



Rhodes added that the Board had requested for Peter Skibitzki, Dan Ross and Rhodes to review recommendations around investments. Skibitzki was not in attendance at the Board Meeting, but Rhodes asked Ross to recap the meeting. Ross stated that the options were to split the funds between multiple bank accounts, keeping the amount under what is insured, or to stick with the current plan. During the meeting everyone agreed that the best option was to stick with the CD's given that there was no actual loss. Keeping this format ensures funds are under the \$250,000 amount and are federally insured. Jones asked how many years until the CD's reach maturity. Ross stated that most are 6 to 12 months. Jones also asked for clarification around the laddered concept. Ross explained that originally funds were invested in 6-, 12- or 24-month maturity accounts so that the funds were automatically re-invested and captured the timeliest interest rate. Rhodes reported that Skibitzki was in support of Ross' suggestion to keep the investments as is.

Rhodes also added that with the completion of the backbone the amount of funds to be invested will be significantly less and asked the Board how they would like to proceed. There were no concerns with moving forward as is.

**B. October Minutes**

There were no additions or changes to the minutes.

**C. October Financial Report**

There were no questions or concerns regarding the financial report. Rhodes reported that everything looked good and SECC is remaining within budget. There are some upcoming changes due to rollover of funds for SEVA from the previous year.

Steve Mate moved to accept the October Financial Report and approve the minutes. Scott Jonard seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

**D. Annual Year End Report**

Rhodes announced that the Board will receive another version of this report later but pointed out how impressive the work of the organization has been over the last year.

**BESTNet/Cable Commission Update:**  
**BESTNet MOU Renewal – Finalized**

The MOU is complete and signed by Jerry and Comcast. Now waiting for the Commission to sign. It was Rhodes' understanding prior to the meeting that Bob Davison would report to the Commission at the meeting and sign on their behalf. During the meeting Davison reported that they would revisit the item in March. Rhodes explained to Davison the difficulty that this would cause for the districts and Comcast. Davison is now speaking to legal counsel to see what the best way is to move forward. Davison believes that with Harriets' approval the Commission should be able to move forward with signing the document. Rhodes did ask if there were any concerns that stood out. Davison reported that there were no major concerns at the moment and expected to be able to move forward shortly. Jones added that he was also very excited that the document was so close to completion. Included in the contract is a 10-year renewal with the option to renew for an additional 5 years. There is a very reasonable maintenance fee included. It

took a long time to cut through some of the red tape, but Lee Ann has been great at working for SECC and ensuring the MOU moves forward. Rhodes asked if the Board would like to review the document now that it is final or if they would like to wait until it is signed and completed. The Board asked to see the document now; Rhodes will send it out shortly as Jones had no concerns. David Stone asked about the cost. Jones stated that there were two rates, one for 10 years and one for 5. Districts are not able to have a 10 year, but SECC can. Pre-E-Rate cost per fiber is \$173 per month for 5-year term and \$138 per month for the 10-year term, which will be for the backbone as SECC can do this length of term. The amount can be E-Rated or not, it is up to the district. Steve Mate asked for clarification if the district would be looking for maintenance on fiber or if it would be requesting new fiber. Jones was not sure as the fiber is leased. Stone asked what the process would be for Folsom as the district will use the connections as a backup. Jones recommended that districts maintain the connections with Comcast as a backup. This would be a great insurance plan in case there are ever challenges with Zayo.

Rhodes added that SECC would like to have a meeting with members and network representatives to ensure everyone is up-to-date and clear on what is occurring. The date for the MOU is December 23, 2023. Any fiber that is not renewed by this date will be lost. SECC ensured that every site that was ever connected by Comcast is included on the list, even if a current site is not being utilized. Members will have the opportunity to decide if they want to keep connections or if they are no longer being used. Stone asked about new connections. Jones stated that any new construction is specifically excluded from the agreement. Any new connections would not be included under BESTNet but could still be done under E-Rate if Comcast wins the bid.

Jones recommends that all districts go after E-Rate next year to ensure coverage happens before the current contract expires. Jones has spoken with the Comcast sales team so they are all aware of what is happening so there will be no surprises.

### **Consolidated Update**

Jones reported that Consolidated is the other company that has been a part of BESTNet. There are fewer connections through Consolidated. The company reached out to SECC regarding what happens when the current agreement expires. Jones and Rhodes met with the company to discuss renewals. Both parties agreed to a similar model to what is happening with Comcast and are waiting on pricing. Consolidated is aware of the meeting in January and the hope is to have all of the information prior to that date. Natomas is the district that is most affected by Consolidated connections. Jones asked if any districts are actively utilizing Consolidated connections, but no one is at this time.

### **Schedule BESTNet Network Meeting**

Rhodes will reach out to find a date and time that works for the most people. The plan is to have the meeting in January. Rhodes will send the MOU out after the meeting. Jones added that there is some standard language from Comcast that may be confusing and there are amendments to clarify language that SECC did not agree to.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

#### **A. Programming Update:**

Jessica Rhodes reminded the Board that included in this month's monthly report was the program schedule for their district since July. The SECC team has been focusing on reaching out to SEVA Studios and including more programming blocks for them. The team is also looking for new content to keep the channels up-to-date and fresh.

**B. SEVA Labs – Update:**

SEVACON – Sports Reporting event was in October and in November the Stunt Coordinator from All Man Kind came to talk to students. Next week is the SEVA Contest Kickoff, highlighting changes to judging including stock footage guidelines where students will now lose points in shot quality if over 50% of video is stock footage. Niva will be sending out judging slots shortly.

SEVA Grant Program – SECC received a record number of requests. 14 sites have had equipment ordered in the first round. Equipment is already coming in and the hope is to have packages out in January.

SEVA Fest – The airshow event in September was a huge hit as was the Sac Republic FC event shortly after. Both were great events for students and families. SECC is looking for additional opportunities and possibilities for the next year.

**C. Production Update:**

Niva reported that the production team is focusing on SEVA Studio content for now by capturing SEVA Studio Profiles over the next few weeks. The team is also working with SCOE on Poetry Out Loud over the next few months. Bob Lyons thanked Niva for all of his work to help support the labs. Rhodes reminded the Board that there has been a huge push this year to keep families included and ensuring that this is a yearlong project, not just a contest.

Jones added his appreciation for the SECC staff in their support for the USA Learns program which is designed to help English learners. There has been a push for video content to be included, but the challenge has been that the video needs to be professional quality. A SCOE team member worked with SECC to create videos that will be used across the world to help teach English and how to complete certain procedures.

**Committees:**

**A. DMCC – Next meeting: January 26, 2022**

**B. Capital Region Technology Cohorts – Next Meeting: January 14, 2022**

**C. PIO – Next Meeting: December 16, 2022**

**D. Family Engagement – Next Meeting: January 6, 2022**

E. SEVA Teachers – Next Meeting: January 10, 2022

**Round Table Sharing:**

Bob Lyons (Sac City) – Lyons is working with Jones on Power BI training. Will be sending a few employees over the next two months to training. The district is also working on various breakouts of staff vaccinations to help predict what sites may be shut down, trying to be in front of any shutdowns.

Scott Jonard (Galt HS) – Jonard asked about School Frontline software. Steve Mate stated that the district has used the company for other things and has not been impressed. There is a lack of getting information out. Galt is looking for software to utilize to track vaccination status. Sac City is using Frontline to track cases and Inform K-12 for vaccination status tracking.

Steve Mate (Elk Grove) – The Elk Grove technology team has all moved to the annex and is now in one place.

Marci Bernard (Twin Rivers) – Twin Rivers has about 300 Chromebook carts available for donation to whoever needs them.

Ruben Reyes (Robla) – Robla has a new head of IT, Elliot Lopez. There are three schools that are deep into construction, so Lopez has been focusing on the development of those. The classrooms will be all new technology, with three display screens in the classroom and one software panel in each. All new furniture on wheels to allow for modifications. The walls are all whiteboards to help get away from a “front of the classroom” model. Professional development around frontline system will be provided for staff.

**SECC Associate Member Request**

Rhodes announced that SECC has received an Associate Member request. The only current associate member is Process Theater. The Board has the discretion to decide who can join. Previous associate members have included NASA and the PTA as they were organizations that were already working at the schools and within the parameters of SECC. The current request comes from a previous SEVA Teacher, Roynell Anderson. Anderson is no longer a teacher but is now running a non-profit that is working within the community.

Rhodes added that there is a clear division from the Commission in regard to SECC working in education with the schools while Public Access works more in-line with the community. The organization requesting membership is more a community-based non-profit. Rhodes did add that students in the community still have the ability to enter the SEVAs even if they are not tied to a school. Mate asked why there is an interest in becoming a member. Rhodes explained that the interest is purely related to the SEVAs. Joe Parente added that as a member Process Theater joined as already being an

