

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative
Administrative Offices 77 "A" Street N.E., Linton, IN

February 14, 2017

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11:00 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 December 13, 2016. President, Dr. Mark Baker, called the Board to order at 12:20PM and called the role with the following members present:

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

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from January 10, 2017 meeting were read beginning with "The minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting were read..." through "...motion was passed unanimously."

Mr. Mike Mogan thanked Ms. Sarah Sparks for sending the minutes and agenda early.

Mr. Mike Mogan made a motion to approve the January 10, 2017 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 (written vouchers #6619-6660); and pre-written vouchers #95112-95130); and electronic vouchers #20059-20069) was reviewed. Payroll dates and amounts since the last Board meeting are as follows:

January 13, 2017	\$81,186.89
January 27, 2017	\$83,262.78
February 10, 2017	\$100,032.14

Ms. Sarah Sparks noted that in the previous Treasurer's Report, she believed all negatives were grants that we are still waiting on, but the negative from the 2014 grant was due to going past the reimbursement amount. The amount will be taken from the general fund and will be corrected before the next fund report.

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

3. Public Comments and Concerns

None noted. No members of the public were present.

4. Personnel

Resignations:

- a) Alyssa Buskirk, White River Valley Elementary
- b) Peggy Walker, Shakamak Elementary

Mr. Mike Mogan inquired about the plan for Shakamak due to Peggy Walker's resignation. Ms. Sarah Sparks stated the therapists and Autism Coordinator will be providing continued support. Ms. Sarah Sparks has some concerns about the position and whether there is still a need. Mr. Mike Mogan suggested that she contact Mr. Gambill to address concerns.

Mr. Nick Karazsia made a motion to accept the resignations. Mr. Bob Hacker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Transfer:

- a) Debra Hill, Paraprofessional, transfer to Northeast School Corporation
- b) Rebecca Dickerson, Paraprofessional, transfer to Southwest School Corporation

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to accept the transfer of paraprofessionals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Mogan. The motion passed unanimously.

Positions to Hire

- a) Preschool Paraprofessional - White River Valley Elementary
- b) Speech and Language Pathologist – Begin August 2017

Ms. Sarah Sparks has interviewed 2 applicants for the Speech and Language Pathologist position. She also noted that she will continue to assess the need for hiring a Paraprofessional for Shakamak.

Recommendations to Hire:

- a) Julie Gambill – White River Valley Preschool Paraprofessional

Mr. Bob Hacker made a motion to hire Julie Gambill for the preschool paraprofessional position. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carrie Milner. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DOE Information

- a) LRE related to Preschool Services
-January 9, 2017 Dear Colleague Letter

Ms. Sarah Sparks shared the latest Dear Colleague letter. She shared feedback from the state suggesting that discussions needed to occur about the negative impact on students as a result of not providing a truly inclusive preschool program. She also mentioned the IDOE has been promoting full day preschool. Ms. Sarah Sparks noted that the typicals list for Hymera preschool is full for the upcoming school year.

- b) Standard for Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) Update

Ms. Sarah Sparks shared the latest FAPE information and what the requirements may be coming in the future.

c) Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

-New Transition Guide

Ms. Sarah Sparks shared the newly released Transition Guide.

d) IIEP Changes- Alternate Assessment

Mrs. Dana Williams noted the upcoming changes in the IIEP system. When Alternate Assessment is chosen for a student, the program will generate a series of questions to be answered. Alternate Assessment will only be permitted if the student meets the criteria. There are also updates in the goals section of the IEP; the standards section has moved and the "Needs" title has been changed to "Specially Designed Instruction." Mrs. Williams believes the changes will be positive for IIEP users.

6. Program Information

a) Life Skills

b) Early Childhood

c) Life After School Program (LASP)

- Vocational Rehabilitation (PETS Grant)

7. Unfinished Business

a) Transition Training

8. New Business

a) Revision of Grant Application Procedures

-New Schedule

The schedule for the special education grant application process is changing, due to complaints from several school districts. The application should be posted to begin the process by February 20. The data will be reviewed in March and then completed by June. This is significantly earlier than in past years.

9. Director's Notes

a) ICASE Information

Mrs. Dana Williams shared information on an upcoming presentation for Medicaid Waivers. The Autism Parent Support group and Arc of Indiana will present and answer questions about the waiver process on March 14, at Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative.

10. Board Member Comments and Concerns

Dr. Carrie Milner inquired about the number of Special Education students, specifically with Autism Spectrum Disorders, the Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative serviced. Ms. Sarah Sparks answered that the numbers are often changing. There are approximately 80 students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and approximately 800 students serviced for special education.

11. Adjourn

Dr. Carrie Milner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bob Hacker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Next GSSEC Board of Superintendents' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 with the executive session meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M. and public meeting beginning at 10:30 A.M.

Mike Baker
Chris Stitzle
Bob Hacker

Mike Morgan
Nick Karagian