

Southwest Educational Development Center
Executive Board Meeting
520 West 800 South
Cedar City, Utah 84720
9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Present:

Beaver District

David Long

Garfield District

John Dodds

Iron District

Lance Hatch

Kane District

Millard District

Dave Styler

Washington District

Larry Bergeson

SUU State School Board

Shawn Christiansen

State School Board

Charter Schools

Ben Kaufman

SEDC

Joe B. Wright

Selene Corbridge

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Superintendent Dave Styler welcomed everyone in attendance.

Visitors: Chris Haight, SEDC's Media & Tach Mentor/Autism Assistant

Excused: Superintendent Ben Dalton, Kane School District, Mark Huntsman, State School Board, Kristan Norton, State School Board.

II. Informational Items:

III. Board Annual Organization: New Board Chair

Following the rotation as outlined in SEDC's Policy, Superintendent Dave Styler will serve as the Board Chair for the 2022-2023 school year. Superintendent Larry Bergeson made the motion. Seconded by Superintendent John Dodds, and passed unanimously by all board members present. Superintendent Ben Dalton excused. The board thanked Superintendent Lance Hatch for his service.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Southwest Educational Development Center meetings held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 and Wednesday, June 15, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent Larry Bergeson, seconded by Superintendent David Long and passed unanimously by all board members present. Superintendent Ben Dalton excused.

V. Approval of Check Register Reports

Motion: Approval of Check Register Report:

Mr. Joe Wright explained a few of the many items of the report. The check register reports for May 5, 2022 through September 8, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent David Long, seconded by Superintendent Lance Hatch and passed unanimously by all board members present. Superintendent Ben Dalton excused.

VI. Reports/Board Discussion Items

A. SEDC Staff Report

1. **Media & Tech Mentor/Autism Assistant – Chris Haught:** Mrs. Chris Haught loves seeing what is going on in the LEA's and she loves her job. She shared many of the projects she does with her job. She thanked Mr. Scott Harpster and Mr. McKay Thompson for the time they have spent on Koha (the library management system) and the upgrades that have been made. Mrs. Haught is a professional at CANVAS and spends many hours updating and helps keep many teachers functioning. There are 10 new Librarians in the region this year and she is excited to help train them. She along with Mr. Clint Stephens are continuing to host Tuesday Tech Talks. Mr. Wright publicly thanked Mrs. Haught for everything she does in the region and for the support she gives to SEDC. The board thanked Mrs. Haught.

Joe B. Wright – SEDC Executive Director:

1. **Sensitive Materials in SORA:** 76-10-1227 was discussed in detail. By law LEA's have to report Book Challenges. The board talked about HB374. Time is a factor and assigning an individual in the LEA to create and send these reports to USBE. SEDC's Books in the Adult category are for high school students. The Executive Board has the final say on removing a book from the collection. Superintendent Lance Hatch made the motion to remove those books on the list that have been submitted that are labeled restricted from the regions Sora library and keep those that are labeled Adult for high school students only, and allow public Beehive access to only to the Juvenile category and below and included are Dual Immersion schools in this same motion, seconded by Superintendent Larry Bergeson and passed unanimously by all board members present. Superintendent Ben Dalton excused. Mrs. Haught is happy to reach out to our Dual Immersion schools and work with them.
2. **APPEL Update:** We have 27 teachers that have been recommended for licensure through the program. 90 teachers that are a part of the program at this time and 15 that will be taking the PPAT this fall. Elementary teachers are no longer required to take the Content Knowledge Praxis test. There are other options available.
3. **BTS Specialist Update:** USBE pulled the support funding back for this position. USBE's hope is for the region to use the BTS specialist from SUU for support.
4. **Mental Health Service Update:** There is a link for the board to review, concerning Dr. Brett Shumway's August services in the region.
5. **Expanded K-16 Alliance Meeting in October:** The K16 Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at the Iron School District Offices. Board Meeting will begin at 9:30 am., and the luncheon will begin at 11:30 am.
6. **URSA Update:** Mr. Wright shared his notes with the board and a few highlights from the recent URSA Board meeting.
7. **JLC Priorities:** Vouchers, Auditing and Accountability were discussed. The board talked about good practices with Legislators. The proper role of URSA in legislative issues was also discussed.
8. **USBE Updates:**
 - a. **New Assessments for Paraprofessionals:** The Praxis's test is still an option for those without an Associates degree, but it is no longer the only option. Others have been added to the list of accepted assessments.
 - b. **Updated CTE Pathways for 2023-24 School Year:** They are making some proposed changes to CTE Pathways.
 - c. **Updated Core Standards Revision Timeline:** Mr. Wright has shared a link to the most up to date Core Standards Revision timeline as he knows that many LEAs consider this when adopting new curriculum.

- d. **USBE Parent Guides:** USBE has come up with a new parent's guide for each grade. It is called Essential Learning Guides and it is what each parent should expect their child to learn in each grade.
- e. **Staff Training on Child Sexual Abuse & Human Trafficking:** All LEA's are required to offer Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training and Human Trafficking Prevention Training. Many in the room use Safe Schools, or Vector Solutions. Vector Solution is a USBE approved training for Child Sexual Abuse Training. While Vector Solutions has not been approved for the Human Trafficking Training. Vector Solutions is working on this but if this does not change, the LEAs will need to pick one of the other solutions to provide the training to be compliant with the law.
- f. **Demonstrated Competency & Credit Recovery Courses:** Ms. Jennifer Thronsen presented on this in Midway this past June but Mr. Wright wanted to remind and make sure the board is aware of this as a resource. USBE has developed Canvas courses for all courses in the areas where students are most likely to fail. Demonstrated competency tests, developed by USBE can also be used if a student chooses to opt out of a class.
- g. **New UETS, Implementation Timeline, & Teacher Evaluation Draft:** The new Teaching Standards have now been approved by USBE. The old Standards contained ten Standards and the new Standards have five. The goal is to have full implementation by the 2025-2026 school year.

9. Closed Session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

11:20 am., Superintendent Larry Bergeson motioned to enter into Closed session, seconded by Superintendent David Long and passed unanimously by all board members present. Superintendent Ben Dalton excused. Mrs. Selene Corbridge was excused from the closed session. A Roll Call vote was taken to go into a closed session: David Long, Larry Bergeson, Lance Hatch, John Dodds, and Dave Styler all voted in favor with zero no votes. At 11:26 am., Superintendent David Long motioned to exit the Closed Session, seconded by Superintendent Lance Hatch and passed unanimously by all board members present. Superintendent Ben Dalton excused.

Board Requested Items:

1. **Analyzing District Data Ideas:** Superintendent Long asked how other districts are using the data files that come from USBE on student assessments. Superintendent Bergeson offered to bring Washington Districts Director of Assessment to the next meeting. ICSD is currently piloting a program called Panorama with a piloting grant from USBE.
2. **Political Displays in the classroom/School (i.e. Rainbow Flags, Back the Blue, Black Lives Matter, etc.):** The board discussed what each of their districts is doing with displays in the classroom that may be considered political by some parents. Beaver District has a policy, curriculum only displays in the classroom. Washington District has an Administrative Letter but no policy right now. Items in the teachers' space versus displayed in the classroom was discussed.

Utah State School Board Items:

Kristan Norton - State School Board: Not Present

Mark Huntsman - State School Board: Not Present

Southern Utah University Items:

Shawn Christiansen – Southern Utah University: SUU'S faculty is talking about implementing a 4 plus 1 for secondary licensure. Students would participate for three years to earn their bachelor's degree and one year toward a master's degree. Dr. Christiansen asked the board if this would negatively impact the candidates lane changes or being hired. The idea is for these students to be better prepared to be hired. The LEA's hiring committee will hire the highest ranked individual for the job. The salary would be changed for the individual coming in with a Master's degree.

Elementary Education students at SUU have grown to around 417, after many years of low numbers. Dr.

Christiansen feels it is because of SUU's online program. It is a little hard to manage the online programs simply because the students are spread all over. On campus students are easier to schedule with student teaching assignments and practicums. Dr. Christiansen would like to know how to get online students introduced to the LEA's. The rural LEA's are in need of student teachers. Some SUU students are in contact with principals before they even start their schooling. SUU would need to contact Washington District's Elementary Assistance (Nathan Esplin, Asst. Superintendent) or his assistant Tammy Davies or Secondary (Richard Holmes, Asst. Superintendent) or his assistant Mandi Peck. Mr. Wright is willing to help SUU make the connections/assignments for student teaching with the other LEA's. SUU is starting a Bachelor of Social Work program and when this is up and running SUU will start a Master Social Work program. This will be Dean Christiansen's last year as Dean, he will be going back into the classroom full time.

Charter School Items:

Ben Kaufman – Charter Schools Representative:

Mr. Kaufman asked the board what they would like him to do as the Charter Representative. SEDC's Executive Board would like Mr. Kaufman to be the liaison between the Charter Schools and the board in the region. Mr. Wright is willing to help in any way.

VII. Board Dialogue:

VIII. Adjourn:

Superintendent John Dodds moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Larry Bergeson seconded the motion and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.