

Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
January 12, 2017

Schools Present: Lafayette, Spring Hill, Hope, Genoa, Fouke, Texarkana Proxy – Lea Metcalf, Nevada Proxy – Michael Odom

Schools Not Present: Blevins, Prescott

Co-op Staff Present: Monica Morris, Gina Perkins, Leslie Savell, Elsie Roach, Karen Massey

The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Hart.

Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from December, seconded by Forrest Mulkey. The minutes were approved.

Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports from December. Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

REPORT FROM STATE MEETINGS – Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents a handout summarizing the recent highlights from the AAEA Conference. Topics discussed included proposed legislation supported by the ADE and an update on the rollout of ESSA regulations.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND VR KIT – The new Computer Science Specialist, Leslie Savell, was introduced. She requested the MOUs for the upcoming training on VR Kits, provided by the ADE. Mrs. Savell will also be visiting each school to assist with training in computer science and requested a contact person from each district.

REMINDER OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – Ms. Bailey gave the financial disclosure information to the superintendents, with a reminder of the January 31, 2017 deadline. She asked them to submit a copy of their statement to the Co-op to file.

FIXED ASSETS REMOVAL – Ms. Bailey noted that SWAEC has a CIV System that is no longer in use. She requested that it be removed from the Co-op's Fixed Assets. Angie Raney made a motion to approve the removal. Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

DIRECTOR EVALUATION PROCESS – Bobby Hart requested that each board member send their evaluation form for Ms. Bailey to him by February 1, 2017. The evaluation will be discussed at the next board meeting.

NOMINATION PROCESS FOR RURAL ED TOY/SOY – Ms. Bailey asked that the superintendents submit their nominations for Rural Ed Teacher of the Year to the Co-op. After a brief discussion about Superintendent of the Year, the board unanimously agreed to nominate Robert Poole. Ms. Bailey will send him a link for the documentation he needs to fill out and submit.

TEACHER CENTER COORDINATOR UPDATES – Monica Morris

STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT – Achieve is currently working with 12 districts across the state doing an assessment inventory. This work will continue with 12 additional districts next year.

The Co-op will host a Zoom session on January 18, 2017, with high school principals, to learn more about the Quantitative Literacy Course that was recently developed.

Mrs. Morris explained the Accelerated Science Course Pathway Model and how this would impact the schools, if it were implemented.

The Co-op is in the process of scheduling an Empowering Writing Session. The cost will be \$150 per day for PD consortium members and \$200 for non-members.

Writing lessons were created as a resource for teachers and are now available in a livebinder that is located on the ADE website.

TESS/LEADS/LICENSURE/MONITORING – The ADE Office of Educator Effectiveness will host a Leadership Forum for Building Level Administrators, Assistant Principals and Curriculum Program Administrators on Monday, January 23, 2017 in Little Rock.

Day 3 of Leadership Quest- Fostering Collaborative Relationships will be held Feb 22-23, 2017 at the Co-op.

OTHER INFORMATION

The second School Board Training will be provided January 24, 2017 at the Co-op.

The ADE has received funding for 254 schools to receive a VR System and training in the upcoming months. A list of the schools, that are offered the opportunity, was given.

Upcoming PD

June 7-8, 2017 – Administrators' Institute

June 12, 2017 – ASBA Custodial/Maintenance Workshop

July 13, 2017 – Tier 1 and Legislative Updates (9-12 and again 1-4)

OTHER ITEMS:

There was a brief discussion about the Co-op's van delivery system. The van will soon need to be replaced. Ms. Bailey will gather data on the usage of the delivery system and will discuss again at a later date.

The next board meeting will be held February 16, 2017 at 10:30 A.M.

Ms. Bailey spoke about the LEA Purchased Service Agreement for the spring semester and will send proposed amounts to the superintendents in the Special Education Consortium.

With no further business, Forrest Mulkey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie Raney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.