

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes  
December 13, 2017**

**Schools Present:** Texarkana, Spring Hill, Lafayette, Fouke, Hope, Prescott Proxy – Missy Walley, Genoa

**Schools Not Present:** Nevada, Blevins

**Co-op Staff Present:** Monica Morris, Gina Perkins, Elsie Roach, Lynn Foster, Eva Wood

**Guests Present:** Janis Breamer – Leadership Quest, Mary Anne Williams – Imagination Library

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Kessler.

Angie Raney made a motion to approve the minutes from November, seconded by Robert Edwards. The minutes were approved.

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

**LEADERSHIP QUEST** – Janis Breamer

Ms. Breamer spoke to the board about her availability to provide support and coaching services. Her group is helping beginning administrators learn to use all of the resources that are available to them, such as, Bloomboard, microcredentials, and professional growth plans. She also urged principals to attend the SWAEC Leadership Quest sessions in February, 2018. She would like to visit each district to support principals in making improvements.

**IMAGINATION LIBRARY** – Mary Anne Williams

Ms. Williams talked to the board about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This program sends books into the homes of every child from birth to five years old. These books are mailed straight to the home on a monthly basis. The community and districts work together to fund this program. Any superintendents that are interested may contact Ms. Williams.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT OUT**

- Missy Walley shared how Prescott School has implemented PLCs.
- Bobby Hart updated the board on his participation at the AESA conference in San Antonio. He encouraged the superintendents to look for other ways to utilize the Co-op and suggested strategic planning, as a board, to provide focus.
- Becky Kessler – Texarkana hosted an event, Celebrate Our Success, in conjunction with AAEA and AEA that celebrated legislators who support the school districts. It was a pilot event to highlight and celebrate public schools. She noted there was a great turnout, including parents, government officials and school officials.

**TEACHER CENTER UPDATES** – Monica Morris

**STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT** – ACT Aspire data will no longer report each section in writing, reading and language arts. There will only be a combined ELA score in the future. Ten Arkansas teachers will be allowed to participate in the item review. Nomination forms have been sent to superintendents.

District Testing Coordinator Training will be held January 23, 2018. Districts are asked to send teams of 3-4 to this training.

**OTHER INFORMATION** – School Board Training has been scheduled. Please notify Monica Morris of the number of participants attending from their district.

Micro:Bits in the Library/Media Center – This workshop will be held January 19, 2018 at SWAEC.

The ADE Reading Conference will be March 5-6, 2018 in Hot Springs.

The superintendents were asked to share the 2018 PD Needs Survey with their staff. The Co-op needs their feedback to provide a summer with relevant professional development.

**STATE UPDATES** – Phoebe Bailey

The House and Senate Education Committees met jointly to discuss reports on Alternative Learning Environments, Academic Facilities Funding and Distress, and Student Achievement.

The Facilities Advisory Committee discussed the \$175 cap on construction costs for new facilities, the viability of the Partnership Program, and the Facilities Wealth Index.

The ADE has posted documents on their website to help schools understand each component of the ESSA School Index.

**REMOVAL OF FIXED ASSETS** – Ms. Bailey made a recommendation that a copy machine that is no longer in use, be removed from fixed assets. Robert Edwards made a motion to remove the item and Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**JANUARY MEETING DATE** – The January meeting date is to be determined.

With no further business, Robert Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angie Bryant seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.