

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes
November 7, 2019**

Schools Present: Genoa, Spring Hill, Hope, Lafayette, Prescott Proxy – Jay Turley, Texarkana Proxy-Lea Metcalf

Schools Not Present: Nevada, Blevins, Fouke

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

Guest Present: Tim Cain, DESE

The meeting was called to order by President Angie Bryant.

Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from September, seconded by Carroll Purtle. The minutes were approved.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports from September and October. Robert Edwards seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

BOARD RESOLUTION FOR EMERGENCY MEETING LOCATION – (Act 193) Ms. Bailey recommended to pass a resolution stating in the event of an emergency, SWAEC would first attempt to relocate Board of Director meetings to a site in the Hope School District, and try other districts if Hope is unavailable. Robert Edwards made a motion to approve the resolution. Carroll Purtle seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

STATE UPDATES – Phoebe Bailey

Ms. Bailey handed out a breakdown of Medicaid reimbursement amounts from 2018-2019 by district. There was a brief discussion about ARMAC reimbursements and which positions qualify.

The SWAEC Early Childhood Program is projecting the number of children served to almost double, since this time last year, from 305 to 520 children. Based on last year's expenditures and this year's cost, the program could have a shortfall of up to \$80k, with the surplus of children from EIDT Centers.

OFFICE OF JUSTICE GRANT OVERVIEW – Ms. Bailey

SWAEC has been awarded a US Department of Justice Grant for preventing School Violence. SWAEC has partnered with STOPit Solutions to offer a reporting app for student issues, such as, bullying, violence and suicide. The app can also be used as a support system for social emotional learning needs. The system will roll out in December.

TEACHER CENTER UPDATES – Monica Morris

STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT – The Career and Tech State Start-Up Application window is open until November 12, 2019. The application and rubric are available on the new DCTE site. The superintendents can contact their CTE Coordinator if they need help writing the application.

AP Additional Training Plans was revised in the summer of 2019. AP Exams must be ordered by November 15, 2019.

OTHER INFORMATION – Youth Mental Health First Aid Training will be held November 14, 2019.

AR DIVISION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIC FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION – Tim Cain

Mr. Cain spoke to the board about facilities and transportation. He began with proposed rules from 2021-2023. There was an extensive discussion about School Dude and the problems districts are facing, in order to utilize the program. Mr. Cain asked for input from the superintendents on how the department could make changes to help the districts.

OTHER ITEMS

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