

Southwest Educational Development Center  
Executive Board Meeting  
Little America Hotel – Coffee Shop  
500 South Main Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101  
8:00 A.M.  
January 5, 2023

Present:

**Beaver District**  
David Long

**Garfield District**  
John Dodds

**Iron District**  
Lance Hatch

**Kane District**  
Ben Dalton

**Millard District**  
Dave Styler

**Washington District**  
Larry Bergeson

**SUU**  
Shane Christiansen

**State School Board**

**Charter Schools**

**SEDC**  
Joe B. Wright, Selene Corbridge

## **I. Welcome & Call to Order**

Superintendent Styler welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Visitors:** James Gilbert, Gilbert & Stewart CPA, Dr. Heather Leary, BYU.

**Excused:** Ben Kaufman - SUCCESS Academy, Kristan Norton and Emily Green - State School Board.

## **II. Informational Items:**

- A. **BYU Science Teacher PD Project – Dr. Heather Leary:** Dr. Leary shared the Social Network Analysis for the region and explained it in detail. A new survey will be conducted later this month. Dr. Leary shared the program overview with the Board. Dr. Leary will share each districts data with Mr. Wright. She will also share her slideshow. The Board thanked Dr. Leary.

## **III. Approval of Minutes**

### **Motion: Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Southwest Educational Development Center meeting held Wednesday, December 14, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent David Long, seconded by Superintendent Larry Bergeson and passed unanimously by all Board members.

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

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

The check register reports for December 3, 2022 through December 21, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Superintendent Larry Bergeson, seconded by Superintendent John Dodds and passed unanimously by all Board members.

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

### **A. James Gilbert, CPA – Gilbert & Stewart:**

**SEDC's 2022 Audit Report:** Mr. James Gilbert provided each Board member with a copy of SEDC's 2022 Audit Report. He explained the financial statements in detail, going through many pages with the

Board. Mr. Wright explained that SEDC has grants that were not expended this past year, which accounts for most of the net change in the fund balances. Mr. Gilbert explained that SEDC received the highest rating that can be awarded. Superintendent Dalton thanked Mr. Wright and Mrs. Corbridge for the care they take with SEDC's budgets. Mr. Gilbert also thanked those at SEDC for their manner of detail in preparing for the audit. The Board thanked Mr. Gilbert. Superintendent Larry Bergeson made a motion to approve SEDC's 2022 Audit. Superintendent David Long seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

### **Reports/Board Discussion Items**

#### **B. Executive Director's Report - Joe B. Wright:**

**1. Legislative Luncheon Feedback:** The Board was pleased with the event in general. A suggestion was made to add a slide or section to the presentation that would allow districts to share how they spend the WPU increase.

**2. Plans for Legislative Session:** Mr. Wright shared the schedule of location and times of meetings that are of interest to the Board that will be held throughout the Legislative Session. The Board is grateful for all the information Mr. Wright shares throughout the session. Mr. Wright is also known and trusted by the region's Legislators.

**3. MyVRSpot Profile – SEDC Contract:** MyVRSpot's newsletter spotlight on SEDC has been linked to today's agenda. SEDC purchased MyVRSpot for one and a half school years for all LEAs in the region. Washington District decided not to participate. Mr. Wright will bring back the data for each district in February's board meeting for the Board to consider another regional purchase.

#### **C. Board Requested Items:**

#### **D. Utah State School Board Items:**

**Kristan Norton - State School Board:** Excused

**Emily Green - State School Board:** Excused

#### **E. Southern Utah University Items:**

**Shawn Christiansen – SUU Dean of Education:** School will begin again on Monday, January 9, at SUU. Dean Christiansen explained a new scholarship opportunity for SUU students interested in Special Education. Online students would be eligible for this scholarship.

#### **F. Charter School Items:**

**Ben Kaufman – SUCCESS Director - Charter Schools Representative:** Excused

### **VI. Board Dialogue:**

The region's districts are willing to help in any way with the tragedy that occurred in Iron County yesterday.

The Hope Scholarship has a new name, Utah Fits All.

UEN has renewed their contract with Canvas for another five years.

The Board discussed USBE's Audit.

### **VII. Adjourn:**

Superintendent Larry Bergeson moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent David Long seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.