

Minutes

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

BOARD MEETING

June 23, 2025

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)].

Regular Session Agenda

9:30 a.m.

Mr. Chris Stitzle-Southwest, Board President
Dr. Scott Van Der Aa, Vice President, Bloomfield
Mr. Tim Grove-Linton-Stockton, Secretary
Mr. Nick Karazsia-MSD of Shakamak
Mr. Dusty Hitt-Northeast
Mr. James Larkin-White River Valley

I. Call to Order

- A. Additions or Deletions to Agenda
- B. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hitt made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0. The agenda was approved for the June board meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. May 19, 2025

Mr. Grove made a motion to approve the minutes for the May board meeting. Mr. Karazsia seconded the motion. The May board minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Public Comments

Comments are limited to two minutes per person per Public Comments and Concerns Policy adopted 5/12/2020.

No public comments at this time.

IV. Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket

- a. May 23, 2025-\$159,403.76
- b. June 6, 2025-\$110,035.03
- c. June 20, 2025-\$79,989.92

Mr. Karazia made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and claim docket. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

V. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

VI. New Business

A. Personnel

1. Resignations

- a. Briana Hall, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
- b. Molly May, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Southwest
- c. Gabby Best, Paraprofessional, Preschool, Southwest
- d. Clairra Francis, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Bloomfield
- e. Michelle Russell, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Southwest
- f. Megan Boggs, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Bloomfield

2. New Employment

- a. Daisha Shepard, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Southwest
- b. Holly Roberts, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Southwest
- c. Candace Wilson, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Southwest
- d. Letisha Maxey, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Southwest
- e. Kristie Bledsoe, Preschool Teacher, White River Valley

3. Transfers

- a. Morgan Johnson, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Southwest will transfer to Paraprofessional, Life Skills to Northeast East
- b. Lily Farmer, Paraprofessional, Preschool, White River Valley will transfer to Paraprofessional, Student Support, Bloomfield
- c. Sahrayah Blackburn, Preschool Teacher, White River Valley, will transfer to Behavior Coach, all districts
- d. Chantael Elliott, Teacher, Preschool, White River Valley will transfer to Life Skills Teacher, Northeast

4. Pending Employment Hires

- a. Paraprofessionals, Speech Language Pathologist/Speech Language Pathologist Assistant

Mr. Larkin made a motion to approve the personnel recommendations. Mr. Hitt seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 6-0 vote.

B. Update to Non-Certified Handbook

1. Request for approval of the proposed update to the Non-Certified Staff Handbook regarding unpaid time.

a. Proposed Handbook Addition: Unpaid Time

- i. If an employee has exhausted all allotted leave time and misses work the time will be recorded as unpaid.
- ii. If an employee accrues more than 7.5 unpaid hours (or equivalent to one full workday), the absence must be supported with a doctor's note.
- iii. Failure to report to work is grounds for dismissal. Unpaid days are considered a failure to report. Continued use or abuse of unpaid days may lead to termination.
- iv. For planned, unpaid time off, the employee must submit a written request to the Director of Special Education at least two (2) weeks in advance. Such requests will only be granted under exceptional circumstances.
- v. GSSEC depends on employees to be present. Employees who use all available leave and continue to request unpaid days may be subject to termination.

Mr. Karazsia made a motion to approve the updated proposal for the non-certified handbook.

Mr. Hitt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Request for approval to remove outstanding ledger items from the books.

Mr. Grove made a motion to approve the outstanding ledger items from the books. Mr. Hitt seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0.

D. Reorganization of Board Officer Positions.

Mr. Karazsia made a motion to retain the current board officer positions for the 2025–2026 school year. Mr. Hitt seconded the motion. The motion carried 6/0. Mr. Stitzle will remain the board president for GSSEC. Dr. Van Der Aa will continue as the vice-president and Mr. Grove will hold the position as board secretary.

VII. Information from Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

A. Director's Report

Mr. Woodrum reported that the Special Programs IEP platform will reopen July 18th. Crisis Response Training will be held at the Northeast District Office, in Shelburn, on July 28th. She explained that each district will be responsible for training their own staff. This training platform will meet the new legal requirements with the state legislature.

VIII. Board comments

No board comments at this time.

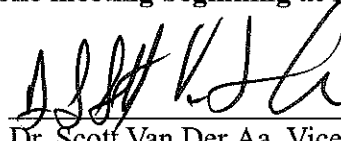
IX. Adjournment

Mr. Larkin made a motion to adjourn June's board meeting. Mr. Hitt seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m..

The next GSSEC Board of Superintendents Meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2024 with the executive meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. and public meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m..



Mr. Chris Stitzle, President



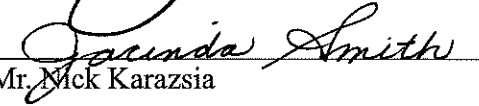
Dr. Scott Van Der Aa, Vice-President



Mr. Tim Grove, Secretary



Mr. Dustin Hitt



Mr. Nick Karazsia

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