

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
March 14, 2019**

Schools Present: Hope, Prescott, Lafayette, Spring Hill, Genoa, Texarkana

Schools Not Present: Blevins, Nevada, Fouke

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

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Edwards.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the minutes from February, seconded by Robert Poole.
The minutes were approved.

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

DIRECTOR UPDATES – Phoebe Bailey

PAPER BID – Ms. Bailey shared the past paper bid orders per district. She handed out the new order form and asked that the superintendents have it turned back in by March 27, 2019.

CALENDAR PROPOSAL FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR – Ms. Bailey handed out copies of the SWAEC proposed calendar for 2019-2020. Angie Bryant made a motion to accept the calendar, seconded by Bobby Hart. Motion Passed.

PERSONNEL POLICY – Ms. Bailey shared copies of the proposed personnel policy changes for the 2019-2020 school year. Bobby Hart made a motion to accept the changes, as presented. Carroll Purtle seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris

STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT – Fouke is hosting Structures Level 1 Training on their campus August 5-9, 2019. Other districts are invited.

Academic Reading is a credit-bearing, two-semester course for high school students that have been identified with the characteristics of Dyslexia.

Mrs. Morris shared a list of dates for the ADE Summer Assessment Professional Development and a link containing ESOL Institute information.

An alternate pathway to graduation, for students with cognitive disabilities, will be available to incoming freshmen for the 2019-2020 school year, beginning with this 9th grade cohort.

The Department of Career Education has reviewed existing CTE courses, for award of math or science credits, to meet graduation requirements. These credit options go into effect beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

TESS/LEADS/LICENSURE/MENTORING – A National Board orientation meeting will be held at SWAEC on April 6, 2019 from 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon.

OTHER INFORMATION – SWAEC will host a Poverty Simulation on April 15, 2019, from 5:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M., at Hempstead Hall. Contact Mrs. Morris if they are interested in participating or if they would like to schedule a Poverty Simulation for their district.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Phoebe Bailey

Ms. Bailey shared an update on bills currently being discussed in the legislative session. These included a bill concerning cameras in the special education classroom and proposed legislation impacting the start of the school year. Also, discussed were bills dealing with corporal punishment and vouchers.

ECH AND EDIT CENTER UPDATE

Ms. Bailey shared a handout detailing the estimated cost of each child that will become the schools/Co-op's responsibility. Also, summarized were the meetings that both she and the ECH Coordinator had attended on this topic. She hopes to be able to bring a funding proposal to the April meeting.

OTHER ITEM

The next meeting will be held April 16, 2019. With no further business, Robert Poole made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carroll Purtle. The meeting was adjourned.