

Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes

June 9, 2022

Schools Present: Lafayette, Genoa, Texarkana, Hope, Nevada, Spring Hill (proxy-Dr. Peter Maggio) and Prescott (proxy-Angie Bryant).

Schools Not Present: Blevins and Fouke.

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

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Becky Kessler.

Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from May, seconded by Dr. Jonathan Crossley. The minutes were approved.

Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports for May. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jonathan Crossley. The financial and expenditure reports were approved.

PERSONNEL: Ms. Bailey submitted to the board a slate of personnel changes. Ms. Bailey recommended for hire, Katie Pittenger for the job of Technology Outreach Coordinator and Jessica Dearing for ECH Behavior Specialist. Ms. Bailey also recommended the hire of two new ECH Teachers, Judith Kelli Davison for Itinerant in the Hope area and Hannah Ward for Itinerant in the Lewisville area. Ms. Bailey let the board know of her wish to accept three resignation letters submitted to the co-op. The first was Ms. Sue Terry, ECH teacher in Lewisville. Shana Martin and Danaka Thomas, both are ECH paras in Fouke also submitted their resignation letters. Dr. Peter Maggio made a motion to accept all recommendations by Ms. Bailey and Robert Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

CONTRACTS: Ms. Bailey handed out to the board a sheet of end of year contract amendments for approval. After a question and brief discussion, Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the amendments and Dr. Jonathan Crossley seconded and the motion passed. Ms. Bailey also told the board that DESE was recommending an increase to Daniel Collier's stipend because he will be supervising more people. Robert Edwards made a motion to approve and Dr. Peter Maggio seconded. The motion was approved.

PERSONNEL POLICY: A sheet with a few new personnel policy updates was handed out by Ms. Bailey. After a brief discussion Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the updates and was seconded by Dr. Peter Maggio. The motion was approved.

ANNUAL REPORT: Ms. Bailey announced that the Annual Report was available for all to review in the shared SWAEC Google Board folder. Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the Annual Report and was seconded by Dr. Jonathan Crossley and the motion passed.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Bailey informed the board to changes in the ETS Para Pro Testing. There was also a short discussion about SWAEC applying for continued federal funding to continue the Stop IT grant. Ms. Bailey

asked the superintendents about staffing issues at their schools for the upcoming year and offered any support or help to them that is available.

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