Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board’s Minutes
September 24, 2018

Schools Present: Lafayette, Spring Hill, Genoa Proxy – Brock Dickinson, Fouke, Hope, Prescott, Blevins, Texarkana

Schools Not Present: Nevada

Co-op Staff Present: Eva Wood, Monica Morris, Elsie Roach, Gina Perkins

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Edwards.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the minutes from August, seconded by Carrol Purtle. The minutes were approved.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports from August. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.


AAEA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SELECTION – After a brief discussion on legislative committees, Bobby Hart made a motion to nominate Robert Poole for the Finance Committee, Carroll Purtle for the Governance Committee, and Becky Kesler for the Curriculum Committee. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF VAN SALE – Ms. Bailey announced each bid that was received on the 2003 Chevy Astro Van. The winning bid was for $1,895 from Sharon Henry. Robert Poole made a motion to accept the winning bid, seconded by Bobby Hart. Motion Passed.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris

STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT – Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) will hold webinars this fall to assist teachers in providing instruction aligned to the DLM Essential Elements in English language arts and mathematics.

Beginning in 2018-2019, each teacher at the elementary and secondary levels should receive PD in scientific reading instruction.

SWAEC will host a session on Student Success Plans on September 26, 2018.

UPCOMING PD AND MEETINGS

September 26, 2018 – Student Success Plans
October 3 or 4, 2018 – Principal and Assistant Principal PLC
October 17, 2018 – Fall School Counselors’ Meeting
June 18 – 21, 2019 – ADE Education Summit in Hot Springs

DYSLEXIA UPDATES – Ms. Bailey shared a report showing the number of students receiving dyslexia services in the state, compared to the number of students being serviced in the Co-op area. The data was compiled from APSCN Cycle 7 reporting submitted by districts.

FOLLOW-UP ON SPRING STRATEGIC PLANNING WORK BY BOARD – Ms. Bailey reviewed the two measurable actions resulting from the strategic planning work completed in the spring of 2018.

The two focuses for SWAEC include focused professional development and behavioral/mental health at the student level. The superintendents were asked to share what they are currently doing in their districts.

UPDATE FROM DIGITAL LEARNING TASK FORCE – Ms. Bailey spoke about the draft recommendations that the task force is considering. She requested feedback from the superintendents.
PERSONNEL – Ms. Bailey recommended the hire of Joyce Duenas as an Itinerant Early Childhood Paraprofessional in the Hope area. Becky Kesler made a motion to accept the recommendation. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

OTHER ITEM – The next meeting will be held October 17, 2018.

With no further business, Carrol Purtle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bobby Hart. The meeting was adjourned.