

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

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

February 18, 2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:00 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 18, 2020. Vice President, Kathryn Goad, called the Board to order at 9:43 AM and called the roll with the following members present:

Kathryn Goad, Vice President - Linton-Stockton
Nick Karazsia, Secretary Interim – MSD Shakamak
Jeff Gambill, representative - MSD Shakamak
Mark Baker, Northeast
Chris Stitzle, Southwest
Robert Hacker, White River Valley

REGULAR SESSION

9:30 AM

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 14, 2020 meeting were read beginning with "The minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting were read..." through "...motion was passed unanimously."

Dr. Robert Hacker made a motion to approve the January 14, 2020 Board of Superintendents meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Stitzle. 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 24, 2020 \$107,111.24

February 7, 2020 \$105,040.58

Dr. Mark Baker 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

- a. None

Positions to Hire

- a) Speech and Language Pathologist – Linton Stockton Schools
- b) Sullivan Middle School Life Skills Teacher
- c) Bloomfield Life Skills Paraprofessional
- d) Sullivan Middle School Life Skills Paraprofessional
- e) Linton Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional (New Position)

Recommendations to Hire

- g) Deb Snapp – Linton Speech and Language Pathologist (until May 2020)
- h) Kara Roberts – Sullivan Middle School Life Skills Teacher

Ms. Sarah Sparks reviewed the positions to hire and recommended adding a paraprofessional position to the Linton Elementary Life Skills program. Ms. Sarah Sparks recommended hiring Deb Snapp and Kara Roberts.

Dr. Robert Hacker made a motion to approve the new position of Life Skills Paraprofessional at Linton Elementary. Mr. Chris Stitzle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Mark Baker made a motion to accept all recommendations to hire. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robert Hacker. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DOE Information

- a. Fiscal Roadshow – April 9, 2020
- b. Results Driven Accountability
 - Planning Tool
 - Data Retreat

Ms. Sarah Sparks stated district treasurers have received MOE information and they are returning that to Claudia. The annual Fiscal Roadshow is April 9. Treasurers should sign up for this. The closest event is in Indianapolis.

Ms. Sarah Sparks and Mrs. Dana Williams will be attending the RDA Retreat on Thursday, February 20. The RDA Planning Tool will be submitted for Northeast School Corporation by February 21.

6. Program Information

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

There has been an increase in Life Skills Elementary numbers due to several move-ins.

Ms. Sarah Sparks discussed the growing caseload in WRV preschool. The caseloads for speech services remains high, however, there are some re-evaluations in process. Mr. Kyle Walker will continue to assist with LASP services at WRV and Bloomfield when necessary.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Behavior Program
- b. 2019-2020 Preschool Screenings

-February 21, 2020 – Bloomfield
-April 17, 2020 – Carlisle

Ms. Sarah Sparks will continue to visit behavior programs.

8. New Business

a. Boyce Systems Maintenance and Renewal

Ms. Sarah Sparks stated the cost to renew Komputrol is \$6,660. Dr. Kathryn Goad inquired if it was an increase from last year. Ms. Sarah Sparks stated the cost has been less overall from the original quote of cost to make the switch.

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

b. Worthington Preschool Program

Ms. Sarah Sparks made a recommendation to add a part-time teacher and part-time paraprofessional position to the WRV preschool program to help with the increase in numbers for the afternoon.

Dr. Robert Hacker made a motion to add the recommended part-time positions at Worthington Preschool. Mr. Chris Stitzle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Director's Notes

- ICASE Updates
- Early Childhood Special Education Administrators

Ms. Sarah Sparks noted several more sessions were available at ICASE. There were no significant legislation changes but several discussions around behavior. Ms. Sarah Sparks has done Article 7 Behavior Training previously at WRV. Dr. Robert Hacker said it was very helpful. Ms. Sarah Sparks has seen more of an understanding of why a student with a disability may not be immediately expelled from school.

Ms. Sarah Sparks will be attending the Early Childhood conference in March. She will share any new legislation in that area. One of our schools has been noted to be a site for an example in LRE. Ms. Sarah Sparks explained that opening a school-based preschool program that includes special education students will improve the Least Restrictive Environment.

Ms. Sarah Sparks distributed contracts to be signed for the approved positions.

10. Board Member Comments and Concerns

No concerns or comments were given.

11. Adjourn

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

The Next GSSEC Board of Superintendents' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020 with the executive session meeting beginning at 9:00 A.M. and public meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M.












