

Minutes  
Wilbur D. Mills Education Service Cooperative  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
Wednesday, January 17, 2024  
10:30 p.m.  
WDMESC PD Center  
Beebe, Arkansas

Attendees: Mr. Rolland (Pangburn), Mr. Blackwell (Rosebud), Mrs. Stevens (Bradford), Mrs. Tanner (Augusta), Mr. P. Smith (White County Central), Mr. Barrett (Hazen), Dr. Owoh (JNPSD), Mr. Waymire (McCrory), Mr. Rountree (Carlisle), Mr. Price (England), Dr. Nail (Beebe)

Mr. Greene (incoming Carlisle), Mrs. Blockburger (for Mr. Stratton Riverview)

Mr. Horn, Brook Singletary, Lesa Grooms

- I. Call to Order Time: 10:33
- II. Previous [Minutes](#) of the December 6, 2023 meeting  
**Motion to approve: Mr. Rountree**  
**Second: Mr. Barrett**  
**Vote: 11 approve - 0 against**
- III. Previous [Financial Report](#) and [bank rec](#) for Period 6 of fy 23-24  
**Motion to approve: Mr. Blackwell**  
**Second: Mr. Smith**  
**Vote: 11 approve - 0 against**
- IV. Executive Session
- V. Personnel:
  - a. **Director Evaluation/Director Contract**  
3 year rollover - No increase from 23-24- Mileage to be reimbursed  
**Through June 30, 2027**  
**Motion to approve: Mr. Rountree**  
**Second: Mr. Blackwell**  
**Vote: 11 approve - 0 against**
  - b. **WDMESC Recruitment and Retention Tutoring Grant Approval** - Audit Purposes  
Hourly Pay - \$50.00  
**Motion to approve: Dr. Nail**  
**Second: Mrs. Tanner**  
**Vote: 11 approve - 0 against**
  - c. **Resignation**
    - i. ECH SPED Coordinator - [Suzanne Bailey](#) - Effective January 15, 2024

**Motion to approve: Mr. Rountree**

**Second: Mr. Smith**

**Vote: 11 approve - 0 against**

d. **Purchased Service** - Curtis Spann - Interim WDMESC ECH SPED Coordinator- remainder of resigned ECH SPED Coordinator contract

**Motion to approve: Dr. Nail**

**Second: Mr. Rountree**

**Vote: 11 approved - 0 against**

VI. New Business:

a. [Fund 2383 - DESE Use only](#) - Approval for audit purposes

Co-op does not have access to this fund.

**Motion to approve: Mr. Rountree**

**Second: Mr. Blackwell**

**Vote: 11 approve - 0 against**

b. Communities of Practice HQIM Grant

i. [RFP](#) - Sent to three vendors

ii. [Approval Amount Contract](#) - \$45,000.00 + tax/fees

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Tanner**

**Second: Mr. Smith**

**Vote: 11 approve - 0 against**

VII. Adjourn Time:

**Motion to approve: Mr. Rountree**

**Second: Mr. Blackwell**

**Vote: 11 approve - 0 against**

Information:

1. Possible expansion of the WDMESC Behavior Support Consortium

Overall very happy with support, but would love to have them everyday.

2. 2024-2015 Early Start Update

Did application for all 17 districts. It's for 5 years. Can use it if you want, but you don't have to. Mr. Horn needs a resolution signed and documentation (survey staff/parent - feedback)

3. Eclipse Glasses - before or on Spring Break delivery to co-op

4. TOY and SOY - Superintendent of the Year will be handled by Mr. Horn and TOY will be sent to Principal Job Alikes and Teacher Center Committee - Ms. Grooms

5. [Possible PLC Specialist Hire](#)

6. School Choice Media Release

7. Group Discussion (24-25 School Calendar Start Date, Contracts, Teacher/Cert Salary, etc...)

Vehicle allowance

Question - raising principal salaries to help keep in line with teacher's raises

8. Handicap accessible websites

Brook recommended that you may want to use vendor so someone at your district isn't trying to keep up - Apptegy is one

9. Teacher Center Report
10. Comm Memo Report

#### Presentation

Abby Baker - WDMESC ECH SPED Programmer - WDMESC ECH SMART Goals and PLC Data

Jacob Sisson - Arch Ford ESC PLC Specialist - Possible WDMESC PLC Specialist



Board President



Board Secretary