

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes**  
**November 12, 2014**

**Schools Present:**Texarkana, Fouke, Spring Hill Proxy-Steve Britton, Lafayette, Blevins, Prescott Proxy-Porcia Jones, Genoa, Hope, Nevada

**Schools Not Present:** None

**Co-op Staff Present:** Monica Morris, Karen Massey, Elsie Roach, Gina Perkins, David Henderson

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

Forrest Mulkey made a motion to approve the minutes for October, seconded by Rick McAfee. The minutes were approved.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports for October. Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT LEADER 2 LEADER REPORT** – Ms. Bailey spoke about her school visits as a participant in the Leader 2 Leader program. She shared resources and ideas from the participating schools. She also spoke about possible replication of outreach programs those schools had that would help with getting the public involved with students who need mentors and role models.

**LEGISLATIVE MEETING DISCUSSION** – Ms. Bailey is finalizing the December board meeting with the legislators. Two possible dates are December 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. She asked the board to create a list of topics/concerns for the meeting and possibly share those on the superintendents' distribution list.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATES AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS** – David Henderson:

David gave the superintendents Continuity of Operation forms for them to sign and turn back in.

David reminded the superintendents of the PARCC training on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for Technology Coordinators and Testing Coordinators, and also the upcoming Student GPS Dashboard training.

The Florida Education Technology Conference will be held January 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in Orlando, FL. David suggested cost sharing for this conference between the Co-op and the districts. The cost to attend is approximately \$1,500 per person. The Co-op would contribute \$500 per person, which would leave the districts to pay \$1,000 per participant. Each participant would agree to instruct a training at the Co-op afterward to pass down this information to other teachers. December 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to sign agreement forms and registration will begin December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**TEACHER CENTER UPDATES** – Monica Morris:

**PARCC** - Diagnostic Assessment field test will be in February and April. Monica will send out information to see who wants to participate. Monica informed the board of the

4 phases of support for PARCC provided by the ADE and the Education Cooperatives. These include the December 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> meetings previously mentioned for Southwest Co-op.

**TESS**– The ADE will provide training for administrators on formal evaluation processes in BloomBoard. This is tentatively scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. This is the same session repeated over two days to allow districts to not have to send everyone on the same day.

**PRINCIPAL AND SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION**– Superintendents need to refer to TESS Rules and LEADS Rules for questions concerning specialty administrators.

An updated draft of the ISLLC Standards has been released for public comments. Monica shared this link.

**DYSLEXIA** – A draft of competencies (based on IDEA standards) for dyslexia therapists has been sent out to universities. The universities will be announced in a Commissioner’s Memo after December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OTHER INFORMATION**– As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Moodle mentoring system has been put on pause. Monica asked the board to please encourage mentors to continue to mentor their novice teachers even though Moodle modules do not need to be completed.

Jeff Dyer with the ADE will be at an upcoming board meeting to discuss Teacher Recruitment and Retention.

**UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- November 18<sup>th</sup> – School Board Training (5:30 – 8:30)
- November 13<sup>th</sup> – eSchool IPR/Mark Refresher Workshop
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – eSchool Workday
- November 19<sup>th</sup> – Principals’ Meeting
- November 20<sup>th</sup> – Payroll Personnel Workshop
- November 20<sup>th</sup> – EBD Meeting
- December 1<sup>st</sup> – School Board Training (5:30 – 8:30)
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> – IRS and US Labor Department Meeting
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – PARCC for District Tech and Testing Coordinators
- December 15<sup>th</sup> – The Very Basics: School Based Identification of Dyslexia in Arkansas
- December 17<sup>th</sup> – PARCC for District Tech and Testing Coordinators
- February 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – Visible Learning Conference

**BONUS DISCUSSION** – Ms. Bailey talked about the bonus given to Co-op employees in the previous years and noted that this year the budget does allow for a bonus to be given in the same amount as last year. She recommended \$750.00 for certified employees and \$500.00 for classified employees. Bobby Hart made a motion to accept Ms. Bailey’s recommendation. Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**PERSONNEL** – Ms. Bailey made a recommendation to terminate the employment of Terry Burgess, a classified employee. Forrest Mulkey made a motion to accept Ms. Bailey’s recommendation. Rick Waters seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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