

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
January 19, 2022**

Schools Present: Fouke, Genoa, Texarkana, Lafayette, Nevada, and Hope.

Schools Not Present: Spring Hill, Blevins, and Prescott.

Co-op Staff Present: Phoebe Bailey, Monica Morris, Eva Wood, Lynn Foster, Gina Perkins, Tanya Collins, and Vicki Jewell.

Guests Present: Anthony Owen, Leslie Savell, Dr. Holt, and Jennifer Teresa.

The meeting was called to order by Becky Kessler.

Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from December, seconded by Jim Buie. The minutes were approved.

Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports for December. The motion was seconded by Jim Buie. Motion passed.

SWAEC UPDATES: Phoebe Bailey

Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents a handout of the Financial Disclosure Statement. She requested they fill out and return a copy to SWAEC. She also provided an overview PowerPoint of the process to share with their board members, as they have to fill it out as well.

Ms. Bailey share with the superintendents the ad that SWAEC used last year for School Choice. She asked to be notified of any changes they need to make by early next week. The ad will be on three radio stations in the surrounding area. She will notify them of the dates the ad will run.

Ms. Bailey passed out the paperwork with details about the evaluation process for Co-op Director. The superintendents were asked to submit their evaluation form to board president Stephanie Dixon. She will compile these and meet with Ms. Bailey.

Ms. Bailey handed out a copy of the MOU to each district for the Health Grant. She requested the superintendents send a copy of their proposed budget for the grant by January 26th so she can send it in to the state for approval. Ms. Bailey reminded the superintendents that the grant money must be spent between February 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES: Monica Morris

STANDARDS & ASSESSMENT: Ms. Morris informed all who attended about the ACT Summative Assessments that will continue for 2022 and 2023. New summative assessments for grades 3-10 will begin 2023-2024. Ms. Morris informed the board about HQIM information and where to find it. Information about College Board's new Pre-AP Program was given by Ms. Morris. The superintendents were also informed of new special education updates that say students will no longer be allowed to have an IEP serve as their graduation plan. Southwest will host a training on July 29th about inclusive practices to help with this issue.

TESS/LEADS: Ms. Morris gave the superintendents information for Teacher Residency Model virtual meetings with DESE for high school counselors. There will be principal group meetings as well. Ms. Morris let the superintendents know about On To College ACT Test Prep. This is a program that can be added to the

school day or in the summer to help students prepare for the ACT Test. Ms. Morris gave the board information about TRIS which is Arkansas Trauma Resource Initiative for Schools. Ms. Morris informed the board about a conference on January 27th and 28th in Little Rock about Arkansas Privacy and Security presented by DESE and AAEA.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION: Vicki Jewell

Ms. Jewell shared her second quarter Recruitment and Retention Report. She highlighted topics in the report such as the responses from the novice teacher survey. She shared things they as administrators could do to help support their novices during their difficult first years. Ms. Jewell also asked the superintendents to be thinking of what they would like next year to look like for novice teachers and things they would like her help and input with. She also let them know that her “Talk in Out Tuesdays” are now recurring every other Tuesday.

COMPUTER SCIENCE REPORT: Anthony Owen

Mr. Owen presented the specifics of ACT 414 and what it will mean for districts in the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Owen talked about the new computer science credit requirements as well as the computer science teacher requirements. After a brief discussion and answering questions, he let the board know that Leslie Savell is available to all districts if they should need information or help in meeting these new computer science requirements.

With no other business Robert Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jim Buie. The meeting was adjourned.