

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
July 23, 2018**

Schools Present: Texarkana, Lafayette, Spring Hill Proxy – Dr. Maggio, Fouke, Blevins, Prescott, Nevada, Hope

School Not Present: Genoa

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

Guest Present: Robin Hickerson, Asst. Superintendent, Texarkana

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Edwards.

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

The minutes were approved.

PERSONNEL SLATE FOR APPROVAL – Ms. Bailey presented a list of personnel that she recommended for employment. The list included Tina Cole – ABC Paraprofessional, Deborah Ellis – ABC Lead Teacher, Jennifer Fincher – HIPPIY Home Visitor, Felicia Koontz – ECH Paraprofessional, Kristin Parker – ECH Paraprofessional, and LeKeshia Soils – ECH Lead Teacher. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the recommendations for employment. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

AESA 2018 CONFERENCE – Ms. Bailey announced the upcoming AESA Conference, which will take place in Colorado Springs, beginning November 28, 2018. She shared information on the keynote speakers and some of the break-out sessions that might interest member districts. SWAEC will cover the cost of the hotel and the registration fee for any SWAEC board member that would like to attend.

DISCUSSION OF RURAL ED NOMINATION – There was a brief discussion about the Rural Ed representative nomination, since the previous nominee is no longer a member of the SWAEC board. Bobby Hart nominated Robert Poole to represent the Co-op's area. Becky Kesler seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

ROBIN HICKERSON – RESEARCH PROPOSAL – Robin Hickerson, from Texarkana School District, spoke to the board about assisting with her research on workplace bullying, collaboration, and job satisfaction. She asked the superintendents to share an anonymous survey with their district employees.

PROPOSED 2018-2019 SWAEC BOARD MEETING DATES – Ms. Bailey shared a calendar showing the tentative dates for the SWAEC Board Meetings in 2018-2019.

OTHER ITEMS:

Monica Morris spoke to the board about the possibility of the Teacher Center purchasing a copy machine, that would enable them to create and print handbooks for member districts, as well as, many other print jobs to meet their district's needs. There was a brief discussion about how and where each district prints their handbooks and how the Co-op might be able to help. More information will be gathered before a purchasing decision is made.

The next meeting will be held August 16, 2018.

With no further business, Bobby Hart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Peter Maggio.

The meeting was adjourned.