was able to hand the awards to the participants. Quiz Bowls have gone very well & regional tournaments will take place for the first time next week @ USUE. APPEL program is well appreciated by the region and USBE.
- Grand - Formed a Less Stress committee that has met 3 or 4 times this year. During the most recent meeting COVID was not a subject. Open House for the middle school will be held at the end of this month. During a recent high school boys soccer game against Emery you saw great play and great sportsmanship.

USSA Discussion Items: The board took a moment to discuss the status of the transgender athletes bill currently on capitol hill. Reach out to legislators about vote if you feel strongly about it.

SESC Discussion Items:

- Crucial Conversations - Megan McDonald was available at today's meeting to answer questions for the board regarding the Crucial Conversations training. She shared the cost breakdown for before 3/31/22 and after. Typical on-demand program will require 6-8 hours. The board determined that they will have approximately 60 administrators throughout the region. If 100 learner licenses are purchased, at the rate of \$215, the cost of training a trainer will be covered. Shane is willing to be trained in order to present these trainings throughout the region. The training for Shane will not expire, but he does need to teach several trainings right off the bat. Emery would like to see the training in June, Carbon throughout the year, Grand in June and San Juan may look at a trainer in their region. Megan will send a bid to Shane.
- Needs Assessment Progress:
 - Emery support - Emery needs an education technology coach who provides direct instruction to my teachers focusing on digital technology.
 - Commonalities through districts via a needs assessment.
 - It is important that the service center provide to the district instead of here is what the service center can provide.
 - Simplify the survey!!!
 - If SESC went away what would you miss?
 - What would you like SESC to do for you?
 - What needs do you have that you can't provide on your own?
 - Would you be willing to provide funding for additional FTE's?
 - Checklist of services provided by other service centers. Possibly added to the survey.
 - Carbon was very appreciative of Theresa in the assessment director role. Could this be assigned to someone at SESC?
 - The board would like the needs assessment to be delivered to the superintendents/director.
- Critical Needs:
 - Grand-assistance with all of the state mandates that are requiring additional staff. The APPEL program is great. The Mental Health and Early Learning grant is very beneficial. Doesn't have the administrative structure to take on all of the additional items from the legislature. Policy updates. LETRS training is now required for all K-3 teachers in the state. Losing Theresa was big, but if JoLynn will complete the online videos for technology that will be great.
 - San Juan-In class digital instruction for teachers. Leadership development. Assessment-Theresa worked with assessment directors in the districts. APPEL is great as well as Quiz Bowl and Spelling Bees.
 - Emery-State mandate liaison would be a great support. Leadership and counselor support would be helpful.

- PCA-Need to join APPEL!! The current grants are great, but we are missing out on grants at a national level. Legislative session updates would be very beneficial. State office used to do this for everyone, but the people have left.
- Carbon-Quiz Bowl and Spelling Bees are very beneficial. State mandates, LETRS training which can't be done during the summer. Assessment support. Need schoolwide data from ASPIRE +, but the state didn't purchase this feature. Someone who could gather this information for the districts would be very beneficial.
- JoLynn providing a synopsis of notes and links from the assessment directors meetings would be very helpful.
- All the RESA's could advocate for an online/distance option to JLC. Shane will contact Lexi about the possibility.
- Overview of services provided by the other service centers. One page document or in person.
- Roberta asked that perhaps we offer sale items to the region before adding to public surplus. Shane would share this information throughout the region if you send the info to him.
- Calendar 2022-23 Board meeting dates - Shane asked the board if there is a better day during the week for scheduling next year's board meeting dates? Not Wednesday. Thursday will be best.

Information Items:

- SESC Audit Report - We have requested reports for every board member. They should be available soon.
- SESC Finance Tracking - the SESC finances are always available to board members in the google drive.
- URSA Conference Updates - conference planning is underway and registration has begun. Working with exhibitors and call for presenters has been sent.
- 2023 Conference in Price - Shane has been working with Greg about next year's conference. Greg has scheduled the USUE campus for the 23 conference. Shane asked about potential keynote speakers that they would be interested in for the conference in Price.
 - Taryn suggested that Mickey Smith Jr., from the New Orleans literacy conference, would be a good idea.
 - Greg asked for any ideas that might make the conference better at USUE.
- SESC Spelling Bee update-reviewed the winners. Winner will be going to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

Next Meeting: Thursday May 12, 2022. Roberta requested an online version as well.

Other: Ron asked about the district salary comparison done by Beaver School District. The board discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.