

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes**  
**May 20, 2015**

**Schools Present:** Texarkana – Jennifer Richert, Representative, Hope, Prescott, Fouke, Lafayette, Genoa Proxy- Angie Bryant, Nevada, Spring Hill, Blevins

**Guests Present:** ADE Commissioner Johnny Key, ADE Deputy Commissioner Mike Hernandez

**Co-op Staff Present:** Monica Morris, Elsie Roach, Gina Perkins, Karen Massey, Angela Winfield

The meeting was called to order by the president, Billy Lee.

Angie Raney made a motion to approve the minutes for April, seconded by Robert Poole. The minutes were approved.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports for April. Rick McAfee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF PAPER BID** – Contract Paper Group had the low bid of \$25.37 per case. Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents a list of the returned paper bid quotes. Forrest Mulkey made a motion to approve the Contract Paper Group bid. Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**SWAEC MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION: APSRC** – After a brief discussion, the board unanimously agreed that the Co-op should not join APSRC.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2014-15 ANNUAL REPORT** – Ms. Bailey presented the annual report and a copy was given to each superintendent. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the annual report. Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**BLOOMBOARD MOU** – Mrs. Morris handed out a MOU to the superintendents for participation in a BloomBoard Pilot Program that would give SWAEC permission to access Co-op wide data. They should sign and return.

**PERSONNEL: BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST RECOMMENDATION** – Ms. Bailey informed the board that interviews had been conducted, and she would like to recommend Connie Thomason for the position of Behavior Specialist. She will replace Andrea Woodruff, who has resigned. Bobby Hart made a motion to accept Ms. Bailey's recommendation. Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**PERSONNEL: GPS DASHBOARD** – Ms. Bailey told the superintendents that the ADE has offered the GPS position to one of the applicants and they are waiting for a response. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the hire, pending the ADE's recommendation. Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**TEACHER CENTER UPDATES** – Monica Morris

Mrs. Morris handed out a packet containing MOUs for ASIS and the Student GPS Dashboard. The signed copies from last year were also included in the packets for reference. The superintendents should sign and return to Mrs. Morris.

**PARCC/CCSS** – The ADE has not released a state testing calendar at this time. Mrs. Morris will send it out as soon as she gets it.

There will only be one testing window for PARCC in the spring of 2016.

**TESS/LEADS** – Guides have been created showing how to enter TESS summative ratings and LEADS summative ratings into BloomBoard. Mrs. Morris sent the link electronically and recommended that the superintendents share these with their principals.

The Co-op will host several TESS/LEADS support sessions this summer. The dates were given in the handouts.

Beginning administrators will need to follow the process of getting a Teachscape account and possible mentor. This information was released in a Commissioners' Memo that also provides the dates for required trainings.

**OTHER INFORMATION** – Each school district will be participating in the pilot of the new ACSIP software during the 2015-2016 school year. Trainings will be available during the summer of 2015.

The Smart Core and Core Curriculum requirements will likely change before the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

A \$20,000 grant is now available to promote computer science education and build capacity within the districts. Mrs. Morris sent the grant application electronically.

ESL Summer PD Training will be held at the Co-op. The superintendents should enroll their teachers, if they are in need of this training.

AIMM has changed to Novice Teacher Mentor Program. Mentors trained last year will not need recalibration. Videos providing Mentor and Project Director updates will be available by June 1, 2015. Mentors must have a completed recommendation form signed by his/her principal as the entrance ticket to the NTMP training.

The ADE is providing trainings on the new Social Studies Frameworks on July 22, 2015 and the new Fine Arts Frameworks on July 17, 2015. Both trainings will be at the Co-op.

There will be a Zoom webinar on May 27, 2015, 9:00 A.M., that will address updates to Dyslexia, Computer Science, and Transitional Course requirements for the 2015-2016 school year.

UPCOMING Professional Development and Meetings

May 28, 2015 – The Genius of Virtual Arkansas

June 10-11, 2015 – Student Voice & Student Engagement Institute

June 29-30, 2015 – Administrators’ Institute

July 6-8, 2015 – Rural Ed. Conference

August 3-5, 2015 - AAEA Summer Conference

**DYSLEXIA CONSORTIUM** – Ms. Bailey asked the board if there was interest in a possible Co-op consortium to hire a Dyslexia Specialist. The board agreed to schedule a meeting with the designated dyslexia staff, from each district, to discuss possible programs and Co-op support.

**2015-2016 SALARY SCHEDULE APPROVAL** – Ms. Bailey presented the proposed salary schedule for approval. After a brief discussion, Forrest Mulkey suggested that the discussion be tabled for executive session after lunch.

**ADE UPDATES** – Commissioner Johnny Key and Deputy Commissioner Mike Hernandez updated the board on matters, such as, computer science, broadband, and the need for clear communication in legislation. The discussion was open for concerns and questions from the superintendents.

Forrest Mulkey made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Robert Poole.

**PERSONNEL: SALARY REIMBURSEMENT DISCUSSION** – SWAEC has made numerous attempts to collect salary paid to Angie Bradshaw for work not completed. These steps have included emails, phone calls and a certified letter that Ms. Bradshaw did not accept. SWAEC will continue to work with Ms. Bradshaw to collect the outstanding amount owed through the end of the June 30, 2015 fiscal year. If payment has not been received at that time, the SWAEC Board of Directors agrees to waive the amount owed to SWAEC, in lieu of not carrying the debt over to a new fiscal year. A motion was made by Robert Poole to accept the agreement, seconded by Angie Raney. Motion passed.

**2015-2016 SALARY SCHEDULE APPROVAL** – The discussion continued on the proposed options. Angie Raney made a motion to approve the following salary schedule changes:

- Add \$500 to classified base
- Add \$750 to certified base
- Eliminate classified with master category
- Add “Level I, Level II, and Level III” descriptors for clerks and office staff
- Add Vision and Behavior to schedule
- Include Technology Coordinator to Spec/Coordinator Column

Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1.

**2015-2016 SALARY STIPEND APPROVAL** – Ms. Bailey handed out the proposed employee stipend amounts that must be approved annually. Robert Poole made a motion to approve the stipend amounts. Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

With no further business, Robert Poole made a motion to adjourn. Angie Raney seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.