

Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board Meeting Minutes April 13, 2023

Schools Present: Texarkana, Nevada, Lafayette, Prescott proxy- Angie Bryant, Genoa, Spring Hill, Hope

Schools Not Present: Blevins, Fouke

Co-op Staff Present: Phoebe Bailey, Monica Morris, Gina Perkins, Callie Fore, Holli Boyett, David Hampton

Guests Present: Holly Todd- AESA, Utah

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Kesler.

Jonathan Crossley made a motion to approve the minutes from March. Jeffrey Steed seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Jonathan Crossley made a motion to approve the financial reports from March, seconded by Debbie Huff. Financial reports were approved.

Teacher Appreciation Giveaway

Teacher Appreciation Giveaway- Holli Boyett gave an overview of the giveaway, including the online submission/nomination form. Ritter Communications and Martin's Department Store are teaming up with SWAEC for Teacher Appreciation Week. One teacher from each district will be drawn from the nominations received.

SWAEC Board Secretary Nomination

Roy McCoy made a motion to nominate Jonathan Crossley as Board Secretary for the upcoming year, seconded by Jeffrey Steed. Approved.

Personnel

Phoebe Bailey presented personnel changes.

Recommended Angie Gentry as ECH Coordinator, effective 2023-24 school year.

Sandra Hurst retiring as of June 30, 2023.

Becky Hughes resigning as of June 30, 2023

Jessica Dearinger relocating from ECH Behavior Specialist to School Based Mental Health Therapist, effective July 1, 2023.

Tina Cole relocating from ABC Lead Teacher to HIPPY Home Visitor, effective July 1, 2023.

Jonathan Crossley made a motion to approve the personnel changes as presented, seconded by Roy McCoy. Personnel changes were approved.

23-24 Calendar Approval

Roy McCoy made a motion to approve the 23-24 SWAEC calendar, seconded by Opal Anderson. Calendar approved.

23-24 Salary Schedule Approval

Roy McCoy made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Salary Schedule, seconded by Jonathan Crossley. Salary schedule approved.

TCC Updates -Monica Morris

User Satisfaction Survey has been shared with each district. Ms. Morris asked that everyone please encourage their staff to complete the survey.

College and Career Vendor - Student Success Plans: By May 5th, superintendents must submit the selection of a provider for the 23-24 through 25-26 school years.

New Arkansas Assessment will be called ATLAS- Arkansas's Teaching and Learning Assessment System.

Literacy and Math Standards are in draft form and will be proposed to the State Board of Education on April 13. Upon approval, these standards will be expected to be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year and thereafter.

Standards for Accreditation: No individual should be allowed to work in a district until background checks have been completed. All SFA should be Green all year.

Guidance for Reporting Cycle 7 for the 2023 School Year- Web Conference for Special Education Programs conducted by IDEA Data and Research Office at UALR.

OperationsHero will replace SchoolDude on July 1. SWAEC will host a virtual session on April 18, 2023. This session will be recorded for future use.

The ARP ESSER LEA Plan (Ready for Learning) must be updated by April 15th.

College and Career Virtual Vendor Fair- March 15, 8:15-12:00

Lead the Way Grants

Vanessa Shelburne, SWAEC STEM Specialist, recognized Yerger Junior High and Blevins High School for receiving the Lead the Way Grants.

Co-op Evaluation Invitation

Phoebe Bailey and Monica Morris handed out invitations to the board members for the co-op's 5 year Evaluation, which will take place on April 19.

Director Updates, Phoebe Bailey

Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents an overview of the changes to LEA Insights, highlighting the Teacher Value added Growth Measures found under the Academics tab.

Legislative Updates- Phoebe Bailey went over the Google document summarizing all education laws passed in the session. She explained the coding for ease of use. She will continue to update the shared document as changes are made.

With no further business, Jonathan Crossley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeffrey Steed. Meeting was adjourned.