

## Minutes

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

### **BOARD MEETING**

August 25, 2025  
Executive Session  
9:00 a.m.

*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 at the Greene Sullivan Special Education Cooperative Office on January 22, 2024. . Mr. Stitzle, Superintendent of Southwest School District, called the Board to order at 9:30 a.m. and called the roll with the following members present:

### **Regular Session Agenda** 9:30 a.m.

*Dr. Scott Van Der Aa, Bloomfield, Vice-President*  
*Mr. Tim Grove, Linton-Stockton, Secretary*  
*Dr. Jacinda Smith, MSD of Shakamak*  
*Dr. Dusty Hitt, Northeast*

#### **I. Call to Order-Dr. Van Der Aa called the meeting to order.**

##### **A. Additions or Deletions to Agenda**

*There are no additions or deletions to the agenda.*

##### **B. Approval of Agenda**

*Dr. Hitt made a motion to approve the agenda for the August board meeting. Mr. Grove seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*

#### **II. Approval of Minutes**

*Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for the July board meeting. Dr. Hitt seconded the motion. The approval of the July board meeting 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. 08/01/2025-\$78,330.03
- b. 08/15/2025-\$120,839.90

*Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and claim docket for the August board meeting. Dr. Hitt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*

**V. Unfinished Business**

**A. Policy Updates, Second Reading**

- A. A100 Non-Discrimination & Anti-Harassment
- B. A100-E Non-Discrimination & Anti-Harassment
- C. B100 Board Authority and Philosophy
- D. B150 Board Organization
- E. B200 Membership
- F. C100 Anti-Bullying
- G. C175 Student Suicide Prevention and Awareness
- H. D250 Teacher Appreciation Grant-Repeal
- I. D325 Personal Background Checks and Mandatory Reporting
- J. D500 Standard of Care and Supervision of Students
- K. F125 Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets
- L. G200 Audio, Video and Digital Recording of Meetings
- M. G360 Data Breach and Protection
- N. H200 School Visitors and Parent-Family Engagement
- O. Updated Notice of Executive Session Form

*Upon the second reading of the Policy updates. Dr. Hitt made a motion to approve the policy recommendations and repeal. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The policy updates and repeal were approved unanimously. GSSEC will update the new policies and post them to the GSSEC website.*

**VI. New Business**

**A. Personnel**

**1. New Employment-**

- a. John Lee, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Southwest
- b. Amelya Lee, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Southwest
- c. Danielle Watson, Paraprofessional, Student Support, White River Valley
- d. Nicole Sears-Altamore, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
- e. Kinzee Hash, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
- f. Sarah Crosby, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Southwest
- g. Sarah Wells, Paraprofessional, Student Support, White River Valley

- h. Sarah Maak, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Northeast
- i. Karen Reed, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton

**2. Resignations-**

- a. Katrina Lecocq, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
- b. Suzanne Hamilton, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Southwest
- c. Beth French, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
- d. Leticia Maxey, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Southwest
- e. Raven West, Paraprofessional, Student Support, White River Valley
- f. Kerrenda Bottcher, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Bloomfield
- g. Sheila Mifflin, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Linton-Stockton

**3. Transfers-**

- a. Mikayla Lifford, Paraprofessional, Transfer from Bloomfield Life Skills to Sullivan High School
- b. Ally Caddell, Paraprofessional, Transfer from Linton Life Skills to White River Valley Preschool
- c. Ashley Anderson, Paraprofessional, Transfer from Southwest Life Skills to Northeast North

*Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the personnel recommendations. Dr. Hitt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*

**4. Pending Employment Hires-Paraprofessionals**

**B. Stipends for SLP/SLPA for Additional Student Services**

Recruitment for the White River Valley SLP position has been unsuccessful to date. To prevent service disruption, GSSEC proposes stipends for the first semester for the SLPs/SLPA who assume additional students/service minutes beyond standard caseload thresholds.

*Following a discussion with Mrs. Woodrum regarding the recommended stipend amounts and the formula used to determine them, Dr. Smith moved to approve the stipend recommendations as presented. Dr. Hitt seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.*

**C. Approval of Supervisory Stipends for designated staff responsible for oversight of non-certified personnel, COTA, SLPA, and Diagnostician for SY 2025–2026**

*After Mrs. Woodrum reviewed the staff and recommended amounts for supervisory stipends, Mr. Grove moved to approve the stipend recommendations as presented. Dr. Hitt seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.*

**D. Update of Interlocal Agreement, First Reading**

*Mrs. Woodrum presented the board with an updated version of the Interlocal Agreement and invited questions. She noted that this was the first reading, and the board would review any*

concerns or suggested updates prior to the second reading next month.

**Information from Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative**

**A. Director's Report**

Mrs. Woodrum reported ongoing challenges with Special Programs (PowerSchool), noting that the system was not designed with cooperatives in mind and continues to experience migration issues, particularly with move-in students. She encouraged continued use of the Schoology training course to support staff. Mrs. Woodrum also shared that the first preschool screener of the year was successful, with the next scheduled for November. Additionally, she reminded board members that LEA CRT Trainers should complete their school/staff training and provide documentation to Michelle Baxter.

**Board comments**

There are no board comments at this time.

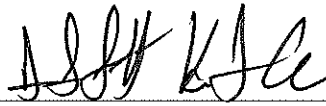
**VII. Adjournment**

Dr. Smith called a motion to adjourn the August board meeting. Dr. Hitt seconded the motion. Dr. Van Der Aa adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m..

**The next GSSEC Board of Superintendents Meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2025 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



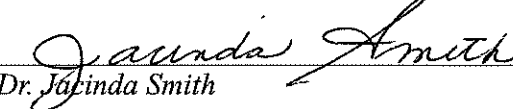
Mr. Grove, Secretary



Dr. Dustin Hitt



Mr. Jim Larkin



Dr. Jafinda Smith