

Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

Board Meeting

December 14, 2016

The Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative held its monthly meeting on December 14, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the CIV I conference room.

The following were in attendance Johnnie Johnson, Gary Williams, Dr. Lynn Dardenne, Billy Williams, Kelvin Gragg, Max Dyson, Dr. Tracy Tucker, Dr. Billy Adams, Thomas Gathen, Sandy Lanehart, Bobby Acklin and Dudley Hume.

Others in attendance were as follows: Kathy Cameron, Business Manager, Karen Eoff, Karen Roberts, Scotty Holderfield and Norman Hill.

The meeting was called to order by Billy Williams, President

The November 2016 minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Thomas Gathen, second by Johnnie Johnson too approve .All others voted in favor of.

The November 2016 financial report was given by Kathy Cameron, Business Manager and a motion was made by Kelvin Gragg, second by Thomas Gathen to approve as given. All others voted in favor of.

Act 1240 Extension Waiver Request: Karen Eoff, Director reported to the board that the director of the coop and the superintendents or the designee of each eligible district are scheduled to request and extension of Act 1240 waivers before the Arkansas State Board of Education during the February 2017 state board meeting.

Karen Eoff, Director shared with the board the uses of the school districts cost saving analysis tool. Data from this document can be used as data for the efficiency and effectiveness of the coop during legislative studies and the new coop evaluation. All districts have agreed to participate and the first five districts analysis are now being completed.

A list of each districts ProEthica teachers and their status were given to each Superintendent. Karen Eoff discussed the urgency to have these teachers complete the online course as soon as possible.

An open discussion concerning issues facing schools included the following topics:

- Arkansas Efficiency Project
- Legislative Bill & Issues

The board went into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

After returning to regular session a motion was made by Kelvin Gragg, second by Max Dyson to approve all personnel issues # 1 – 6 (see attached). All others voted in favor of.

Karen Eoff, Director announced that a TESS training will be held on January 9, 2017 at SEARK Cooperative.

A motion was made by Kelvin Gragg, second by Thomas Gathen to adjourn.

Billy Williams
President

2-15-17
Date

Tracy Tucker
Secretary

Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

Board Meeting

February 15, 2017

The Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative held its monthly meeting on February 15, 2017 At 10:00 A.M. in the CIV I conference room.

The following were in attendance Kristi Ridgell, Dr. Lynn Dardenne, Billy Williams, Max Dyson, Dr. Tracy Tucker, Dr. Billy Adams, Thomas Gathen, Sandra Lanehart, Jon Lafoon, Bobby Acklin and Dudley Hume.

Others in attendance were as follows Kathy Cameron, Karen Eoff, Karen Roberts, Rhonda Mullikin, Scotty Holderfield and Kelly Griffin.

The meeting was called to order by Billy Williams, President.

The minutes from the December 2016 board meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by Thomas Gathen, second by Max Dyson to approve. All others voted in favor of.

The financial reports for December and January 2016 were presented by Kathy Cameron. A motion was made by Max Dyson, second by Bobby Acklin to approve. All others voted in favor of.

The second quarter expenditures and revenue report were given for 2016/2017.

Audit Report: Karen Eoff, Director gave the audit findings from the year ending June 30, 2016. A motion was made by Max Dyson, second by Bobby Acklin to approve the audit report. All others voted in favor of.

The following Personnel Policy recommendations were brought before the board for approval. A motion was made by Bobby Acklin, second by Lynn Dardenne to approve. All others voted in favor of.

a. Drew County Consortium Paraprofessional Salary Increase – Increase the salary schedule guide to be closer in line with the surrounding schools effective July 1, 2017. Approved by the PPC on January 11, 2017.

b. Insurance Eligibility: Amend the policy for eligibility of all other fringe benefits offered through the Coop from 20 hours per week to 30 hours per week. Any current employee that works 20 hours per week and has fringe benefits as of June 30, 2017, will be grandfathered in and will continue their current coverage. Effective July 1, 2017. Approved by the PPC on January 11, 2017.

The board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

After returning to regular session the following items were voted on.

Personnel Issues:

A motion was made by Max Dyson, second by Thomas Gathen to renew the contract of Karen Eoff, Director by one year to extend the contract to June 30, 2020. All others voted in favor of

A motion was made by Bobby Acklin, second by Thomas Gathen to approve personnel issues # 1-35. (See attached). All others voted in favor of.

Billy Williams, President introduced Kelly Griffin the new Computer Science Specialist. Kelly addressed the board on areas of service and upcoming workshops.

Karen Eoff, Director stated that all the school districts could test their schools website for ADA compliance by using the following link <http://wave.webclaim.org>.

Discussion followed on each topic - Issues Facing Public Schools:

- Data Collection for Arkansas State Board on Waivers
- One Emergency Clause for Licensure for All Schools
- New Co-op Evaluation Changes
- Efficiency Study Impact
- Praxis Core Scores

Scotty Holderfield, Facilities Coordinator updated on Facilities and upcoming workshops for custodial employees.

Karen Eoff, Director recommended that the co-op no longer act as fiscal agent for the Senior Citizens effective June 30, 2017. A motion was made by Bobby Acklin, second by Thomas Gathen. All others voted in favor of.

The following announcements were made:

- Administrator's Institute will be held June 19 - 22, 2017.
- Empowering Writers Workshops - June 13 - 16, 2017
- R.I.S.E (Reading Initiative for Student Excellence) March 6, 7, 2017 Hot Springs Convention Center
- Seminar on February 23, 2017 and March 15, 2017 held at the Arkansas State Highway headquarters for Grants available for Recreational Trails Program.
- Marian Small Workshop - May 9th at 8:30 - 3:30 - SEARK Co-op.

A motion was made by Max Dyson, second by Dudley Hume to adjourn.

Billy Williams
President

3-15-17
Date

Tracy Tucker
Secretary