

Board Meeting Minutes
Wilbur D. Mills Education Service Cooperative
Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
10:30 a.m.
WDMESC PD Center
Beebe, Arkansas

Members: Mr. Rolland, Dr. Mark Sherrell, Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Rountree, Mr. P. Smith, Mr. Barrett, Dr. Bang, Dr. Thurman, Mrs. P. Stevens, Dr. Owoh, Mr. Price, Dr. Nail, Mrs. C. Tanner, Dr. B. Hart, Mr. Waymire

Mr. Brad Horn, Brook Singletary, Lesa Grooms

- I. Call to order 10:30 - by Mr. Horn
- II. Recognition
Christy Gillion, Misty Wolfe, April Thompson recognized for best audit she had - Audit bragged on these for their work. How well they work together
- III. Approve **Minutes** - January 17, 2024
Motion to approve: Dr. Nail
Second: Mr. Blackwell
Vote: 15 approve - no opposed
- IV. Approve **Bank Reconciliation and Financial Report** - Period 7 of fy 23-24
Motion to approve: Mr. Smith
Second: Mr. Rountree
Vote: 15 approved and 0 opposed
- V. **Executive Session - none**
- VI. **Personnel**
 - a. Contract Renewal
 - i. 2024 WDMESC Employee Contract Renewal - As presentedMotion to approve:
Second:
Vote: 15 approved and no opposed
 - b. **Employee Resignation**
 - i. Sandy Roe - Science Content Specialist - 2024-2025 School YearMotion to approve: Mr. Rountree
Second: Dr. Owoh
Vote: 15 approved - 0 opposed

c. New Hire

i. Early Childhood Special Education Coordinator

- a. Amber Graham**
Effective July 1, 2024
240 Day Contract
\$77,800.00

Motion to approve: Dr. Sherrell

Second: Mr. Barrett

Vote: 15 approved and 0 opposed

c. Resignation

i. Hazen Special Education Teacher

- a. Nicole Bryan**
Effective: February 2nd

Motion to approve: Mrs. Tanner

Second: Mrs. P. Stevens

Vote: 15 approved and 0 opposed

VII. Business

a. ECH SPED Program

- i. Packet w/hard copies will be provided at meeting**
 - 1. ECH Coordinator Letter to Superintendent
 - 2. Timeline of Important Dates
 - 3. District ECH Verification Sheet
 - 4. Sample MOU - Actual MOU provided at board meeting

b. Paper Bid Schedule

Doing paper bid again. Going through your admin assistant for your request. Even if order small please add to list.

c. WDMESC Needs Assessment Survey

- 1. Inform Mr. Horn or Ms. Grooms if you are asked to duplicate actions in reports to the DESE.
- 2. Share annual Needs Assessment Data 2022
- 3. Solicit feedback from districts

Special State Board meeting - today concerning Early start dates/waiver submitted by co-op.

VIII. Adjourn 10: 50

Motion to approve: Mr. Blackwell

Second: Dr. Bang

Vote: 15 approval and 0 opposed

Information

I. **WDMESC PLC Specialist Proposal**

Operating Fund and if we can pull from R&R possibly.

Jacob Sisson spoke previously

Board meeting/Principal PLC/Job alike - discuss data

Discussion - Feedback - Some indifferent, some say not a good time right now, maybe a literacy specialist out of operating.

II. WDMESC Member District Data Walk

III. WDMESC Shared [Employee Evaluation Tool](#) and [MOU](#)

IV. [WDMESC 2023 Board Retreat](#)

a. June 19-21

V. **Rural Ed Supt and Teacher of the Year**

Mr. Rolland / Tammy Gately

VI. District Budget Review

VII. Assistant Director/TCC update

VIII. Comm Memo Report

Visitor:

John Ashworth, Virtual Arkansas Update

5 Minute Presentation



Board President



Board Secretary