

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
December 12, 2019**

Schools Present: Genoa, Spring Hill, Prescott Proxy – Jay Turley, Texarkana Proxy – Lea Metcalf, Hope Proxy – Carla Narlesky, Lafayette Proxy – Harvey Sellers

Schools Not Present: Fouke, Blevins, Nevada

Co-op Staff Present: Monica Morris, Gina Perkins

Guests Present: Maci Edwards – Arkansas Teacher Corps, Jeff Schobel – STOPit grant representative

The meeting was called to order by President Angie Bryant.

Carroll Purtle made a motion to approve the minutes from November, seconded by Lea Metcalf.

The minutes were approved.

Carroll Purtle made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports from November. Jay Turley seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

REMOVAL OF FIXED ASSETS – Ms. Bailey noted that a smartboard in the Prescott ECH classroom is no longer working and needs to be removed from fixed assets. Carroll Purtle made a motion to accept the removal, seconded by Jay Turley. Motion passed.

UPDATES – Phoebe Bailey

Ms. Bailey handed out copies of the three bids that were received from companies to replace the carpet in the Co-op building. She noted that references have been checked, and she recommends the use of the lowest bidder, Magnolia Carpet One. Harvey Sellers made a motion to approve the bid and proceed with carpet replacement with Magnolia Carpet One. Lea Metcalf seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ms. Bailey handed out information on Impact Arkansas Fellowship, which is an experiential leadership program for teachers who show leadership potential and aspire to become formal leaders in their school. If interested, contact Allison Prewitt, Director of Outreach.

Ms. Bailey notified the board of the resignation letter received from Lori Cree, Early Childhood Paraprofessional, effective January 5th, 2020. Carroll Purtle made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Jay Turley. Motion passed.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris

SWAEC is asking all building and district administration to please complete the professional development needs survey by December 20, 2019.

STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT – K-6 ESL teachers must show proficiency in the science of reading. More information on science of reading will be available in January.

A link to the G.U.I.D.E. for Life Resources was provided in the handouts.

New K-12 Library Media Standards were approved in October. Full implementation of these standards is expected in 2021-2022.

All Perkins reimbursement requests for July-December 2019 must be turned in by December 18, 2019.

TESS/LEADS/LICENSURE/MENTORING - The deadline to opt-in for the video observation tool in EdReflect is Thursday, December 19, 2019

OTHER INFORMATION – Mrs. Morris shared links to recent commissioner's memos.

She also informed the board members of a potential conference to be held at SWAEC on July 28-29, 2020. She listed some topic to be covered and asked for input on further needs.

ARKANSAS TEACHER CORPS – Maci Edwards

Maci Edwards presented the board with information on Arkansas Teacher Corps. She spoke about the partnership they have with school districts, how teachers are recruited, the incentives they can offer, and how they can help support these novice teachers.

STOPIT PRESENTATION – Jeff Schobel

Mr. Schobel gave a presentation on the STOPit app being used in the US Department of Justice Stop the Violence Grant that was just awarded to Southwest Co-op. The STOPit app provides a way for students and teachers to anonymously report inappropriate behavior. These reports are reviewed in real time for quick response to emergencies. He explained the different ways reports can be made and what is done with the information after the fact. The schools that opt in to this program will be receiving more information on how to proceed.

OTHER ITEMS

With no further business, Carroll Purtle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jay Turley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.