Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board’s Minutes
June 17, 2020

Schools Present via Zoom: Hope, Genoa, Prescott, Fouke, Lafayette, Spring Hill

Schools Not Present: Blevins, Nevada, Texarkana

Co-op Staff Present via Zoom: Monica Morris, Gina Perkins, Eva Wood, Tanya Collins

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Buie.

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

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

PERSONNEL SLATE FOR APPROVAL – Ms. Bailey made a recommendation to hire Joyce Duenas as Early Childhood Teacher. She also notified the board of the resignation of Lisa Black, Early Childhood Teacher. Bobby Hart made a motion to accept the hire and resignation. Robert Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.


APPOINTMENT OF COOPERATIVE TREASURER – Ms. Bailey nominated Gina Perkins to serve as District Treasurer for Southwest Co-op beginning July 1, 2020. She recommends that Elsie Roach be removed as District Treasurer and removed from all bank accounts upon her retirement on July 1, 2020. Phoebe Bailey and Gina Perkins will be the signers on all bank accounts. Robert Poole made a motion to accept the nomination. Tom Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

COVID EMERGENCY RESOLUTION - Ms. Bailey shared an electronic copy of the Covid Emergency Resolution from the Arkansas School Board Association. She recommended SWAEC adopt the resolution. Robert Poole made a motion to accept the recommendation. Robert Edwards seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OTHER ITEMS

Mrs. Morris notified the board that the Co-op has resumed fingerprinting by appointment only. She will send the link to sign up for an appointment and asked the superintendents to share that with staff.

She also reminded the board the Tier 1 training will be held June 24th via zoom. She will send the link through email. There will also be a Zoom session on June 24th at 2:00 covering the Arkansas IDEAS Dashboard.

The superintendents discussed returning to school in the fall and how they are preparing with PPE, cleaning guidance, blended learning, and athletic programs.

With no further business, Robert Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Wilson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.