

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

Administrative Offices 77 "A" Street N.E., Linton, IN

August 16, 2016

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:30 AM

The purpose of this executive session will be:

The discussion of confidential student records, [IC 5-14 -1.5-6.1 (b) (7), (8)],

To discuss before a placement decision an individual student's abilities, past performance, behavior and needs, [IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (8)],

To receive information about prospective employees, [I.C. 5-14 -1.5-6.1 (b) (5)],

To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process, [IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (9)],

To receive or discuss information about the budget, [IC 5-14-1.5-2 (3) (A)].

The Executive Board of the Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative met in the Cooperative Board Room, 77 "A" Street N.E., Linton, IN on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. President, Dr. Mark Baker, called the Board to order and called role with the following members present:

Mark Baker, President – Northeast
Chris Stitzle, Vice President – Southwest
Nick Karazsia, Linton-Stockton
Mike Mogan, MSD Shakamak
Stella Royal, Bloomfield attendee

Not Present: Bob Hacker, Secretary – White River Valley

REGULAR SESSION

10:30 AM

1. Approval of Minutes

2. *Mr. Nick Karazsia made a motion to approve the July 12, 2016 Board of Superintendents meeting and the August 16, 2016 Board of Superintendents special meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Stitzle. The motion passed unanimously.*

3. Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket

Ms. Sarah Sparks gave an explanation of Sec 125 on p.12 of the fund report. Paraprofessional pay is negative during the summer months.

Mr. Mike Mogan made a motion to approve the Treasure's Report and payment of claims. Mr. Chris Stitzle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments and Concerns

None present

5. Personnel

Ms. Sarah Sparks reported there were not any resignations but the following position are still open for hire:

- Autism Coordinator-GSSEC
- Paraprofessional- Linton-Stockton Elementary School

- Speech and Language Pathologist- Maternity Leave (Beginning September 2016)
Metropolitan School District of Shakamak
- School Psychologist-Maternity Leave (Beginning September 2016)
Metropolitan School District of Shakamak and Sullivan Elementary School

Ms. Sarah Sparks recommended the hire of Chastity Woodrum as Autism Coordinator with a start date of Monday, August 22, 2016. Ms. Sarah Sparks made the recommendation to hire Makaley Shonk as a paraprofessional at Linton-Stockton Elementary School.

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to accept the recommendations for hire. Mr. Nick Karazsia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. DOE Information

Ms. Sarah Sparks provided information on Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) and presented the Alternatives to Suspensions and Expulsions handout. Ms. Sarah Sparks shared the Legal Updates Webinar by Church, Church, Hittle, and Anthrim. Ms. Sarah Sparks and superintendents will form LRE District Leadership Teams. Meeting dates were set to complete the Root Cause Analysis for Southwest Sullivan Schools, Northeast Sullivan Schools, MSD Shakamak, and Linton-Stockton. Ms. Sarah Sparks and Mrs. Dana Williams will be attending the Institute for Access training in Indianapolis on August 25, 2016 with the Bloomfield LRE team.

7. Program Information

Four Rivers received vocational rehabilitation funding that will support more opportunities for student involved in the Life After School Program (LASP). This funding is supposed to be available in October 2016. Classes for transition skills will be offered for 9th and 10th graders. Scheduling will need to be decided.

Ms. Sarah Sparks will be attending the Early Childhood Learning Administrators Conference on September 12 and 13. Preschool information that will be presented includes first steps indicator monitoring, preschool indicator monitoring, Paths to Quality process and funding availability, and additional information regarding programming.

8. Unfinished Business

Ms. Sarah Sparks will set up a time for 504 software demo and get a quote.

9. New Business

Ms. Sarah Sparks discussed the need for a procedures manual and consistency in procedures across the six school districts. Dates were set for the LRE trainings that will be provided in the schools by Ms. Sarah Sparks and Mrs. Dana Williams.

10. Director's Notes

Information regarding the resource fair was mailed to parents by the Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative to keep in compliance with confidentiality. The resource fair will be August 20, 2016 at the Roy Clark Building in Linton.

11. Board Member Comments and Concerns

Mr. Nick Karazsia requests that background checks be shared with the school corporation personnel is working in.

12. Adjourn

Mr. Mike Mogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nick Karazsia. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Next GSSEC Board of Superintendents' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 with the executive session meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M. and public meeting beginning at 10:30 A.M.

Mark G. Baker

Douglas D. Rose

Chris Stutz

Nicholas Stenger

Bob Tucker

Mike Mogan