

Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes  
September 24, 2014

Schools Present: Prescott, Spring Hill, Hope, Nevada, Genoa, Texarkana – Lekia Jones – Proxy, Lafayette – Janet Walker – Proxy, Fouke – Carline Liles – Proxy

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

Guests Present: Ivy Pfeffer, Arkansas Department of Education

The meeting was called to order by the vice president, Angie Raney.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve minutes from August, seconded by Rick McAfee. The minutes were approved.

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

ESEA UPDATES – Ivy Pfeffer shared updates on ESEA Flexibility Waiver and Teacher Evaluation/SOAR.

2014-2015 CO-OP BUDGET APPROVAL – Ms. Bailey presented the 2014-2015 Co-op Budget for approval. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the budget. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING – The next school board trainings will be November 18 and December 1. The topic for the November 18 training will be Roles and Responsibility of the School Board. The topic for December first training has not yet been decided.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris:

PARCC/CCSS – The ADE is releasing monthly newsletters with resources to better understand CCSS and information on PARCC. Please share these with teachers and parents.

TESS – Diane Gathright will be at the Co-op Friday, September 26 to provide assistance with TESS.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Superintendent Evaluation will be rolled out in 4 phases and will not be fully implemented until 2017-2018.

OTHER INFORMATION – Ms. Bailey and Mrs. Morris want to meet with each district to help identify specific areas of need. They will be contacting each superintendent to schedule a meeting.

A Principals' meeting has been scheduled for October 16, 2014 from 9:00 – 11:00.

ACT 1294 deals with screening students for Dyslexia. A timeline has been established and should be implemented to screen and submit data.

ACT 585 – Transitional Math Class designed as a transition course to college algebra will be available in the spring as a pilot.

Title 1 Comparability Report must be completed by November 7, 2014.

The letter to procure service through Food Service Management Company must be received by October 3, 2014.

Districts are required to enter school choice data into the Public School Choice Data Tracking System before September 30, 2014.

Upcoming Professional Development

September 25 – OSR

October 20 – TCC Meeting

September 26 – TESS and ASCIP Workday

October 28 – GPS Dashboard

October 1 – APSCN

November 18 – School Board Training

October 6 – TESS 101 Day 2

December 1 – School Board Training

October 16 – Principals’ Meeting

PERSONNEL/EMPLOYMENT– Pat Pierce, the para from Lafayette Early Childhood passed away in August. She wasn’t able to fulfill her contracted days resulting in an overpayment of \$139.93. Rick McAfee made a motion to waive this debt. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Angelia Bradshaw has been hired as Business Analyst Support for ADE Student GPS. She will be housed at the ADE and SWAEC will pay her travel and salary. Robert Poole made a motion to approve hire. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE MEETING DISCUSSION – The board discussed meeting with Legislative before or after election. The superintendents chose to wait until after election to set up a meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AAEA LEGISLATIVE AND AAA – Ms. Bailey told superintendents all districts need representative from 5A School. Nominations will be held in October.

OTHER ITEMS -

The October Board Meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Karen Massey talked to the board about changes in child restraint laws.

Bobby Hart noted that Hope High School is hosting Faster Arkansas to help get public schools into ARRA network. This will be September 29, 2014, 5:30.

With no further business, Rick McAfee made a motion to adjourn. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.