

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
December 17, 2014**

Schools Present:Texarkana, Fouke, Spring Hill, Lafayette, Blevins, Prescott Proxy – Portia Jones, Genoa, Hope, Nevada

Schools Not Present: None

Guests Present: Jeff Dyer, ADE

Co-op Staff Present: Monica Morris, Karen Massey, Elsie Roach, Gina Perkins, Angela Winfield

The meeting was called to order by the president, Billy Lee.

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

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports for November. Rick McAfee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ARKANSAS TEACHER CADETS– Jeff Dyer, from the ADE, spoke to the board about Arkansas Teacher Cadets. This program provides the opportunity for districts to identify and recruit homegrown teachers and educators. Also, it provides a way for these students to return to their communities as educators. Teacher Cadets is a rigorous college level, dual credit accrual course. For a student to be eligible to enroll in the Teacher Cadets course, candidates must have a “B” average and successfully complete the application and selection process.

Mr. Dyer also has a focus toward teacher recruitment and teacher retention. He is asking districts around the state to share ideas that have worked and he will create a database to be shared.

REPORT FROM AESA CONFERENCE– Ms. Bailey shared a new app called Roomponder. It helps keep track of all students, even from off-campus. It can also be linked to area first responders. She also discussed the Student Voice sessions SWAEC will host during the Corwin Institute and the possibility of having student voice trainers in our area.

AESA BOARD POSITION REPORT – Ms. Bailey advised the board that she did get the position on the AESA Board. The first council meeting will be in March and she will have updates then.

CO-OP STAFF EVALUATION – The process of staff evaluations has started for certified personnel. The Co-op is piloting the TESS model with the content specialists. Ms. Bailey requested that any input on staff performance be sent to her, since the previous forms are not being used.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY FOR STATE – The Bureau of Legislative Research has asked all Co-ops to provide data for Professional Development contracts and for employees who primarily do Professional Development.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris

PARCC/CCSS – David Henderson will facilitate PARCC workdays on January 8, 12, 16,26, 2015 and February 3, 2015. These dates are for Technology Coordinators and Testing Coordinators.

TESS – The Co-op will host TESS Support Training on February 11-12, 2015. This will be the same training both days.

All new administrators who have not completed TESS and LEADS training can attend in January. TESS law and process training will be January 26, 2015 and LEADS training will be January 27, 2015.

PRINCIPAL AND SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Superintendent Evaluation information can now be found on the ADE website. Bobby Hart is on the committee and spoke about the pilot. He asked the other superintendents to share these documents with their school board and get their input.

DYSLEXIA – Vikki King will provide a 6 hour School Based Identification of Dyslexia session on January 29, 2015, 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. at AETN.

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

December 17, 2014 – PARCC for District Technology and Testing Coordinators
January 8, 12, 16, 26, 2015 and February 3, 2015 – PARCC Workdays
January 15, 2015 – Alternative Education Accountability Training (mandatory attendance)
Feb 5-6, 2015 – Visible Learning Conference (follow up on April 14, 2015)
Feb 11, 2015 – TESS Support Training
Feb 12, 2015 – TESS Support Training (repeat of Feb 11, 2015)
June 10-11, 2015–SWAEC Student Voice and Engagement Institute

The next board meeting will be January 14, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

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

