

**Southwest Arkansas Education Cooperative Board's Minutes  
June 11, 2019**

**Schools Present:** Hope, Lafayette, Prescott, Nevada Proxy – Breana Allgood, Fouke, Blevins, Genoa Proxy – Deborah Huff, Texarkana Proxy – Kristina Gardener

**School Not Present:** Spring Hill

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

**Guests Present:** Scott Smith and Ken Rich, APSRC

The meeting was called to order by President Robert Edwards.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the minutes from May, seconded by Robert Poole.

The minutes were approved.

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the financial and expenditure reports from May. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**PERSONNEL SLATE FOR APPROVAL** – Phoebe Bailey

Karen Harris had submitted her letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2019.

Interviews have been conducted and Ms. Bailey made the following recommendations for hire:

Iliana Olalde – Early Childhood Paraprofessional

Jennifer Breedlove – Early Childhood Teacher

Barbara Stuckey – Early Childhood Paraprofessional

Traci Gauldin – Literacy Specialist

Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the resignation and new hires. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**APPROVAL OF 2018-2019 CONTRACT AMENDMENTS** – Ms. Bailey shared a list of employee contract amendments and amounts for 2018-2019. It included Shannon Puckett, Chad Morris, Vanessa Shelburne, Jaslyn Richardson, Amy Leslie, Leslie Dixon, and Lisa Black. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the contract amendments, as presented. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**REMOVAL OF FIXED ASSETS** – Ms. Bailey shared a list of items that need to be removed from fixed assets: A smartboard and copy machine. Robert Poole made a motion to accept the removal of these two items from fixed assets, seconded by Bobby Hart. Motion Passed.

**APPROVAL OF 2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT** – Ms. Bailey gave the superintendents a copy of the Annual Report. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Annual Report. Deborah Huff seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

**STATE UPDATES** – Phoebe Bailey, Monica Morris

Ms. Bailey explained Act 1028, effective July 24, 2019, which will require all officially scheduled, special, and called open public meetings to be recorded and maintained for a minimum of one year. This includes school board meetings and cooperative board meetings.

Smart Data was also discussed, along with recent commissioner's memos regarding Class Size Reduction and Discipline Infraction Code Updates.

**APPROVAL OF OPERABLE WALL REPLACEMENT** – Ms. Bailey made a recommendation to replace the operable walls in the conference rooms, since they have considerable wear and tear, and are no longer soundproof. The Co-op will be using SOPA, Inc., which is a TIPS/TAPS vendor. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Robert Poole. Motion Passed.

**DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING 2019-2020** – Ms. Bailey asked the superintendents for input on topics to be covered in upcoming school board member training. Certain dates were given that are conflicts. Recommended topics included finance training for board members.

**OTHER ITEMS**

Ms. Bailey presented proposed changes to the personnel policy handbook by the personnel policy committee. Bobby Hart made a motion to approve the changes presented. Robert Poole seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Robert Edwards was given a plaque for his service as board president in the 2018-2019 school year.

Following the meeting, APSRC staff were to join the board for a discussion on the possibility of pursuing a Trauma Charter School.

With no further business, Bobby Hart made a motion to adjourn. Deborah Huff seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.