

Southwest Educational Development Center
Executive Board Meeting
Washington County School District
121 West Tabernacle
St. George, Utah 84770
9:30 A.M.
Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Present:

Beaver District
David Long

Garfield District

Iron District
Lance Hatch

Kane District
Ben Dalton

Millard District
Dave Styler

Washington District
Larry Bergeson

SUU
Tony Pellegrini

State School Board
Kristan Norton

Charter Schools
Ben Kaufman

SEDC
Joe B. Wright
Selene Corbridge

I. Welcome & Call to Order

Superintendent Styler welcomed everyone in attendance.

Visitors: Paul Day, SEDC's Autism Specialist, Emily Sagendorf, SEDC's BCBA.

Excused: Superintendent John Dodds, Garfield School District; Mark Huntsman, State School Board

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Southwest Educational Development Center meeting held Wednesday, November 9, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent Larry Bergeson, seconded by Superintendent Ben Dalton and passed unanimously by all Board members present. Superintendent John Dodds excused.

IV. Approval of Check Register Reports

Motion: Approval of Check Register Report:

Mr. Wright shared a few items on the check register report.

The check register reports for November 4, 2022 through December 2, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent Ben Dalton, seconded by Superintendent David Long and passed unanimously by all Board members present. Superintendent John Dodds excused.

V. Reports/Board Discussion Items

A. SEDC Staff Report:

BCBA – Emily Sagendorf: Mrs. Sagendorf has made many new connections with new teachers throughout the region. Teachers can now take a survey and self-rate their own classrooms. She can see a difference in the districts that have RBT's (Registered Behavior Technician). Mrs. Sagendorf explained in detail how a Paraprofessional can become an RBT. Para's and Teachers are taking care of situations in the

classroom after Mrs. Sagendorf has helped to train them. She is willing and happy to attend Principals meetings. The Superintendents are willing to help in any way

SEDC applied for and received additional funding from USBE's School-based Mental Health Qualified Grant. With this funding SEDC plans to offer trainings in deescalating problem behaviors. Mrs. Sagendorf explained this in detail. She will begin in the New Year to complete the eight-hour trainings. She can either meet with the teachers during the school day at the school or meet online after school. The funds were originally to pay for substitutes' but if the teachers want to meet after school hours, the grant can pay the teachers a stipend for their time. Mrs. Sagendorf would complete four, two-hour trainings after school. The Board is grateful for Mrs. Sagendorf and the knowledge she brings to our LEA's.

Autism Specialist – Paul Day: Mr. Day wants the Board to know that his job became easier when Mrs. Sagendorf was hired at SEDC. She takes care of many situations that Mr. Day was being called in on. Mr. Day gave a brief explanation of what he does in the region. Mr. Day is a BCBA as well as a School Psychologist and does many Autism assessments in the region. He sets up programs for individual students in Pre-K - 3 to meet their needs and really enjoys working with these young students. Mr. Day spends about 90 percent of his time at the preschools. If called, he is about two weeks out for a situation, unless it is an emergency. Mr. Day explained in detail the model he uses in Millard School District and how productive the model can be.

The Board thanked Mr. Day for all his services. Mr. Wright noted that no other RESA in the state has both of these resources and both positions are funded by grants.

B. Executive Director Report:

Joe B. Wright – SEDC Executive Director:

- 1. Legislative Meeting – Slides and other Discussion:** Each board member received a copy of the Legislative Meeting agenda. Dixie High Schools choir will begin the luncheon and then a prayer will be given on the food. Mr. Wright took the Board through the slides. Mr. Wright updated the Board of those Legislators that will be attending today. The Board discussed legislative topics briefly.
- 2. Mid-Year Budget Update:** Mr. Wright shared the report and took the Board briefly through it. He feels SEDC is in a good financial place. The STEM Endorsement budget is closed at this time but when a person is hired to continue these classes, we will again open this budget up. As of last fall the funds SEDC has received for these classes has been deposited in the Capital Projects budget. As of December 12th, SEDC had received 34% of the budgeted revenue and had expended 28% of the budget.
- 3. Make-up LETRS Trainings – Email from USBE:** USBE contacted Mr. Wright, concerning the LETRS Trainings. He asks the Board to get back with him if their LEA needs a make-up LETRS Training. This would be for both Teachers and Administrators.
- 4. College Access Advisors:** The list of College Access Advisors that are in the region's high schools was shared with the Board. There have been problems filling these advisor positions. Some high schools will not have advisors until later based on needs.
- 5. SEDC Staff Out of State Travel:**Canvas is having their national conference in Denver Colorado, in the summer of 2023. Mrs. Haught is SEDC's expert on Canvas and provides support to much of our region. Superintendent David Long made the motion to allow the out of state travel for Mrs. Haught to attend Instructure's Canvas conference the summer of 2023 in Denver Colorado, seconded by Superintendent Ben Dalton and passed unanimously by all board members present. Superintendent John Dodds excused.

6. MH Services for November 2022: Mr. Shumway's monthly update for November is linked on the agenda.

7. Instructional Materials Policies: Mr. Wright is aware that four of our districts are using the USBA's model policy. Superintendent Long and Mrs. Haught have gone through and made a few tweaks in in a few areas of the model policy. Mr. Wright has provided the updates Beaver District has in their policy. Mrs. Haught is working with Librarians to help train them on their district's policies.

8. USBE Updates: Mr. Wright wanted to share training from the Fall Student Data Privacy conference with the Board if others have not already shared them. There is a recording to the actual presentation in the link. The training slides were also shared in the agenda.

VI. Board Requested Items:

Utah State School Board Items:

Kristan Norton - State School Board: Board Member Norton was at a national education seminar a few weeks ago and she wanted the board to know that it is great to be from Utah. Utah is a shining star in the nation. It comes right back to superintendents, this group is a foundational support of Utah's education. The SEDC region has so many strong LEA's and great teachers supporting them. Mrs. Norton is grateful for this leadership. Superintendents are thankful for State Superintendent Dickson and her phenomenal leadership throughout the Pandemic. Board Member Norton talked about reducing the financial reporting for LEA's and that there is a lot of work still to be done. The Board thanked Board Member Norton for her insight and support on the USBE.

Mark Huntsman - State School Board: Not Present

Southern Utah University Items:

Shawn Christiansen – Southern Utah University:

It is finals week at SUU. Grading will begin next week and then the semester will wrap up. SUU has hired many new faculty members. Dean Christiansen will be on the board until the end of June, when his successor as Dean will take over.

Charter School Items:

Ben Kaufman – SUCCESS Director - Charter Schools Representative: Mr. Kaufman had nothing at this time.

VII. Board Dialogue: Mr. Wright asks the Board if they would like to honor Chair Mark Huntsman for his service. Mr. Wright will arrange something to honor Mr. Huntsman in Millard School District. The Board was supportive of this.

VIII. Adjourn:

Superintendent Larry Bergeson moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent David Long seconded the motion and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.