Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
February 12, 2019

Schools Present: Lafayette, Hope, Blevins, Texarkana Proxy – Brian Fountain, Genoa Proxy – Debbie Huff, Fouke Proxy – Carmen Cross, Prescott

Schools Not Present: Spring Hill, Nevada

Co-op Staff Present: Monica Morris, Gina Perkins, Connie Thomason

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Edwards.

Robert Poole made a motion to approve the minutes from January, seconded by Bobby Hart.
The minutes were approved.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports from January. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

BEHAVIOR BX3 REGIONAL MEETING – Connie Thomason and Sharon Adams spoke about the BX3 Teams that have been developed throughout the state to address how teachers handle behavior issues in the classroom. They noted that these teams have been very effective. SWAEC will host a meeting on February 20, 2019 and invited each school to send a representative to learn more about how to get involved.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM AAEA COMMITTEE MEMBERS – The board discussed the status of proposed bills concerning counselors and bullying. They also discussed the cost of the impending salary increase and the impact it will have on the districts.

OVERVIEW OF ITFT (Innovative Technology for Transportation) – Ms. Bailey handed out a paper copy of a PowerPoint, showing information about this company. They provide devices that monitor school bus activity such as speeds and hard breaks. If interested, please let Ms. Bailey know. She can share more information.

PERSONNEL SLATE FOR APPROVAL – Interviews have been conducted and Ms. Bailey recommends the hire of Gia Falls for Math Specialist, starting July 1, 2019. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the recommendation. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE UPDATE – Ms. Bailey shared that the Co-op is currently working on a few needed maintenance projects: replaced the water heater, replaced an air conditioner unit, and fixing the key system. The Department of Labor finished their annual safety inspection and SWAEC has made corrections to get up to date with their requirements.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris

> **ESSA AND ACCOUNTABILITY** – A webinar on February 14, 2019 will review the concept of high reliability leadership and offer a look into a systematic approach to school leadership that can serve and school. Ms. Morris shared the link to register.

> **TESS/LEADS/LINCENSURE/MENTORING** – Novice Teacher Mentoring Year 1 will meet February 25-26, 2019.

> Ms. Morris shared the contact information for the Co-op content specialists and asked the board to please post their contact information in a place for teachers to see.

PD REPORT – Mrs. Morris shared district-specific professional development reports with the superintendents. They should review the reports and ask their staff to respond according to their needs. This will help ensure that SWAEC is providing useful PD at the Co-op and also on-site at each district.

NOMINATIONS FOR RURAL EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT/TEACHER OF THE YEAR – Robert Poole made a motion to nominate Bobby Hart for Superintendent of the Year. Robert Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OTHER INFORMATION – Ms. Bailey shared news that Child Health Management Services and Developmental Day Treatment Clinics are combining to create Early Intervention Day Treatment Centers. Therefore, private providers are no longer receiving funding. The public schools will become responsible for the treatment of these children. There was a brief discussion on the impact of these changes and the possible solutions.

DIRECTOR CONTRACT – The board went into executive session from 11:30 to 11:46. Upon returning from executive session, Bobby Hart made a motion to renew Ms. Bailey's contract for 2019-2020, to extend her contract 1 year, and to leave her salary as-is. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

With no further business, Robert Poole made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bobby Hart.

Meeting was adjourned.