



# SOUTHERN PLAINS EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

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## Southern Plains Education Cooperative Board Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2015

5:00 PM

SPEC Classroom, 201 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

### AGENDA

#### I. Call to Order:

Roll Call:

_____ Julie Laue	_____ Mike Pfeil
_____ Fairmont Area Schools	_____ Truman Schools
_____ Wendi Russenberger	_____ Sheila Ripley
_____ Martin County West Schools	_____ Blue Earth Area Schools
_____ Bryan Nowicki	
_____ Granada Huntley-East Chain Schools	
_____ Sarah Mittelstadt	
_____ Director, SPEC	

#### II. Approval of Agenda:

A motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to approve/disapprove the January 26, 2015 Board Agenda.

#### III. Recognition of Visitors:

#### IV. Guest Presentation: Kellie Fischer, Early Childhood Coordinator

#### V. Election of Officers

##### Chair

- 1.) Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for Chair.  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for Chair.
- 2.) Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the nominations cease and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected Chair on a unanimous ballot.
- 3.) Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. Motion carried/failed.

##### Vice Chair

- 1.) Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for Vice Chair.  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for Vice Chair.
- 2.) Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the nominations cease and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected Vice Chair on a unanimous ballot.
- 3.) Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. Motion carried/failed.

##### Clerk

- 1.) Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for Clerk.  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ nominated \_\_\_\_\_ for Clerk.
- 2.) Member \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the nominations cease and \_\_\_\_\_ be elected Clerk on a unanimous ballot.
- 3.) Member \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the motion. Motion carried/failed.

*Blue Earth Area \* Fairmont Area \* Granada-Huntley-East Chain \* Martin County West \* Truman*

## **VI. Directors Report**

## **VII. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to approve/disapprove the minutes of the SPEC Board Meeting of Monday, November 24, 2014

## **VIII. Presentation of Bills/Finance**

Check registers for 12/1/14, 12/11/14, 12/23/14, 1/8/15, and 1/22/15 and wire transfers presented for approval.

A motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to approve/disapprove the above check registers.

## **IX. Personnel**

### **A. Hiring**

1. Michelle Anderson, Positive Approach to Learning School Paraprofessional effective
2. Andrea Niss, Pathways Paraprofessional effective
3. Melissa Baarson, Fairmont Elementary Paraprofessional effective January 5, 2015
4. Terry Wolfe, Fairmont Elementary Paraprofessional effective January 5, 2015
5. Laura Teveldal, Financial Secretary effective January 19, 2015
6. Keith Wade, Paraprofessional at Fairmont High School effective January 23, 2015

### **B. Resignations**

1. Heidi Sanden, Fairmont Elementary Paraprofessional effective January 5, 2015
2. Marsha Malo, Financial Secretary effective December 24, 2014
3. Mary Ann Childers, Early Childhood Special Education Paraprofessional effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year

A motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to approve/disapprove the above hiring/resignations.

## **X. Old Business**

### **A. Graduation Policy**

A motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to approve/disapprove the Southern Plains Area Learning Center Graduation Policy.

## **XI. New Business**

### **A. Resolution to Reduce Programs/Staff 2014-2015**

Resolution authorizing the Director to explore reductions in programs/personnel.

Member \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

Whereas the financial condition of the cooperative dictates that the board must reduce expenditures and

Whereas this reduction in expenditures must include discontinuance and/or reduction of Positions and/or programs, and

Whereas a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions:

Be it therefore resolved by the Southern Plains Education Cooperative Board, District 915, as follows:

That the Board hereby directs the Director of S.P.E.C. to consider the discontinuance and/or reduction of programs and positions to effectuate economies in the cooperative district and consider appropriate staffing levels reflecting the anticipated enrollment, and make recommendations to the Board concerning the same.

The motion for adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by member \_\_\_\_\_ and being voted thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereupon said resolution was fully accepted/denied.

### **B. Pay Equity Report**

A motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to approve/disapprove the Pay Equity Report.

### **C. Walmart Donation**

A motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to approve/disapprove the donation of \$750.00 from Walmart.

### **D. Target Take Charge Fundraising**

A motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to approve/disapprove fundraising with the Target Take Charge fundraiser.

## **XII. Other**

**XIII. Next Meeting:** Monday, March 23, 2015

## **XIV. Adjournment**

A motion was offered by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried to approve/disapprove adjourning the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.