

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes  
May 22, 2018**

**Schools Present:** Texarkana, Genoa Proxy – Bradley Wright, Prescott, Hope, Spring Hill, Lafayette

**Schools Not Present:** Blevins, Nevada, Fouke

**Co-op Staff Present:** Monica Morris, Elsie Roach, David Henderson, Eva Wood, Shannon Puckett

**INFORMATION SESSION:**

**TEACHER CENTER UPDATES** – Monica Morris

**STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT** – ACT 1063 (Right to Read ACT) Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, each school teacher will receive PD in scientific reading instruction, both at the elementary and secondary levels. By the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, all teachers employed in a teaching position, that requires an elementary education (K-6) license or SPED (K-12) license, shall demonstrate proficiency in knowledge and practices of the scientific reading instruction. All others shall demonstrate awareness in knowledge and practices of the scientific reading instruction.

Fine Arts Trainings – The ADE is again providing community-based fine arts trainings across the state. A document was given that provides titles of trainings, dates, locations and registration links for these summer sessions.

Community Service Learning Grants – Guidance on Community Service Learning Grants for 9-12 grade students has recently been released. A link was given for a recorded webinar with information.

**TESS/LEADS/LICENSURE/MENTORING** – A link was given to register for the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators' Beginning Administrator Induction Program.

Novice Teacher Mentoring – Vicki Jewel has been employed at the Co-op as the Mentor Coordinator. She will send out a link to register all new novices in July. The Mentoring Grant for the 2018-2019 school year has been submitted. Donna Carozza will continue to lead the support for the mentoring of new special education teachers.

**OTHER INFORMATION** – Dyslexia – As required by ACT 1039, each district shall report the following information by July 15<sup>th</sup>, either on their school's website or in writing, to the parents of each student in the district. 1) The dyslexia intervention used during the previous school year. 2) The number of students that received a dyslexia intervention during the previous year. 3) The number of students identified with the characteristics of dyslexia during the previous years. All students that received dyslexia intervention during the 2017-2018 school year must be marked in eSchool, prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>. The data will be pulled during Cycle 7. A link was given to visit the Dyslexia Resource Guide or contact Kelly Cornelius for more information.

A link was shared that provides information on school-based programs from The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention these programs. The Co-op has scheduled Safe TALK for July 30, 2018. This training is open to community members as well, with a \$20 charge, paid directly to the Foundation, not the Co-op.

Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents a flyer with information on the AESA Annual Conference: Courageous Leadership Inspires Bold Action. The conference will be November 28, 2018 through December 1, 2018 in Colorado Springs, CO. She invited all superintendents to attend. More will be shared at a later date.

Mrs. Morris informed the superintendents that the Co-op has trained three employees in a restraint program, Handle with Care. She needs to know if they are interested in having their staff members trained. The cost is \$350 per district paid to Handle with Care. The Co-op trainers can only train for Co-op schools. This is a six-hour training for Pre-K-12 teachers.

**BOARD ACTION:**

The meeting was called to order by President Becky Kesler.

Angie Raney made a motion to approve the minutes from both the April and the May Special Meetings. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports from April.

Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**APPROVAL OF PAPER BID** – Ms. Bailey told the superintendents that Contract Paper Group had the low bid of \$27.51 per case. Robert Poole made a motion to accept the Contract Paper Group bid. Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY** – Ms. Bailey gave the board a handout of recommended changes in the Personnel Policy Manual. Robert Edwards made a motion to accept the change. Bobby Hart seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Also, Ms. Bailey presented to the board guidance to be contained in the Employee’s Administrative Handbook. This guidance would include a section covering procedures when a co-op employee leaves employment with the ability to charge a fee for private provider trainings. After some discussion, this was tabled until Ms. Bailey can get more clarification from AR School Boards Association.

There was an ADE Zoom presentation on Licensure Exceptions and Routes to Licensure – Alternative Preparation.

**APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT** – Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents a copy of the annual report. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Annual Report. Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**PERSONNEL SLATE FOR APPROVAL** – Ms. Bailey presented a slate of two recommendations for employment: Lauren Thomas, Paraprofessional, Fouke Preschool and Patrick Schoenberger, Early Childhood Behavior Specialist.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board went into executive session. No action was taken.

Bobby Hart made a motion to accept the personnel slate. Robert Edwards seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**OTHER ITEM:**

Mrs. Morris told the superintendents that she is working with Corwin to plan a two-day session on Impact Teams to be held September 17-18, 2018. One day is a repeat day. The cost will be \$14,000. and PDC will cover the costs. She will send the information to them.

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