

Minutes
Wilbur D. Mills Education Service Cooperative
Board of Directors' Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2023
10:30 p.m.
WDMESC PD Center
Beebe, Arkansas

Present: Cathy Tanner; Augusta, Melissa Gipson; Bald Knob, Dr. Thurman; Cabot, William Rountree; Carlisle, Dr. Sherrill; Des Arc, Donnie Boothe; Hazen, Dr. Owoh; Jacksonville, Jeff Senn; Lonoke, David Rolland; Pangburn, Allen Blackwell; Rose Bud, Stan Stratton; Riverview, Dr. Hart; Searcy

Guest: Dennis Copeland; AREA Director

- I. Call to Order: 10:30 by Brad Horn
- II. Previous Minutes of the December 14, 2022 meeting
Motion by David Rolland
Second by Stan Stratton
Vote: 12-0
- III. Previous Financial Report and bank rec for Period 6 of fy22-23
Motion by William Rountree
Second by Allen Blackwell
Vote: 12-0
- IV. Executive Session
 - a. Time entered into executive session: 10:35
 - b. Time entered back into regular session: 11:10
- V. Personnel:
 - a. Assistant Director/TCC Retirement
Motion by William Rountree
Second by Allen Blackwell
Vote: 12-0
 - b. Director Contract Extension through: 2026 continue vehicle allowance and reevaluate salary at February Board Meeting. Travel will be compensated according to regular travel policy.
Motion by Dr. Hart
Second by Mr. Rolland
Vote: 12-0
 - c. New Hire
 - i. Early Childhood Special Education Teacher -
Kristen Bell - 190 Day Contract adjusted for number of work days remaining in the work year- \$40,650.00 (2022-2023 \$19,255,26)
Motion by Dr. Hart

Second by Dr. Owoh

Vote: 12-0

VI. Business:

- a. Ed Elements Payment for DESE - Retroactive to 12/16/22 Reimbursed - \$65,000.00

Motion by Mr. Stratton

Second by Dr. Hart

Vote: 12-0

b. Needs Assessment 2023 Information

The Needs Assessment survey will be shared with Administrators in late January. The survey will be left open for approximately one month. A second Needs Assessment will be shared for all other educators after the Administrator level survey is closed.

VII. Adjourn 11:18 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Stratton

Second by Dr. Owoh

Vote: 12-0

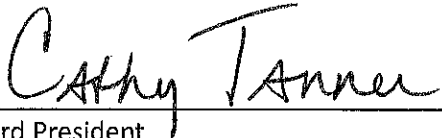
Information:

1. WDMESC Cooperative Evaluation - January 20, 2023
2. 2023 - 2024 Calendar Start Date
3. Community of Practice - HQIM Vendor Purchase
4. Student Connectivity Initiative
5. School Choice Media Release
6. Assistant Director/TCC Search Update
7. Teacher Center Report
8. Comm Memo Report

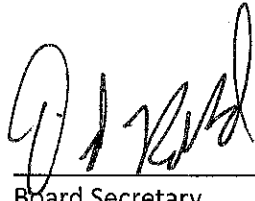
Presentation:

Dennis Copeland, Director
Arkansas Rural Ed Association

February Board Meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2023, 10:30



Board President



Board Secretary