

Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board Meeting Minutes May 18, 2023

Schools Present:

Genoa, Texarkana, Nevada, Hope, Prescott proxy- Angie Bryant, Lafayette proxy- Harvey Sellers, Spring Hill proxy- Peter Maggio

Schools Not Present: Fouke, Blevins

Co-op Staff Present: Phoebe Bailey, Monica Morris, Gina Perkins, Callie Fore, Eva Wood, David Hampton, Jessica Dearing

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Kesler.

Roy McCoy made a motion to approve the minutes from March. Peter Maggio seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Roy McCoy made a motion to approve the financial reports from March, seconded by Peter Maggio. Financial reports were approved.

Approval of SWAEC Audit

Debbie Huff made a motion to approve the SWAEC audit, seconded by Peter Maggio. Audit approved.

Personnel

Phoebe Bailey presented the slate of personnel to be considered.

Ms. Bailey recommended that Marci Clinton, Rachel Flurry and Misty Bracken be employed as School Based Mental Health Professional. Tessa Oliver was recommended as ECH Behavior Specialist. Trevor Moses was recommended as Teacher Center clerk. Katlin Niemeyer was recommended as Literacy Specialist. Angie Gilbert was recommended by DESE as State mentoring specialist. DESE recommended Trent Saracini to serve as Effectiveness System Support Specialist. Gracie Burns was recommended as ECH Technical Assistant effective 23-24 school year.

Roy McCoy made a motion to approve the personnel slate as presented, seconded by Harvey Sellers. Personnel slate was approved.

Resolution for Board based on Act 802

Each district must get the resolution approved by their board, signed and returned to Phoebe Bailey by June 30, 2023. This resolution is required by Act 802 from the 2023 legislative session and will list the board representative for the SWAEC Board of Directors.

Paper Bid

Roy McCoy made a motion to accept the paper bid from Contract Paper Group for non-recycled paper at \$35.42 per box before tax. Peter Maggio seconded. The bid was approved to go to Contract Paper Group.

Mental Health Grant Update

Jessica Dearinger gave an update on the SWEAC Mental Health Grant.

The superintendents were reminded of the overall goals of the grant and how SWAEC plans to implement it. Jessica discussed available training that is provided and noted that it would be most beneficial if there is a point of contact for each building to make referrals rather than everything having to go through the district contact. This maximizes effectiveness and speeds up the process. The role of the E-quip website and the training provided there was also shared. An overview of the HelpMe app was shared. Superintendents were told how this offers support to point of contact to customize app with each district. Ms. Dearinger also touched on findings of an introductory survey sent out with options to provide assistance.

2023-24 Salary Schedule Approval for DESE based workers

Peter Maggio made a motion to approve the salary schedule for DESE based workers as presented, seconded by Roy Mccoy . Salary Schedule for DESE based workers was approved.

LEARNS Overview

Phoebe Bailey gave an overview of the LEARNS website. Ms. Bailey navigated the website and reviewed where to find the various reports and information located there.

A LEARNS spreadsheet was also shared and can be found in the May drive folder. Ms. Bailey explained notes and summary sections, allowing the superintendent to customize it to their leadership teams.

TCC Updates -Monica Morris

Monica Morris spoke to the board about the changes to the PLC training that will be upcoming including the PLC Regional Network, PLC Project. She also gave an overview of the Arkansas System of Support Network. Ms. Morris also announced that the Inclusive Practices PLC notification of award will be on May 26th, 2023, with the project beginning July 2023. She reminded the superintendents that there will be PLC (Solution Tree) Sessions at SWAEC, with "Proficiency Scales" on June 9th and "Daunting but Doable" on September 21st-22nd.

There will be a "New Assessment" Session at SWAEC on July 20, Other sessions will also be livestreamed and a webinar will be offered.

Ms. Morris explained the importance of correct coding in the Transparency Dashboard. She also noted that 20% must be spent on learning loss by September, 2024.

An overview of the new SmartData PD dashboard was shared and it was announced that SWAEC would be hosting a training over the new dashboard on July 13, 2023.

Lastly, Mrs. Morris went over the ARteachers.org website and explained the benefits of this website for both the districts and individual teachers.

Budget Assistance Training

Eric Saunders will be providing a Budget Assistance session during the Administration Institution on June 27 at SWAEC.

ASEA Management Workshop will be on June 5th, 2023. This is a Risk Management Safety training for Custodial and Maintenance Staff. Monica Morris asked that someone from each district attend.

Director Updates, Phoebe Bailey

Co-op Evaluation Report

Phoebe Bailey will give an in depth explanation of the Evaluation Report at the next board meeting in June.

With no further business, Roy McCoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Peter Maggio. Meeting was adjourned.