

## **Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board Meeting Minutes June 21, 2023**

**Schools Present:** Spring Hill proxy- Peter Maggie, Prescott proxy- Angie Bryant, Nevada, Hope proxy- Christie Brown, Genoa, Texarkana, Lafayette

**Schools Not Present:** Fouke, Blevins

**Co-op Staff Present:** Phoebe Bailey, Monica Morris, Gina Perkins, Callie Fore, Eva Wood, David Hampton, Angie Gentry, and Vicki Jewel

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Kesler.

Peter Maggio made a motion to approve the minutes from May. Opal Anderson seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Peter Maggio made a motion to approve the financial reports from May. Seconded by Angie Bryant. Financial reports were approved.

### **Personnel**

Phoebe Bailey presented the slate of personnel to be considered.

Ms. Bailey recommended that Kari Yarbrough be employed as an Early Childhood Paraprofessional. DESE recommended Pearce Peacock to serve as Effectiveness State Leadership Specialist. Both positions are effective for the 2023-24 school year.

Ms. Bailey also recommended to accept resignations from Early Childhood Paraprofessional, Kayla Laxton and ABC Coordinator, Holli Boyett, effective June 30, 2023.

Debbie Huff made a motion to approve the personnel slate as presented, seconded by Opal Anderson. Personnel slate was approved.

### **Approval of 2022-2023 Contract Amendments**

Phoebe Bailey presented a list of 2022-23 Contract Amendments for approval.

Peter Maggio made a motion to approve the 2022-23 contract amendments, seconded by Debbie Huff. Contract Amendments were approved.

### **Approval of Personnel Policy Updates**

Phoebe Bailey presented updates to the Personnel Policy for approval.

Peter Maggio made a motion to approve the Personnel Policy updates. seconded by Debbie Huff. Personnel Policy updates were approved.

### **Approval of 2022-2023 Annual Report**

Phoebe Bailey presented and explained the 2022-2023 Annual Report.

Roy McCoy made a motion to approve the 2022-23 Annual Report. Seconded by Peter Maggio. The Annual Report was approved.

### **Removal of Fixed Assets**

Ms. Bailey recommended removing the Prescott ABC playground equipment off of fixed assets since that classroom is now closed.

Peter Maggio made a motion to remove the playground equipment. Opal Anderson seconded. Removal of fixed assets approved.

### **TCC Updates -Monica Morris**

Monica Morris told the board about the upcoming “Daunting but Doable” training on September 21st-22nd. She explained that this is for all principals and assistant principals but added that other administrators were also welcome to attend.

Mrs. Morris announced that there will be a “New Assessment” session at SWAEC on July 20, with other sessions live streamed and a webinar offered.

She gave an overview of the “Communities of Practice Grant”, which promotes building leaders. This begins August 2023 and ends June 2024. She listed the schools that are already participating and stated that she would be reaching out to the remaining principals soon.

Monica spoke to the board about the upcoming “SmartData” PD on July 13, 2023, at SWAEC. Mrs. Morris also reminded the board of the “Admin Institute” at SWAEC on June 27th-28th and shared the agenda for this event, which includes Tier 1 on June 27th.

In closing, Monica spoke to the board about the Educator Effectiveness System and reminded them to complete the required form.

### **Director Updates, Phoebe Bailey**

Phoebe Bailey went over the SWAEC evaluation report and explained the scoring.

She also gave an overview of Educational Directions out of Kentucky, which is recommended by Stacy Smith. Educational Directions would provide training, fully funded by DESE, that would promote cohesiveness between SWAEC and the Board of Directors.

Ms Bailey reminded the board that the Board Resolution forms are due.

### **Vicki Jewel EOY R&R Data Report**

Vicki Jewel noted her title change to Mentoring Programs Coordinator. She summarized the End of Year R&R Data Report.

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

