

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

Present:

**Beaver District**

David Long

**Garfield District**

John Dodds

**Iron District**

Lance Hatch

**Kane District**

Ben Dalton (IVC)

**Millard District**

Dave Styler

**Washington District**

Larry Bergeson

**SUU**

**State School Board 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:** Rhett Larsen, USBE's School Safety Center, Clint Stephens, SEDC's Technology Integration Specialist.

**Excused:** Dean Shawn Christiansen, Southern Utah University, Mark Huntsman, State School Board; Kristan Norton, State School Board

## **II. Informational Items:**

**USBE School Safety Center – Rhett Larsen:** Mr. Rhett Larsen joined the meeting via Zoom and shared the USBE Best Practices presentation. He spoke about the 2019 HB-120, Collaboration, Funding, Data, School Safety Specialist. Mr. Larsen will share the presentation with Mr. Wright.

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion: Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Southwest Educational Development Center meetings held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent Larry Bergeson, seconded by Superintendent David Long and passed unanimously by all board members present.

## **IV. Approval of Check Register Reports**

**Motion: Approval of Check Register Report:**

Mr. Wright explained a few of the items on the report. The check register reports for October 5, 2022 through November 3, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent John Dodds, seconded by Superintendent Lance Hatch and passed unanimously by all board members present.

## **V. Reports/Board Discussion Items**

### **A. SEDC Staff Report**

**1. Technology Integration Specialist:** Mr. Clint Stephens shared many of the projects he has worked on and many that he has scheduled. He shared with each district those things he has done in the past year. He talked about the many endorsement courses he is involved with and the number of teachers that are taking the courses from the region. He spoke about the Tuesday Tech Talks and that these

have been recorded so that when a teacher cannot attend in person they can still listen to the recording and obtain credit through MIDIS after completing a short summary. Mr. Stephens hopes to resume the Talks in the near future. He talked about the many conferences and camps in the region and throughout the state he is involved in. A new challenge is the new Ed Tech Competency Based Endorsement that he and Mr. Wright are working on. He talked about Canvas and the new RFP. The old Canvas contract is up and the new RFP for a new learning management system is out. Mr. Stephens is doubtful that Utah will switch away from Canvas because of the time that has been invested but there are other management systems out there. The RFP will award one state funded option and at least one more with a state contract. Superintendent Long sets on the board if you would like to contact him with concerns. Mr. Stephens is committed to our region and being out in the schools. The Board thanked Mr. Stephens for all his work in the region.

**Joe B. Wright – SEDC Executive Director:**

1. **Election Results:** Mr. Wright shared the results of the election for the region and a few throughout the state.
2. **bSWATT Update:** Mr. Wright wanted to share two items of interest with the board. First, would be the RFP for Canvas that Mr. Stephens has discussed. Second, Mr. Wright talked about the new system that Iron has purchased. It is called One to One Plus and is a school inventorying management system for technology.
3. **SUMS Conference:** There was a great turnout at the SUMS conference that was held at SUU in October. Mr. Wright thanked the Board for their support. The State Library Specialist was in attendance virtually and gave some direction to Librarians. There was a keynote speaker and great breakout sessions.
4. **Mental Health Therapy Update September-October:** The link is on the agenda. Mr. Shumway is doing a wonderful job.
5. **School Counselor Support:** Mr. Wright asked if the Board can see the need for a School Counselor cohort in the region. SEDC would be willing to help support and provide lunches. The Board feels there is a need and is supportive of the cohort. Mr. Wright will start to collaborate quarterly meetings.
6. **Regional High School Art Show – Submissions Due December 1, 2022:** SEDC has helped support the regional art show for the past three years. The first year the show was held at SUMA, at SUU and the second and third years it was held at the St. George Arts Museum. The board has sponsored scholarships for the winners. SUMA will not be able to host the Art Show this year because of scheduling issues. Mr. Wright asks the Board if they feel this show is beneficial for our students and would like him to locate a venue to host the show. One idea was to combine with CUES and hold the show in Richfield. The Board would like to keep the show in the region. The board feels it is beneficial and would like Mr. Wright to locate a venue.
7. **Legislative Luncheon – December 14, 2022:** Some board members have received their invitations. The Board welcomes inviting the new Representatives-elects in our region to the luncheon but would rather not invite the board member-elects. The agenda for the meeting will be as it has been in the past. The Board discussed a few topics they would like to discuss with our legislators.
8. **Additional Mental Health Grant Discussion:** There is additional grant funding available because of carryover and the grant is due tomorrow. Mr. Wright consulted with the SEDC Mental Health team Mr. Brett Shumway, Mrs. Emily Sagendorf and Mr. Paul Day. The funds would need to be used for trainings for staff, hiring additional staff or scholarships for persons that would like to become a Mental Health provider. Mr. Wright asks if any of any of the districts are pursuing this grant. Garfield District is interested.
  - a. **Training for LEA Staff:** SEDC's first priority would be for training. Stipends for a teacher or

paying for a substitute if the training was held during the day. Mr. Shumway would like to bring in a professional in for a one-day course for those working in the school-based mental health. Mrs. Sagendorf would like to do training on Behaviors for de-escalation training for teachers and paraprofessionals. She would like to do a one-day training at SEDC and we would pay for the substitute, or she is willing to do the training virtually and offer it one day a week for four weeks. If the training was held after school, we could pay the teacher a stipend for the course. Mr. Wright is thinking we can offer these training sessions to anyone in our region for around \$10,000.00. The funds would be spent on stipends, substitutes and bringing in other professionals to lead the training.

**b. Position – RBT:** The other idea was to hire a Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) to work alongside Mrs. Sagendorf. This person would model for teachers and work directly with students that are having difficulty in the classroom. This person would be a regional RBT. The position would really only be a half year position and the funding is for one year only.

The Board would like SEDC to pursue the grant for trainings, but not for hiring an RBT. Superintendent Lance Hatch made a motion to approve SEDC to seek additional funding for Mental Health in order to provide training to LEA staff and contracted providers. Superintendent David Long seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

#### **9. USBE Updates:**

**a. Reports and Requirements Task Force - Recommendations:** Mr. Wright reviewed the short list of recommendations.

**b. Utah Accountability Redesign Initial Report:** The link to the report was included in the agenda. The Board had a discussion concerning graduation requirements.

#### **Board Requested Items:**

**1. Cyber-Security Discussion:** Superintendent Long gave a presentation at the recent SAINTCON Conference. Superintendent Long informed the board that State Risk Management will not pay for a CyberSecurity Breach and he is not aware of any insurance company that will cover the costs of a breach. CoSN has some information and helps. The Board discussed this problem. UETN staff can come to a district and complete a security check. Mr. Scott Harpster has a master's degree in CyberSecurity and can also evaluate a district's needs. Superintendent Long will email the SAINTCON 2022 CyberSecurity Presentation to the board.

**2. College Access Advisors:** Some of the districts are aware these advisors are in their schools and are happy to have them there. Others are not aware they are in their schools. Mr. Wright will follow up on this issue.

#### **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:** Excused

#### **Charter School Items:**

**Ben Kaufman – Charter Schools Representative:** Mr. Kaufman had nothing at this time.

**VI. Board Dialogue:** Student enrollment is lower than in past years. The State football finals were discussed.

#### **VII. Adjourn:**

Superintendent John Dodds moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent Larry Bergeson seconded the motion and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.