

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
October 14, 2014**

Schools Present:Texarkana, Fouke, Spring Hill, Lafayette, Blevins, Prescott, Genoa, Hope-Proxy: Ira Love

School Not Present: Nevada

Co-op Staff Present: Monica Morris, Karen Massey, Elsie Roach, Gina Perkins

The meeting was called to order by the president, Billy Lee.

Angie Raney made a motion to approve the minutes from September, seconded by Rick Waters. The minutes were approved.

Robert Poole made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports for September. Angie Raney seconded the motion. Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION COMMITTEE UPDATE – Ms. Bailey gave an update on the Superintendent Evaluation. The rubric is based on the 2008 ISLIC standards. Ms. Bailey informed the board that these standards are in the revision process and will not be released as final soon. The ADE has chosen to use the 2008 standards and has worked to make sure there is a match between the two. Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents a draft copy covering one of the standards, as well as, a document showing the correlation between the 2008 and 2014 ISLIC standards.

LEGISLATIVE MEETING DISCUSSION – The board agreed to wait until after the elections to schedule a meeting. Ms. Bailey is working on a date and she asked that the superintendents come up with discussion topics for the meeting.

AAEA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – The board has appointed the following positions: Bobby Hart – Governance, Robert Poole – Finance, Angie Raney and Becky Kesler – Curriculum.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris:

PARCC/CCSS – The ADE has submitted amendments for the ESEA Flexibility. If these amendments are approved, they will be implemented spring 2015. These include the option of replacing the 11th Grade Literacy Exam and the Algebra 2 EOC Exam with the ACT. There was discussion on what schools anticipated doing if that amendment was approved at the federal level.

The Student Assessment Unit will conduct PARCC Scheduling and Administration workshops in November. Registration information will be sent to District Test Coordinators in October.

TESS– Kendra Clay, ADE Staff Attorney, is available to do presentations on Teacher Fair Dismissal and TESS. Ms. Bailey and Mrs. Morris are also available to come help explain this and a better understanding of SOAR values.

SUPERINENDENT EVALUATION – This evaluation process is expected to be fully implemented in the 2017–2018 school year. A copy of the proposed timeline was given in Mrs. Morris’ handout.

OTHER INFORMATION – Mrs. Morris provided the board a copy of Commissioner’s Memo LS-15-027 for more information on the Math Ready Course and the Literacy Ready Course for the 2015-2016 school year.

Final AMO reports should be released November 1.

UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT –

- October 16 – Principals’ Meeting
- October 20 – Teacher Center Committee Meeting
- October 28 – GPS Dashboard
- November 18 – School Board Training
- December 1 – School Board Training

The IRS is presenting a workshop on December 3rd. This workshop is free to participants who preregister and \$20.00 for those who are not preregistered.

SECURITY DISCUSSION – Ms. Bailey informed the board that Jeremiah Terrell, from the Attorney General’s Office, will be visiting the Co-op to provide a needs assessment for security.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE – Ms. Bailey will contact the legislators about meeting in November after the elections and try to schedule the November meeting around that.

With no further business, Robert Poole made a motion to adjourn. Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.