

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

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

August 15, 2017

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 15, 2017. President, Mr. Chris Stitzle, called the Board to order at 10:32 AM and called the roll with the following members present:

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

REGULAR SESSION

10:30 AM

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting were read beginning with "The minutes from the June 13, 2017 meeting were read..." through "...motion was passed unanimously."

Mr. Nick Karazsia made a motion to approve the July 11, 2017 Board of Superintendents meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robert Hacker. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket

The Claim Docket (written vouchers #6806-6824 and #6834-6875); and pre-written vouchers #95186 and #95200-95205 and #95207-95220); and electronic vouchers #20131-20133) was reviewed. Payroll dates and amounts since last Board meeting are as follows:

July 14, 2017	\$49,020.14
July 28, 2017	\$48,247.01
August 11, 2017	\$68,096.06

Ms. Sarah Sparks noted that Claudia Walker is finishing the SEFA report, and treasurers will have the report by the end of today.

Dr. Robert Hacker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of claims. Mr. Jeff Gibboney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comments and Concerns

None noted. No members of the public were present.

4. Personnel

Resignations:

- a) Shane Weaver – Sullivan Elementary Life Skills Teacher
- b) Darcie Wall – Sullivan Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional
- c) Ashton Ison – White River Valley Elementary Paraprofessional
- d) Laura Phegley – Carlisle Elementary Paraprofessional
- e) Jana Felton – Bloomfield Paraprofessional
- f) Amber St. John – Bloomfield Life Skills Paraprofessional
- g) Amber Burns – Linton Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional

Mr. Mike Mogan made a motion to accept the resignations. Dr. Mark Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Positions to Hire

- a) Linton Life Skills Paraprofessional Maternity Leave
- b) Sullivan Elementary Life Skills Teacher
- c) Sullivan Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional
- d) Bloomfield Paraprofessional
- e) Linton Paraprofessional (Position moved from elementary to middle school)
- f) Bloomfield Life Skills Paraprofessional
- g) Linton Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional

Recommendations to Hire:

- a) Sullivan Elementary Life Skills Teacher – Katelin Milam, October 9, 2017 start date
- b) Sullivan Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional – Bridget Dillingham
- c) Bloomfield Paraprofessional – Roberta Pierce
- d) Bloomfield Life Skills Paraprofessional – Karita Stone
- e) Linton Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional – Bridget Wright
- f) Linton Middle School Paraprofessional – Olivia Sparks

Mr. Nick Karazsia made a motion to accept the recommendations for hire. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mark Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DOE Information

- a) IDOE Special Education
-Developmental Delay Guidance

Ms. Sarah Sparks shared continued guidance for changes to the Developmental Delay eligibility category. She provided a handout including the chart to assist with preparation for the extended age. Dr. Baker asked if Developmental Delay would be for preschool only during the current year. Ms. Sarah Sparks explained that Developmental Delay would continue to be for preschool age students only through the remainder of this school year. In Spring 2018, we will need to prepare and train the elementary teachers for the change when they return in Fall 2018. The extended age will allow for Developmental Delay eligibility when other eligibility categories may not be appropriate.

6. Program Information

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

Ms. Sarah Sparks discussed each program. The Life Skills program has a few new students in the Sullivan Middle School classroom. Early Childhood numbers are currently low. The first screening will be August 25 at Sullivan. Ms. Sarah Sparks will send screening dates to the Board of Superintendents. Speech Services will continue with the same programming and caseloads. The Life After School Program will be up and running soon and communication about transportation will continue.

7. Unfinished Business

- a) Part B Grant Application in Process
 - Part 1 Complete
 - Part 2- MOE, Excess Costs, and the Assurance
 - Due by August 31, 2017

Ms. Sarah Sparks noted Part 1 is complete. Information from Linton, White River Valley, and Bloomfield is due to GSSEC treasurer, Claudia Walker, by August 24 to complete and submit final applications by August 31.

8. New Business

- a) Budget

Ms. Sarah Sparks stated the estimated number from the grant has been received. She is hoping for a quick approval with the new process. Ms. Sarah Sparks will present the new assessment proposal in September. She noted there have been money saving changes due to the Life After School Programming change and purchased services with the new Speech and Language Pathologists that are not hired through a contract company.

Mr. Mike Mogan discussed the changes in the Teacher Appreciation Grant. Highly Effective teachers will receive a 25% more than teachers rated Effective.

Mr. Mike Mogan made a motion to adopt the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy to pay 25% more to Highly Effective teachers than Effective teachers as a stipend. Dr. Robert Hacker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Director's Notes

Ms. Sarah Sparks did not have any additional information.

10. Board Member Comments and Concerns

Dr. Mark Baker would like to thank Ms. Sarah Sparks for working hard to fill the open positions. He also commented that Ms. Sarah Sparks is doing a good job and it is appreciated.

