

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
April 11, 2018**

Schools Present: Spring Hill, Fouke Proxy – Carmen Cross, Hope, Lafayette, Genoa Proxy – Bradley Wright

Schools Not Present: Blevins, Prescott, Nevada, Texarkana

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Robert Edwards.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the minutes from March, seconded by Angie Raney. The minutes were approved.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports from March. Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

PAPER BID REMINDER – Ms. Bailey reminded the superintendents to submit their form for the upcoming paper bid. She shared a list of previous orders and handed out order forms.

STATE REPORTS – Ms. Bailey updated the board on changes in education funding at the state and federal level. She also gave a summation of the Resource Allocation Report from Harvie Nichols.

SWAEC BOARD SECRETARY NOMINATION – Angie Raney made a motion to nominate Jim Buie for the position of Secretary of the SWAEC Board in the 2018-2019 school year. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

ECH BUDGET – Eva Wood handed out the proposed 2018-2019 Early Childhood budget. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Angie Raney. Motion Passed.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris

STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT – For accountability purposes, the ADE will pull data from TRIAND to identify the school LEA number, where a student's state required assessment score will be included. The purpose is for ESSA reporting one school day prior to the opening of the state required testing windows for ACT Aspire and MSAA. In order to identify the students included in a school's 95% tested for ACT Aspire and MSAA, the ADE will pull data from TRIAND four days prior to the last day of the testing window.

ESOL Institutes are being offered in the summer of 2018. Priority registration ends April 20, 2018. Participants who complete the training may apply for a \$600 stipend.

School districts must provide PD in the Science of Reading for all teachers beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

ESSA AND ACCOUNTABILITY – A-F ratings will be based on the ESSA Accountability Plan. Districts will receive the rating on April 11, 2018.

The 2017-2018 Draft Accreditation Reports are now available in TRIAND. Districts should check to see that all schools are represented, that the information for each school is correct, and if any violations are listed. The ADE must be notified of any incorrect information by April 13, 2018.

TESS/LEADS/LICENSURE/MENTORING – An email was sent to superintendents April 4, 2018, concerning new administrator mentoring.

The ADE will only collect ratings on Career Summative Teachers (teachers with at least 4 years' experience and who will receive a summative evaluation on all 22 components).

OTHER INFORMATION – The ADE will be providing regional Praxis Support sessions by content area. Information will be forthcoming.

The ADE will host a School-Based Mental Health Task Force meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M., at the St. Vincent Infirmiry Hospital. The purpose of the meeting is to inform school personnel of the transformation of behavioral health services in Arkansas. Registration deadline is May 4, 2018.

Mrs. Morris spoke about the APPEL Program and handed out a list of frequently asked questions and answers.

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- April 12, 2018 - Teacher Center Advisory Meeting
- April 18, 2018 - Virtual Arkansas Update Workshop
- April 19, 2018 - Required Training for Administrators for Security
- April 21, 2018 - National Board Orientation Session
- June 6-7, 2018 - Administrators' Institute
- July 23, 2018 - Tier 1 Training

PERSONNEL – Ms. Bailey notified the board of resignation letters that she has received from Diana Aguirre, ECH Teacher and Jamie Williams, ECH Paraprofessional. Angie Raney made a motion to accept both resignations. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Ms. Bailey also informed the board that the ADE will fund a Mentoring Specialist for the 2018-2019 school year. The Co-op position has been posted and applications are being accepted.

2018-2019 CONTRACT RENEWALS – Ms. Bailey updated the board on contract renewals for 2018-2019. She noted that she doesn't anticipate any non-renewals. No action was needed.

SALARY SCHEDULE – Ms. Bailey handed out copies of the proposed 2018-2019 salary schedule. She noted the addition of the Mentoring Specialist position on the schedule. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the salary schedule. Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

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