

Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

Board Meeting

May 17, 2017

The Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative held its monthly meeting on May 17, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in the CIV I conference room.

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

Others in attendance were as follows: Kathy Cameron, Business Manager, Karen Eoff, Director, Karen Roberts, Rhonda Mullikin and Scotty Holderfield.

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

The minutes for the April 2017 meeting were read and a motion was made by Bobby Acklin, second by Dudley Hume to approve. All others voted in favor of.

The financial report for April 2017 was presented by Kathy Cameron. A motion was made by Kelvin Gragg, second by Bobby Acklin to approve. All others voted in favor of.

**Annual Report:** Karen Eoff, Director presented the Annual Report for 2016/2017. A motion was made by Max Dyson, second by Bobby Acklin to approve as presented. All others voted in favor of.

**SEARK Medicaid Billing Consortium:** A motion was made by Kelvin Gragg, second by Dr. Billy Adams to approve the establishment of the SEARK Medicaid Billing Consortium. All others voted in favor of.

**ADE MITS Grant:** A motion was made by Kelvin Gragg, second by Max Dyson to accept the MITS Grant which will fund MITS and ARMAC positions. All others voted in favor of.

**ESC Works:** A motion was made by Max Dyson, second by Thomas Gathen to approve the SEARK Education Service Cooperative as lead Co-op for ESC Works. Each participating Cooperative agrees to pay an equal share of the yearly expense. All others voted in favor of.

**ADE Mentoring Grant:** Karen Eoff, Director asked that the board accept and if approved the ADE Mentoring Grant. A motion was made by Kelvin Gragg, second by Bobby Acklin to accept and approve the ADE Mentoring Grant. All others voted in favor of.

**ADE Special Education Mentoring Grant:** A motion was made by Max Dyson, second by Thomas Gathen to approve the ADE Special Education Mentoring. All others voted in favor of.

**Election of Officers:** A motion was made by Max Dyson, second by Lynn Dardenne to elect the following Officers for a 2 year term starting July 2017 and ending June 2019.

**Kelvin Gragg, President, Dr. Tracy Tucker, Vice President, Gary Williams, Secretary.**  
All others voted in favor of.

**Fringe Benefit Package:** A motion was made by Dudley Hume, second by Kelvin Gragg to approve the Co-op Fringe Benefit Package for 2017/18 which consisted of no rate increases. All others voted in favor of.

The board went into executive session to discuss personnel issues, purchased service and conduct a hearing.

After returning to regular session a motion was made by Kelvin Gragg, second by Thomas Gathen to approve all personnel issues and purchased service # 1- 44 (see attached). All others voted in favor of.

Following a hearing the Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative Board voted to non-renew the contract of Jennifer Bates. A motion was made by Max Dyson, second by Thomas Gathen. All others voted in favor of.

**Yearly MOU's:** The following MOU's were given out for participating districts to sign. **Science Consortium, Math Consortium, Instructional Technology Consortium, Facilities Consortium, HIPPY and SEARK Medicaid Billing Consortium.**

Announcements were made on the following topics:

- June 21 Board will meet after Tier I Training.
- Math Consortium Proposed Training Schedule for 2017/18.
- Teacher Shortage Areas by Co-op Region

The following retiring Superintendents were recognized and honored: Max Dyson, Thomas Gathen and Bobby Acklin.

A motion was made by Dudley Hume, second by Kelvin Gragg to adjourn.

Billy Williams      6/21/2017      Tracy Tucker  
President                      Date                      Secretary