

Southwest Educational Development Center  
Executive Board Meeting  
Washington School District Professional Learning Center  
2040 West 2000 North  
St. George, UT 84770  
April 18, 2023  
7:00 A.M.

Present:

**Beaver District**  
David Long

**Garfield District**  
John Dodds

**Iron District**  
Lance Hatch

**Kane District**

**Millard District**  
Dave Styler

**Washington District**  
Larry Bergeson

**SUU**  
Shawn Christiansen

**Utah State School Board**  
Kristan Norton

**Charter Schools**  
Ben Kaufman

**SEDC**  
Joe B. Wright  
Selene Corbridge

## I. Welcome & Call to Order

Superintendent Dave Styler welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Excused:** Superintendent Ben Dalton, Kane School District, Emily Green, Utah State School Board.

## II. Approval of Minutes

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

Minutes of the Executive Board of the Southwest Educational Development Center meeting held on Wednesday, February 2, 2023 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.

## III. Approval of Check Register Reports

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

Mr. Wright pointed out that SEDC purchased a new vehicle for the center and always did a collective purchase of technology equipment for Garfield District. The check register reports for January 28, 2023 through April 4, 2023 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.

## IV. Reports/Board Discussion Items

### A. SEDC Staff Report

1. **Selene Corbridge – Office Manager:** Mrs. Corbridge appreciates and thanked the Board for their support of the Sterling Scholar program. She shared a sheet of the Sterling Scholar winners and runners up, the four-year comparison graph and the SS budget. She informed the Board that the SS budget purchased new banners and posters for the interview rooms. Mrs. Corbridge explained the scholarship funds from The Larry H. Miller and Deseret Management Corporation. She also shared

her yearly goals with the Board. Mr. Wright expressed appreciation for Mrs. Corbridge. He emphasized the importance of her work with SEDC's audit each year. The Board thanked Mrs. Corbridge

## **B. Executive Director Report:**

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

**1. Regional Spelling Bee:** SEDC appreciates those districts that participated in the Spelling Bee this year. The Board talked about those who participated and some of the words they spelled and some they misspelled. This year the winner and second place winner were from Washington County School District and the third place winner was from Millard School District.

**2. School Safety Officer – Regional:** The Board talked about the new law that requires each school to have a safety person and having the Principal or another employee take this responsibility. Superintendent Hatch shared what Iron is working on concerning safety and security in their district. Washington County School District currently has a safety specialist. He meets once a month with all the first responders. Mr. Wright asked if the other districts and charters could see the need to have a regional security person. The Board did not feel that this was necessary at this time.

**3. Staff Out-of-State Travel Request:** Mrs. Emily Sagendorf is required to update her Safety Care Training each year and this will take place in Colorado this summer. Mr. Clint Stephens has been invited to attend the ISTE conference this summer in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. UCET will be paying for ISTE expenses for Mr. Stephens. Superintendent Larry Bergeson made the motion for Mrs. Emily Sagendorf and Mr. Clint Stephens to travel out of state for training and conferences. Superintendent David Long seconded and passed unanimously by all Board members present. Superintendent Ben Dalton excused.

**4. Cooperative RFP for Digital Courseware:** The RFP was awarded to Edgenuity/Imagine Learning. All member LEAs will now be working through SEDC to purchase the digital courseware.

**5. SEDC School-Mental-Based Health Conference:** The conference is being held on Thursday, April 27, in WCSD Professional Learning Center. There are currently 60 people registered but it is anticipated that more than closer to 100 will attend. This conference is free and lunch will be provided. Community Partners providing mental health services in the school setting are invited to attend as well as LEA staff. SEDC is paying for the conference with a grant that was received from USBE.

**6. SEDC School-Based Mental Health Position:** Mr. Brett Shumway will not be returning to SEDC in FY24. The Board is interested to explore the option of Mrs. Sagendorf obtaining her psychology degree. Mr. Wright will follow up with Mrs. Sagendorf. The Board feels it will be hard to replace Mr. Shumway. Psychological Testing services are needed in some districts while clinical mental health therapy is a need in others.. Mr. Shumway has mostly worked with Beaver, Garfield, Kane and Millard districts. Mr. Wright will explore the options to provide both types of services to LEAs.

**7. SEDC Invoiced Fees & Other Costs:** The annual report of fees and costs for next year was shared by a link in the agenda.

**8. FY 2023 Budget Update:** Mr. Wright shared the FY23 budget update with the Board and explained some of the budgets in detail. A link is included on the agenda.

**9. FY 2024 Budget Discussion:** Mr. Wright asked the Board if they had any concerns or questions before he began to work on the FY 2024 budget. No concerns or suggestions were shared. He will have the FY 2024 budget draft ready for review at the May meeting. The Board should be prepared to adopt the FY 2024 budget in its June meeting.

**10. Courageous Principals:** Before Covid19, SEDC took a group of principals to the Courageous Principals training in Texas using a state grant. The training is a three-day training held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Wright was able to attend that training and found it extremely beneficial in many ways. Superintendent Long has attended two different trainings at Courageous Principals. Mr. Wright had the idea of offering scholarships to some of the principals in the region to attend this training. Mr. Wright worked with the organizers and the region can save hundreds of dollars if we send a group from the region. These scholarships would include registration and air travel. Mr. Wright asked the Board if using some of the SEDC's carryover and offering these scholarships to region principals would be acceptable. Mr. Wright suggested setting aside funds for 20 principals to attend this training from carryover when creating the FY 2024 budget. Superintendent Long made the motion to set aside funds for 20 principals in the region to attend the Courageous Principals training. Superintendent Lance Hatch seconded and passed unanimously by all Board members present. Superintendent Ben Dalton excused.

**11. Executive Director Performance Evaluation:** Mr. Wright asked the Board to take a few minutes before May's meeting and complete his annual performance evaluation with feedback. Mr. Wright will email the link to the board.

**12. May and June Executive Board Meeting Locations:** The Board agreed to hold the May 10, 2023 meeting at the Garfield County School District offices. SEDC's June board meeting will be held at the Homestead in Midway, Utah during the USSA Summer Conference.

**13. Legislative Steak Fry-Best Date:** The Steak Fry will be held on Friday, June 2, and dinner will start at 5:00 pm.

**14. 2022-2023 Executive Board Meeting Schedule:** Mr. Wright pointed out a few date changes from this year's schedule. Superintendent David Long made the motion to accept the 2023-2024 Board Meeting Schedule. Superintendent John Dodds seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Superintendent Ben Dalton excused.

**C. Board Requested Items:**

**1. AEGIX-Solution for Emergency and Safety Management-Disaster Incident Report & Security:**

School security was discussed in detail, along with the Hoax threat that happened throughout the state. Nebo District Used the DIR-S app and were pleased with the outcomes during the hoax incident.

**2. WordPress App Development:** SEDC is looking into the options of developing a WordPress APP for those LEAs that have SEDC supported websites.

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

**Kristan Norton - State School Board:** Mrs. Norton reviewed HB61- School Safety Amendments with the Board. House Speaker Wilson met with Mrs. Norton in her classroom and toured a few schools in the Washington County School District.

**Emily Green - State School Board:** Not present

**E. Southern Utah University Items:**

**Shawn Christiansen - Southern Utah University:** Dean Christiansen announced that Dr. Pamela J. Powell has been named the new College of Education and Human Development Dean at Southern Utah

University. Dr. Powell comes to SUU from Northern Arizona University (NAU) and has a background in elementary education. Dean Christiansen thanked and appreciates SEDC's Board for the many years he has been on the board. He announced two new programs at SUU. A Masters in Social Work and a Masters of Marriage and Family Therapy. The Board thanked Dean Christiansen for his insight and knowledge throughout the years.

**F. Charter School Items:**

**Ben Kaufman – SUCCESS Director - Charter Schools Representative:** Mr. Kaufman will share today's meeting information with the Charter schools in the region.

**VI. Board Dialogue:**

**VII. Adjourn:**

Superintendent Larry Bergeson moved to adjourn the meeting. Superintendent David Long seconded the motion and passed unanimously by all Board members present. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 a.m.