

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

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

February 19, 2019

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, February 19, 2019. President, Robert Hacker, called the Board to order at 10:55 AM and called the roll with the following members present:

Robert Hacker, President - White River Valley

Kathryn Goad, Secretary - Linton-Stockton

Dan Noel, MSD Shakamak

Mark Baker, Northeast

Chris Stitzle, Southwest

REGULAR SESSION

10:30 AM

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting were read beginning with "The minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting were read..." through "...motion was passed unanimously."

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to approve the January 18, 2019 Board of Superintendents meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kathryn Goad. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket

The Claim Docket in the financial report was presented and reviewed. Payroll dates and amounts since last Board meeting are as follows:

January 11, 2019 \$64,031.28

January 25, 2019 \$99,102.42

February 8, 2019 \$89,946.77

Mr. Dan Noel inquired if the contracted school psychologist will change for next year. Ms. Sarah Sparks commented that it may change. Mr. Dan Noel asked if it would save money. Ms. Sarah Sparks replied that typically there is less cost when hired through GSSEC instead of contracted services.

Dr. Kathryn Goad made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of claims. Mr. Chris Stitzle 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) Erica Zuder – White River Valley Preschool Paraprofessional
- b) Christina Bates– Linton Middle School/High School Paraprofessional
- c) Madison Soultz – Bloomfield Middle School Life Skills Substitute Teacher

Retirements

- a. Debra Kendall – Sullivan Early Childhood Teacher (May 2019)

Positions to Hire

- e) Preschool Teacher – Sullivan Preschool Teacher (August 2019)
- f) Teacher – Bloomfield Middle School Life Skills
- g) Paraprofessional – Linton Middle School/ High School
- h) Paraprofessional – White River Valley Preschool

Recommendations to Hire

- a) Sarah Compton– Linton Middle School/High School Paraprofessional
- b) Denise James – Worthington Preschool Paraprofessional

Ms. Sarah Sparks requested to add Becky Miller for the Middle School Life Skills position. Becky Miller is able to work full time and has the correct licensing. She is contracted through Stepping Stones. Ms. Sarah Sparks recommends hiring Sarah Compton, Denise James and Becky Miller.

Dr. Mark Baker made a motion to approve all resignations and the recommendations to hire. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Stitzle. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DOE Information

- a. RDA Data Retreat – February 25, 2019
- b. 1% Cap on Alternate Assessment Participation Survey

Ms. Sarah Sparks noted the Results Driven Accountability Data Retreat is scheduled for next Monday. Staff from GSSEC as well as each school district will be attending.

Ms. Sarah Sparks inquired if each district had completed the 1% Alternate Assessment Participation Survey. Dr. Mark Baker responded it has been completed. Mr. Chris Stitzle mentioned they were continuing to work on it, but it would be complete by the due date. Ms. Sarah Sparks offered to answer any questions to assist with the completion. She noted the importance of looking at data from the correct dates since it asks for information from two different years on the survey.

6. Program Information

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

Ms. Sarah Sparks stated numbers for Life Skills classes remain consistent, however, those numbers will continue to be monitored for next year.

The Greene County Early Childhood program will have several First Steps evaluations this Spring.

Ms. Sarah Sparks commented the meeting for Speech and Language Pathologists will be held next week.

Due to students moving or exiting school, the current numbers for LASP have decreased in some districts. One of the job coaches will be assisting with other schools until numbers increase.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Preschool Screenings

- February 22, 2019 @ Sullivan Elementary
- April 12, 2019 @ White River Valley Elementary

b. Spring CPI Training Schedule

- February 22, 2019 – Refresher 12:30-3:30
- March 15, 2019 – Initial 8:30-3:30
- April 26, 2019 – Refresher 12:30-3:30

c. Transition Training

- April 29, 2019
- Last Meeting Before Transition Compliance Check

d. Elementary Teacher IEP Training

- February 22, 2019

8:30-11:30

12:30-3:30

Ms. Sarah Sparks discussed training dates. Both the CPI refresher and Elementary TOR trainings will be held at the GSSEC office. She also noted there is one final transition training before the Indicator 13 pull.

8. New Business

a. Life Skills Paraprofessional Compensation

Ms. Sarah Sparks would like to consider more options for Life Skills Paraprofessional Compensation. This will be revisited in March.

9. Director's Notes

- March Board Meeting Date
- ClaimAid Cancellation

Ms. Sarah Sparks and Mrs. Dana Williams will be attending Focus on Inclusion March 5. Ms. Sarah Sparks requested the next board meeting be changed. Mr. Chris Stitzle suggested Monday, March 18. Everyone agreed to the date change and keeping the time at 9:30 am.

Ms. Sarah Sparks reminded everyone to send the Claim Aid cancellation letter if it has not already been done. She will email a template letter if needed.

10. Board Member Comments and Concerns

Mr. Dan Noel inquired about the position the board was considering paying part of tuition. Ms. Sarah Sparks replied that no one had signed up this semester to add DHH. She stated that hopefully a decision could be made before the next semester.

Dr. Robert Hacker asked if there were any comments on dyslexia. Ms. Sarah Sparks mentioned it would

be decided within each corporation. Dr. Kathryn Goad commented that she agrees to each district providing a specialist for dyslexia within their corporations.

11. **Adjourn**

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Mark Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Next GSSEC Board of Superintendents' Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2019 with the executive session meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M. and public meeting beginning at 10:30 A.M.












