

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

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

November 12, 2019

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, November 12, 2019. President, Jeff Gibboney, called the Board to order at 9:36 AM and called the roll with the following members present:

Jeff Gibboney, President - Bloomfield
Kathryn Goad, Vice President - Linton-Stockton
Mark Baker, Northeast
Chris Stitzle, Southwest
Jason Walton, White River Valley

REGULAR SESSION

9:30 AM

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 8, 2019 meeting were read beginning with "The minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting were read..." through "...motion was passed unanimously."

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to approve the October 8, 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:

October 18, 2019 \$105,697.39

November 1, 2019 \$85,992.16

Dr. Mark Baker made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and payment of claims. Dr. Kathryn Goad 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. Samantha Melchert – Sullivan Paraprofessional
- b. Roberta Pierce – Worthington Preschool Paraprofessional
- c. Diana England – Bloomfield Life Skills Paraprofessional

Positions to Hire

- a) Bloomfield Middle School Paraprofessional Maternity Leave
- b) Linton Middle School Paraprofessional Leave
- c) Bloomfield Life Skills Paraprofessional
- d) Worthington Preschool Paraprofessional
- e) Sullivan Middle School Life Skills Paraprofessional
- f) Sullivan Elementary Life Skills Paraprofessional

Transfer

- a) Gina Moss – Sullivan Middle School Life Skills to Bloomfield Life Skills Paraprofessional

Recommendations to Hire

- a) Brittany Boone – Sullivan Elementary Paraprofessional

Ms. Sarah Sparks discussed recommendations for hires and transfers. She stated most positions are covered by substitutes that still need to take and pass the ParaPro before being hired. Interviews continue to be held for other positions.

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to accept all personnel recommendations. Dr. Kathryn Goad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DOE Information

- a. Least Restrictive Environment Focused Trainings
November 13, 2019 - Designing Instruction to Support All Learners
January 16, 2020 – Addressing Needs of All Students

Ms. Sarah Sparks explained that two schools were in the focus area for the LRE indicator. The LRE portion targeted was a result of being over the recommended amount of students in the coded area that includes homebound. Those students were placed on homebound due to high medical needs. Ms. Sarah Sparks will be attending both the November and January trainings. The trainings are free and school personnel are invited to attend.

6. Program Information

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

Ms. Sarah Sparks directed the board to the preschool numbers. She explained that Sullivan County numbers were comparable to numbers in the past. She noted that Greene County numbers have nearly tripled for this year. She discussed the need to continue looking at the Greene County numbers of evaluations for WRV preschool. The teacher has programmed in a way that currently splits the number

of students into two rooms. If the number of students continues to rise, there may be a need to add an additional afternoon classroom or look to other options to provide services. Ms. Sarah Sparks noted that typicals are only in the morning class due to numbers in the afternoon. Mr. Jeff Gibboney stated he would look at Bloomfield preschool numbers. Dr. Kathryn Goad commented that Linton is looking to add a community preschool next school year.

7. Bargaining Information

a. Tentative Agreement

Ms. Sarah Sparks asked for public comments. No members of the public were present. Mr. Jeff Gibboney inquired if the tentative agreement contract or outline was posted. Ms. Sarah Sparks replied that the tentative agreement contract is posted on the GSSEC website.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Behavior Program
- b. 2019-2020 Preschool Screenings
 - January 10, 2020 – Hymera
 - February 21, 2020 – Worthington
 - April 17, 2020 – Carlisle

Ms. Sarah Sparks continues to schedule observations of behavior programs. She will be observing the Bridges Program in Monroe County in January.

Ms. Sarah Sparks discussed the upcoming screenings. Mr. Jeff Gibboney asked about a screening being set up at Bloomfield. Ms. Sarah Sparks will discuss this with the staff to see what date they are available in the Spring.

Crisis Prevention Intervention training dates will be set for Spring. Mr. Chris Stitzle inquired how many trainers there are and the amount of people that can be trained per session.

9. New Business

- a. New Server Purchase
 - 5-Star
 - Dell
 - FireFly
- b. Licensing for Windows 10
 - 5-Star
 - Dell
 - Firefly
- c. New Laptops Purchase
 - 5-Star
 - Dell
 - FireFly

Ms. Sarah Sparks distributed quotes for each company for purchasing new servers, licensing for Windows, and new laptops. Ms. Sarah Sparks recommended Dell with the least amount of cost. She did note that 5-Star is already providing technology support for GSSEC, which will continue.

Dr. Kathryn Goad made a motion to accept all purchase recommendations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mark Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Director's Notes

- Dyslexia Meeting – December 4, 2019

Ms. Sarah Sparks sent an email inviting all specialists to meet on December 4. The school psychologists and specialists will work to make procedures for the Level 2 screeners. Ms. Sarah Sparks stated all principals are welcome to attend and she will send a reminder email.

11. Board Member Comments and Concerns

None noted.

12. Adjourn

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

The Next GSSEC Board of Superintendents' Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 with the executive session meeting beginning at 9:00 A.M. and public meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M.





