

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes**  
**April 16, 2019**

**Schools Present:** Genoa, Prescott, Fouke Proxy – Carmen Cross, Lafayette Proxy – Opal Anderson, Blevins, Hope, Texarkana

**Schools Not Present:** Spring Hill, Nevada

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

**Guest Present:** Robin Hickerson, Texarkana

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Angie Bryant.

Robert Poole made a motion to approve the minutes from March, seconded by Becky Kesler.

The minutes were approved.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports from March. Becky Kesler seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**ROBIN HICKERSON** – Mrs. Hickerson reminded the board of the research she is doing for her dissertation. Her topic relates to school culture and employee satisfaction. She is asking for the superintendents' assistance on forwarding surveys to their teachers and principals.

**ECH COST PROPOSAL** – Ms. Bailey shared a handout, including a letter from ADE Assistant Commissioner Stacey Smith, showing the background of how ECH funding has changed. She also shared a spreadsheet with the estimated cost for the 2019-2020 school year. Based on this information, SWAEC proposes to increase the cost from \$610 per student to \$761 per student. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the increase in cost. Becky Kesler seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**TEACHER CENTER UPDATES** – Monica Morris

**STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT** – Project Connect and Project Soar are being offered through the University of Arkansas for an ESL endorsement. An ESL representative from U of A is willing to come speak to the districts, if needed.

Grasping Phenomenal Science (GPS) and AR Math Quest will meet the requirements for Pre-AP Certification.

The ADE will recognize the Middle School Science 4-8 licensure code #257 to teach the Physical Science-Integrated course #423000.

**ESSA AND ACCOUNTABILITY** – Mrs. Morris pointed out links within the handout of the recently released School Report Cards, and also, a link for Tools to Use for School Report Card Communication.

School Improvement Plans are due to the central office of the school district by May. Improvement Plans must be board approved and posted on the school's website by August 1, 2019.

**OTHER INFORMATION** – The link to the SWAEC User Satisfaction Survey has been shared. Mrs. Morris would like all staff members to complete the survey. The survey will close in mid-May.

Administrators' Institute will be held July 23-24, 2019, with Tier 1 being on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Katie Perez will be speaking on Dealing with Trauma in Schools. A full agenda will be shared soon.

Shannon Puckett announced the Perkins V Stakeholders Meeting will be held on May 23, 2019 at SWAEC. She encouraged all superintendents to come and bring stakeholders from their districts. She handed out information about the meeting and a list of potential stakeholders.

**PERSONNEL** – Ms. Bailey handed out a list of proposed personnel changes:

She recommended the employment of the following: Donnie Lee – Online Media Content & Grants Coordinator, to be housed at OUR, Teri Avery – ECH Itinerate Teacher, and Kayla Parker – ECH Itinerate Teacher.

She recommended the non-renewal of Deborah Ellis – ABC Teacher, and made a recommendation to accept the resignation of LeKeshia Soils – ECH Teacher.

Bobby Hart made a motion to accept the proposed personnel changes. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**2019-2020 CONTRACT RENEWALS** – Ms. Bailey handed out a list of current employees for 2019-2020 contract renewals. Bobby Hart made a motion to renew the contracts of all current employees listed. Opal Anderson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**2019-2020 SALARY SCHEDULE** – Ms. Bailey handed out the proposed salary schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. After a brief discussion, Bobby Hart recommended to decrease the proposed salary schedule and base it on 1 year minimum requirement, instead of 2 years. Robert Poole made a motion to accept the revised schedule. Stephanie Dixon seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

With no further business, Robert Poole made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Opal Anderson.

The meeting was adjourned.