

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
April 7, 2015**

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

School Not Present: Blevins

Co-op Staff Present: Elsie Roach, Gina Perkins

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Angie Raney.

Robert Poole made a motion to approve the minutes for March, seconded by Rick McAfee. The minutes were approved.

Robert Poole made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports for March. Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

PAPER BID DISCUSSION – Ms. Bailey notified the board of the upcoming purchase of paper. She also gave them their purchase amounts from last year. If they are interested, they should submit their request by April 23, 2015.

SWAEC BOARD SECRETARY NOMINATION – Robert Poole made a motion to nominate Dr. Becky Kesler as Secretary of the SWAEC Board for 2015-2016. Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

2015-2016 CALENDAR – Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents a copy of the proposed SWAEC Calendar for 2015-2016. Robert Poole made a motion to approve the calendar. Rick Waters seconded the motion. Motion passed.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Ms. Bailey shared the following information from Monica Morris:

VISIBLE LEARNING – A follow up on the Visible Learning workshop will be held April 14, 2015.

VIRTUAL ARKANSAS – The next sessions to attend the Genius of Virtual Arkansas will be April 16, 2015 and May 28, 2015. This training will help counselors and administrators with the new process of getting students registered in Virtual AR classes for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Morris will be emailing more information on this.

ADE EDUCATOR CAREER FAIR – Ms. Bailey reminded the board of the upcoming ADE Educator Career Fair. The ADE has offered space for all interested districts.

TESS/LEADS – There are still spots open to attend TESS/LEADS Focus Groups. This is taking place at different sites around the state. The ADE would like input from both administrators and teachers. Mrs. Morris will email the link to sign up for these sessions.

CONCURRENT VIRTUAL AR CREDIT – For schools that are participating in concurrent credit using Virtual AR, Cathi Swan has sent an email showing the application deadline, requirements, and cost. This information was shared with the board.

ECM/CGI – Ms. Bailey suggested that teachers get registered for CGI and ECM if they need these trainings. Numbers are low in some sessions and if participants do not register, the training will be cancelled.

STUDENT VOICE VIDEO – Ms. Bailey showed a short video featuring Dr. Russell Quaglia on Student Voice. He focused on how student involvement impacted the achievement gap in schools and impacted learning. Dr Quaglia is the featured speaker at the Corwin Student Voice and Student Engagement Institute, hosted by SWAEC June 10-11, 2015. Registration information can be found at <http://www.corwin.com/hopestudentvoice>

REPORT ON 2014 AUDIT – Ms. Bailey presented the completed audit report. Robert Poole made a motion to approve the audit. Forrest Mulkey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – Ms. Bailey gave an overview of legislative bills that have been recently passed into law.

Ms. Bailey is trying to schedule Commissioner Johnny Key to attend the May board meeting.

EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS/SALARY SCHEDULE – Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents a list of proposed employees for contract renewal for fiscal year 2015-2016. Rick McAfee made a motion to renew the contracts. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ms. Bailey will meet with the officers of the board for input and present the salary schedule at the May meeting.

Executive Session – No action was taken.

OTHER ITEM

The National Guard Youth Challenge has contacted Ms. Bailey and requested to come speak to the board. The board agreed to set a date for the visit.

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