

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

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

June 13, 2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:30 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 June 13, 2017. President, Dr. Mark Baker, called the Board to order at 9:45 AM and called the roll with the following members present:

Mark Baker, President – Northeast
Chris Stitzle, Vice President – Southwest
Robert Hacker, Secretary – White River Valley
Jeff Gibboney – Bloomfield
Nick Karazsia – Linton-Stockton
Mike Mogan – MSD Shakamak

REGULAR SESSION

9:30 AM

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 9, 2017 meeting were read beginning with "The minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting were read..." through "...motion was passed unanimously."

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to approve the May 9, 2017 Board of Superintendents meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Mogan. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket

The Claim Docket (written vouchers #6761-6792); and pre-written vouchers #95173-95184); and electronic vouchers #20104-20122) was reviewed. Payroll dates and amounts since last Board meeting are as follows:

May 19, 2017 \$80,886.64

June 02, 2017 \$82,994.55

Mr. Mike Mogan inquired about the fund report and why the General line on page 9 read zero dollars even though the general fund total on page 11 reflects the actual amount.

Ms. Sarah Sparks stated she would look into the account listed as General in the fund report with the treasurer, Mrs. Claudia Walker. Ms. Sarah Sparks also noted that with State Board of Accounts being at GSSEC, there have been several changes already put into place. One of those changes is to have monthly meetings with the treasurer and deputy treasurer to review the fund report and claims.

Mr. Mike Mogan made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of claims. Mr. Nick Karazsia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments and Concerns

None noted. No members of the public were present.

4. Personnel

Resignations:

None

Transfer:

None

Positions to Hire

- a) Paraprofessional – Hymera Preschool
- b) Worthington Preschool Teacher Maternity Leave – Begin August 2017
- c) Linton Life Skills Paraprofessional Maternity Leave – Begin August 2017
- d) Life After School Job Coach – Northeast/Southwest
- e) Life After School Job Coach – Shakamak/ Linton
- f) Life After School Job Coach – Bloomfield/ White River Valley

Recommendations to Hire:

None

Dr. Mark Baker inquired about the number of applicants for Life After School Job Coach positions. Ms. Sarah Sparks stated there have been 6 applicants. Applications will be accepted until July 1, 2017. Mr. Nick Karazsia stated that permission to hire early has been given in the past. Mr. Mike Mogan asked if it would be beneficial to have early permission. Ms. Sarah Sparks stated the permission would allow her to hire and begin training immediately.

Mr. Nick Karazsia made a motion for permission to hire Life After School Job Coaches. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Gibboney. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DOE Information

- a) Indicator 13 Noncompliance Corrected
 - Linton-Stockton School Corporation
 - White River Valley School District
 - Northeast School Corporation
 - Southwest School Corporation

Ms. Sarah Sparks informed that all Indicator 13 Noncompliance has been corrected. She noted to Mr. Jeff Gibboney that Bloomfield was compliant but still participated in the transition trainings.

- b) Legislative Funding Updates

Ms. Sarah Sparks distributed updated information on Legislative Funding.

- c) Due Process Information

Ms. Sarah Sparks shared information on Due Process. She will be sharing this information with teachers as well. If there is no agreement in a conference, it may be stopped and reconvened.

Options for continuing a conference may include Special Education Administration, an advocate, and/or a Facilitated IEP. Mr. Mike Mogan stated that it will be important for teachers and principals to have a copy of the information.

6. Program Information

- a) Life Skills
- b) Early Childhood
- c) Speech Services
- d) Life After School Program

Program numbers will continue to be reviewed as the school year begins. Apart from move-ins to Life Skills, there should not be too many changes.

Ms. Sarah Sparks informed Mr. Jeff Gibboney that the Life After School program was contracted with Four Rivers, but the contract has recently been terminated. Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative will manage the internship based program. Ms. Rachel Headley responded to the letter hoping everything goes well and she does see the benefits of GSSEC being more involved on how the program operates.

7. Unfinished Business

- a) Brittany Burris, Educational Diagnostician Contract for 2017-2018
 - \$28,949.76 – Salary

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to accept the changes in contract for Brittany Burris, Educational Diagnostician. Mr. Mike Mogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) Part B Grant Application in Process

The Part B Grant Application is due July 1, 2017. Claudia Walker, treasurer, has the information for the first part of grant but will need additional information for the second part. Mr. Jeff Gibboney and Mr. Mike Mogan stated they will be gone at the end of June. Ms. Sarah Sparks stated that Claudia had already emailed each district's treasurer. She also stated that Claudia will be attending the budgeting conference to aid in understanding overall school budgeting and how it works with the cooperative.

8. New Business

- a) Director's Contract

Mr. Mike Mogan made a motion to accept a 2 year extension on the Director's contract and wait until after bargaining to increase the Director's salary. Mr. Mike Mogan noted that payment of claims, as stated in the contract, will also be paid. Mr. Chris Stitzle seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

- b) Board Officer Elections

Dr. Mark Baker thanked the Board of Superintendents and stated it has been a great year.

Mr. Nick Karazsia made a motion to elect Mr. Chris Stitzle as President, Dr. Robert Hacker as Vice President, and Mr. Jeff Gibboney as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Mogan. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Director's Notes

Ms. Sarah Sparks discussed the new background check mandate that over the next 5 years, all employees will need updated background checks. She noted the recommendation to have an arrest reporting policy updated and in place before beginning background checks.

10. Board Member Comments and Concerns

The Board of Superintendents would like to welcome Mr. Jeff Gibboney as the new superintendent of Bloomfield. They would also like to wish Mr. Nick Karazsia well in his retirement from Linton-Stockton.

11. Adjourn

Mr. Mike Mogan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jeff Gibboney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Next GSSEC Board of Superintendents' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2017 with the executive session meeting beginning at 8:30 A.M. and public meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M.

Chris Stutz
B. Harber
Mike Mogan

Jeff Gibboney
Nick Karazsia