

Minutes  
Wilbur D. Mills Education Service Cooperative  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023  
10:30 a.m.  
WDMESC PD Center  
Beebe, Arkansas

Present: Cathy Tanner; Augusta, Melissa Gipson; Bald Knob, Rick Duff; Beebe, Patti Stevens; Bradford, Tony Thurman; Cabot, William Rountree; Carlisle, Marc Sherrill; Des Arc, Tyler Scott; England, Donnie Boothe; Hazen, Jeremy Owoh; Jacksonville North Pulaski, David Rolland; Pangburn, Stan Stratton; Riverview, Allen Blackwell; Rose Bud, Bobby Hart; Searcy, Pharis Smith; White County Central

Guest: Jackie Starks; Novice Teacher Coordinator

I. Call to order: 10:30 by Mr. Horn

II. Previous Minutes  
Motion: Mr. Blackwell  
Second: Dr. Hart  
Vote: 15-0

*Stratton  
Smith*

III. Board Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation  
Motion: Pharis Smith  
Second: Allen Blackwell  
Vote: 15-0

*Pangburn  
Blackwell*

IV. Personnel:

- a. Employee Resignation - All resignations completed in one action
  - i. Kathleen Formel - ECH SPED Teacher - Effective June 30, 2023
  - ii. Chastity Weeks - Admin Office Admin Assistant - Effective June 30, 2023

Motion: William Rountree  
Second: Donnie Boothe  
Vote: 15-0

b. Employee New Hire - All new hires completed in one action

- i. ECH Administrative Assistant
  - 1. Dannah Chambers
    - a. Effective July 1, 2023
    - b. 240 Day Contract - \$34,600
- ii. ECH Teacher/Programmer
  - 1. Deanna Collins - Teacher
    - a. Effective July 12, 2023
    - b. 190 day contract - \$53,150
  - 2. Misty Parker - Programmer

- a. Effective July 12, 2023
- b. 190 day contract - \$53,450

Motion: Allen Blackwell  
Second: William Rountree  
Vote: 15-0

- c. National Board Certified Teacher Pay
  - i. Amber Bass - \$5000.00

Motion: Stan Stratton  
Second: Bobby Hart  
Vote: 15-0

- d. Classified Contract Renewal - As presented
- Motion: Tyler Scott  
Second: William Rountree  
Vote: 15-0

V. Business:

- a. HIPPY Connelly Purchase - \$69,511.41
- Motion: Tyler Scott  
Second: Allen Blackwell  
Vote: 15-0

- b. Lesa Grooms Travel Reimbursement - Submission upon approval
- Motion: William Rountree  
Second: Pharis Smith  
Vote: 15-0

- c. Brad Horn Travel Reimbursement - Submission upon approval
- Motion: Allen Blackwell  
Second: Jeremy Owoh  
Vote: 15-0

VI. Adjourn:

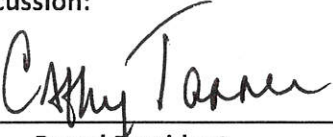
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Information Items:

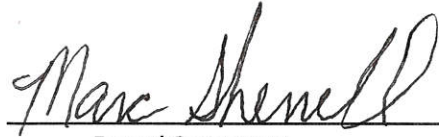
- a. 23 - 24 Board Calendar Revision
- b. Indoctrination Presentation and Statement of Assurance- Discussion only. Not to be shared
- c. DESE and PLC Work with ESC's
- d. WDMESC 23 - 24 Board Work Session Agenda

- e. [CERT Training for Schools](#)
- f. [Star Academy](#)
- g. [Earthquake Safety Training](#)
- h. Vacant Positions
- i. WDMESC Recruitment and Retention Plan
- j. Commissioner's Memos
- k. TCC/Assistant Director's Report
- l. Discussion

Discussion:



Board President



Board Secretary