

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

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

January 9, 2018

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, January 9, 2018. President, Mr. Chris Stitzle, called the Board to order at 10:36 AM and called the roll with the following members present:

Chris Stitzle, President – Southwest
Jeff Gibboney, Secretary - Bloomfield
Nick Karazsia, Linton-Stockton
Mike Mogan, MSD Shakamak
Mark Baker, Northeast

REGULAR SESSION

10:30 AM

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 13, 2017 meeting were read beginning with "The minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting were read..." through "...motion was passed unanimously."

Mr. Nick Karazsia made a motion to approve the December 13, 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 #7025-7036 and #7038-7060); and pre-written vouchers #95288-95310); and electronic vouchers #20208-20334) was reviewed. Payroll dates and amounts since last Board meeting are as follows:

December 15, 2017 \$129,389.89

December 29, 2017 \$93,148.09

Ms. Sarah Sparks noted that the Year End Fund Report is not yet completed. It should be completed before the February board meeting.

Mr. Jeff Gibboney made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of claims. Dr. Mark Baker 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) Olivia Sparks – Linton Middle School Paraprofessional

Positions to Hire

- a) Paraprofessional – Linton Elementary School
- b) Paraprofessional – Sullivan Elementary School
- c) Paraprofessional – Sullivan Middle School
- d) Maternity Leave Substitute Teacher – Sullivan Middle School Life Skills
- e) School Psychologist/School Psychologist Intern – 2018-2019

Transfers

- a) Lynn Rose - Sullivan Elementary School to Linton Elementary School

Recommendations to Hire:

- a) Kaylyn Gust – Sullivan Elementary School
- b) Kendra Scarbrough – Sullivan Middle School

Dr. Mark Baker made a motion to accept resignations and approve transfers and Ms. Sarah Sparks' recommendations to hire. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Gibboney. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DOE Information

- a) ISTAR Participation CAP

Ms. Sarah Sparks discussed the 1% cap reports. She also noted that meetings are set up with test coordinators. Transition teachers have been trained and made aware of the requirements for Alternate Assessment. They will be reminded again at the next transition meeting. Ms. Sarah Sparks asks the Board of Superintendents to have test coordinators send a list of 2016-17 ISTAR participants.

6. Program Information

- a) Life Skills - The numbers for Life Skills remain consistent. Ms. Sarah Sparks noted that Kelly Cochran's students had made Christmas items to sell before the holidays and they would be participating as student exhibitors at the Focus on Inclusion conference. Mr. Jeff Gibboney stated that he had gone to Ms. Cochran's classroom. She was introducing Disability Awareness month and they seemed very excited.
- b) Early Childhood - Ms. Sarah Sparks noted that First Steps numbers are low for January through March, however, there are several children in the program turning three years old from April through June. Mr. Jeff Gibboney inquired when transportation for preschool will be discussed. Ms. Sarah Sparks replied that numbers of students from each district would need to be viewed. The Northeast/Shakamak preschool has times staggered into 3 groups. This is something that can be considered for Greene County as well. Mr. Jeff Gibboney requested the discussion take place in April. Ms. Sarah Sparks agreed that there should be a better projection of numbers by April when looking at the amount of students eligible from the screener and First Steps.
- c) Speech Services
- d) Life After School Program

7. Unfinished Business

- a) Preschool Screening Schedule
 - February 9, 2018 @ Sullivan Elementary School
 - March 16, 2018 @ Northeast East Elementary School
 - May 4, 2018 @ White River Valley Elementary
- b) CPI Training Schedule (Initial)
 - February 23, 2018 @ White River Valley High School 8:30am-3:00pm
- c) CPI Training Schedule (Refresher)
 - January 18, 2018 @ GSSEC Training Room 12:00pm-3:30pm
 - March 15, 2018 @ GSSEC Training Room 12:00pm-3:30pm

Ms. Sarah Sparks noted the last initial training is scheduled for February 23. If additional training is needed, they can be scheduled. A CPI schedule reminder will be emailed to the principals.

8. New Business

- a) APC Funding

Ms. Sarah Sparks passed out individual school district reports. The summary from the December 1 count show there has been an increase in Autism and Other Health Impairment. Overall there is a trend throughout the state of increased Autism and Other Health Impairment.

Mr. Nick Karazsia noted that the report reflects 10% of the Special Education Population are Autism. Ms. Sarah Sparks stated that funding has increased slightly because numbers have increased. She noted that the numbers for Speech and Language remain high. However, more push-in therapies are being incorporated in the classrooms. RTI and drill practice are being recommended for articulation errors. Mr. Nick Karazsia asked how much other schools are paying for speech. Linton-Stockton still employees their own Speech and Language Therapist. Ms. Sarah Sparks stated that the additional cost for the 5 districts with Speech and Language Therapists provided by GSSEC is \$50,000 as part of the assessment.

9. Director's Notes

- February Board Meeting Time Change

Ms. Sarah Sparks asked if the time should be changed for the next Board meeting. Mr. Jeff Gibboney stated he may not be able to attend. Mr. Mike Mogan, Mr. Chris Stitzle, and Dr. Mark Baker agreed to leave the meeting at the same time. Dr. Mark Baker suggested the President of the Board of Superintendents send out a message to see who can make the meeting. If there is a quorum, the meeting will continue.

Ms. Sarah Sparks shared information about her Director's program. She provided her fall 2017 grades and stated she has one class remaining.

Ms. Sarah Sparks congratulated Nick Karaszia on his retirement! Mr. Nick Karazsia stated, "It's been a pleasure."

10. Board Member Comments and Concerns

Mr. Nick Karazsia stated that Nathan Moore would be the representative for Linton-Stockton School District until a new Superintendent is hired and that he may discuss Life Skill classroom locations.

11. Adjourn

Dr. Mark Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Gibboney. The motion passed unanimously.

The Next GSSEC Board of Superintendents' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2018 with the executive session meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M. and public meeting beginning at 10:30 A.M.

Mike G. Baker
Chris Stahl
Bob Hedden

Mike Morgan
Jeff G. H.
John D. P.