Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board’s Minutes
June 13, 2018

Schools Present: Hope, Lafayette, Genoa, Texarkana, Carmen Cross – Fouke Proxy

Schools Not Present: Spring Hill, Prescott, Blevins, Nevada

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

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Kesler.

Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from May, seconded by Angie Bryant. 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 presented a list of personnel changes, including the retirement of Velvet Ogden and the resignations of Billie Blakely and Sandra Browning. She also noted the status change of Stephanie Johnson to ABC Staff and Hazel Smith to ECH Paraprofessional. Robert Edwards made a motion to approve these changes in personnel, as presented. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 CONTRACT AMENDMENT – Ms. Bailey recommended to approve the contract amendment of an additional $1,000 stipend for Lynn Foster, HIPPY/ABC Coordinator. This will cover duties performed during off contract time preparing a new classroom. Robert Edwards made a motion to accept Ms. Bailey’s recommendation. Angie Bryant seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

POLICY APPROVAL FROM ADMINISTRATIVE HANDBOOK – Ms. Bailey presented the changes to the SWAEC Administrative Handbook. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the changes as presented, seconded by Robert Edwards. Motion Passed.

DISCUSSION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING FROM LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – Ms. Bailey handed out a document from Tom Bennett, summarizing the progress made in the strategic planning sessions. Bobby Hart gave an update on the ongoing discussion by the mental health working group.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION – Bobby Hart made a motion to nominate Angie Raney to be the Rural Ed representative for the Co-op’s area. Angie Bryant seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

APPROVAL OF 2017 LEGISLATIVE AUDIT – Ms. Bailey presented the 2017 Legislative Audit for approval. Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the audit. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING 2018-2019 – Mrs. Morris discussed possible topics and dates for the upcoming school board member training. The superintendents asked to have two training options in 2018.

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