

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes  
September 21, 2017**

**Schools Present:** Blevins, Spring Hill – Proxy Peter Maggio, Fouke, Hope, Genoa - Proxy Bradley Wright, Prescott, Texarkana, and Lafayette

**School Not Present:** Nevada

**Co-op Staff Present:** Elsie Roach, Gina Perkins, Eva Wood

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Kesler.

Robert Poole made a motion to approve the minutes from August, seconded by Billy Lee. The minutes were approved.

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

**2017-2018 CO-OP BUDGET APPROVAL** – Ms. Bailey presented the proposed 2017-2018 SWAEC Budget for approval. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Robert Edwards. Motion Passed.

**STATE UPDATES** – Phoebe Bailey

Ms. Bailey provided the superintendents with a link to the Educational Preparation Provider Reports for 2017. She also provided updates from the Legislative Task Force on Workforce Educational Excellence and the Digital Task Force Committee.

She noted that the Joint Education Committee agreed to two studies proposed by Representative Stephen Meeks. One study would look at what grade levels are best served by the introduction and use of technology in the classroom. The other would look into personalized learning for younger students.

Updates from the ADE were shared: ACT 1113 adjusted teacher volunteer grade span to teach additional students. The act also expanded to include teachers in grades 5-12. The maximum number of 150 students taught per day was included in the law. Schools need to be aware of the law, since teaching more than 150 students would require compensation.

Administrator email addresses need to be up to date in the data center in order to receive SAS reports from Debbie Coffman.

Districts need to update status cycles 2 and 6 for National Board stipends.

Updates on legislation impacting home school students were also provided.

**CO-OP UPDATES** – Phoebe Bailey

Ms. Bailey has been checking prices to have the interior of the Co-op painted. She recommends Michael Heard from Ashdown. He has submitted the price of \$11,500. Robert Poole made a motion to approve her recommendation to paint. Robert Edwards seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Monica Morris has sent a form to the superintendents for input on what they would like to have purchased for their districts with Perkins funds. They should fill out the form or forward it to their CTE contact.

**TEACHER CENTER UPDATES** – Phoebe Bailey

**STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT** – The 2017-2018 testing calendar for grades K-2 and 3-12 has been released.

NWEA Reports Training is scheduled for October 19, 2017.

IRIs will remain a requirement for the 2017-2018 school year.

School districts will be required to report on the school district website, or in writing, to the parents of each student the dyslexia services provided in the previous school year. These reports are required by July 15, 2018.

There will be a training for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Coding Block on Sept 25-26, 2017 at SWAEC.

**TESS/LEADS/LICENSURE/MENTORING**

The Beginning Administrator induction and first year of mentoring support will be conducted by the AAEA, in collaboration with the ADE.

There are two dates for the required novice teacher training at SWAEC. All teachers required to be mentored must attend one of these trainings.

The ADE's Division of Public School Accountability team has scheduled a day of support for school/district personnel to learn about data quality for accreditation reporting in SAAS.

School Board trainings have been scheduled for October 30, 2017 and January 29, 2018.

The ADE has scheduled Anthony Muhammed to present on school culture June 21, 2018 and July 16, 2018.

The Co-op will host Special Education Mentor Training September 27, 2017. This is a beginner's guide for new special education teachers. LEA's are also encouraged to attend.

**FIXED ASSETS REMOVAL** – Ms. Bailey noted that the Co-op has a copier system that is no longer in use. She requested that it be removed from the Co-op's Fixed Assets. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the removal. Robert Edwards seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**PERSONNEL/EMPLOYMENT** – Ms. Bailey informed the board of the resignation of Morgan Pierce, paraprofessional in the Lafayette 3-5 classroom. She recommends the employment of Amy Richards to fill that position. Robert Edwards made a motion to accept the recommendation. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Ms. Bailey also recommends the employment of Miranda Brown for HIPPIY Home Visitor. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Robert Poole. Motion Passed.

Ms. Bailey informed the board of an ADE requirement mandating a salary change for Leslie Savell, Computer Science Specialist. All state Computer Science Specialists grants will now have a minimum salary base that will be increased, incrementally, over the next three years. The first step in that process is to be started in January 2018. Bobby Hart made a motion to meet the base salary of \$65,000, seconded by Robert Poole. Motion Passed.

**OCTOBER MEETING DATE** – The next meeting was scheduled for October 11, 2017 at 10:30 A.M.

With no further business, Bobby Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Billy Lee seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.