Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board’s Minutes
September 24, 2019

Schools Present: Texarkana, Hope, Spring Hill, Genoa, Lafayette, Prescott Proxy – Jay Turley

Schools Not Present: Fouke, Blevins, Nevada

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

Guest Present: Edie Greenwood, SWAEC Community Health Nurse Specialist

The meeting was called to order by President Angie Bryant.

Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from August, seconded by Becky Kesler. The minutes were approved.

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


APPROVAL OF CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS – Ms. Bailey also shared that the SWAEC’s Continuity of Operations Plan for 2019-2020. It has been uploaded to the SWAEC website and is linked in the Google folder for the board. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the plan, seconded by Robert Edwards. Motion Passed.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris

STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT – The DESE will provide a follow-up Student Success Plan Training on October 29, 2019 from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Each school, with grades 8-12, needs representation. Alternate Pathways to Graduation Training will take place September 25, 2019 at SWAEC. The State Start-Up Application window for CTE is open until November 1, 2019. The Annual Equity Compliance Report should be completed and submitted electronically by October 15, 2019. The Minority Teacher & Administrator Recruitment needs to be submitted by October 15, 2019. The Assurance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer also needs to be submitted by September 15, 2019. The 2019-2020 Statement of Assurance should be signed and uploaded by October 1, 2019.

TESS/LEADS/LICENSEURE/MENTORING – High Reliability Schools: Level 1 surveys will open again between October 8-25, 2019.

ACT Aspire – Digging Into the Data will be held October 15, 2019.

Fall AAEL Conference will be held October 31, 2019.

Arkansas Teaching and Learning Fall Collaborative for Curriculum Coordinators will be held November 13-14, 2019.

The next Coordinated School Health Quarterly Meeting will be held November 6, 2019.

OTHER INFORMATION – SWAEC is open 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Please call if the hours need to be adjusted to accommodate the need for classified employee’s background check.

School Board Training will be held September 30, 2019. Please let Ms. Morris know who is bringing their school board members.
**NURSING UPDATE** – Edie Greenwood

Ms. Greenwood shared how many flu shots were given per district at last year’s flu clinics on each campus. According to the numbers, more students need to be given the flu shot at school. She asked the superintendents to encourage more participation. She also noted that insurance should not be an issue and should not keep a student from being vaccinated.

On October 23, 2019, a video will be streamed to raise awareness for Opioid Addiction. “Chasing the Dragon” is appropriate for middle school/high school students.

The 2019 Arkansas Preventative Needs Assessment survey is scheduled to be administered by all participating districts between November 1-15, 2019.

Ms. Greenwood also spoke about the seriousness of the vaping epidemic and the importance of having presentations within the schools that emphasize the health risks.

**OTHER ITEMS**

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