Minutes

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

BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2026

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

10:45 a.m.

Mr. Stitzle, Southwest, President
Dr. Van Der Aa, Bloomfield, Vice-President
Mr. Grove, Linton-Stockton, Secretary
Dr. Hitt, Northeast
Mr. Walton, White River Valley

I. Call to Order

A. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Addition of discussion and possible approval to relocate the GSSEC office through the purchase of property located at 74 N. Main Street, Linton, for the purpose of establishing a new GSSEC facility.

Addition of discussion and possible approval to authorize the sale of the current GSSEC office property at 77 NE A Street, Linton.

Dr. Hitt made a motion to approve the additions. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

B. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Grove made a motion to approve April's agenda. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0 for the approval of April's agenda.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. March 30, 2026

Dr. Hitt made a motion to approve the minutes from the March board meeting. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The motion was 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. April 10, 2026-$136,479.22

Mr. Grove made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and claim docket. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

V. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

VI. New Business

A. Personnel

1. Resignations

a. Kindra Walls, Preschool, Paraprofessional, Southwest
b. Raven West, Life Skills, Paraprofessional, Southwest

2. Transfers

a. Ashley Anderson from Northeast North to Northeast East
b. Danielle Sadler, Bloomfield Life Skills, will transfer to GSSEC as a full-time Special Education Coordinator beginning the 2026/2027 school year

3. New Employment

a. Hayleigh Bickel, Preschool, Paraprofessional, Northeast

Mr. Walton made a motion to approve the personnel recommendations. Mr. Grove seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

B. Renewal of the Virtual SLPA Contract for the 2026/2027 school year

Mrs. Woodrum presented the contract to the board for the virtual SLPA contract to be renewed for the upcoming school year. Dr. Van Der Aa made a motion to approve the contract. Dr. Hitt seconded the motion and the motion carried 5/0.

C. Discussion and possible approval to relocate the GSSEC office through the purchase of property located at 74 N. Main Street, Linton, for the purpose of establishing a new GSSEC facility.

Mrs. Woodrum presented and reviewed the two proposals with the Board, providing detailed information and responding to questions. Following thorough discussion and consideration, the Board voted and approved moving forward with the purchase of the property located at 74 N. Main Street, Linton.

Mr. Grove made a motion to approve the purchase. Dr. Hitt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

D. Discussion and possible approval to authorize the sale of the current GSSEC office property at 77 NE A Street, Linton.

The Board granted approval to proceed with the sale of the current GSSEC office property located at 77 NE A Street, Linton. Dr. Hitt made a motion to approve the sale, Mr. Grove seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5–0.

VII. Information from Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

A. Director's Report

Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative is pleased to share several updates and recognitions. GSSEC has welcomed its first Physical Therapy student through Wabash Valley College. We extend our appreciation to Mrs. McKee for her mentorship and for providing valuable guidance and support as the student gains practical experience in the field.

The final preschool screening for the 2025–2026 school year will be held on May 8 at Sullivan Elementary School. Additionally, due to technical issues with Special Programs, the April 1 Count sign-off deadline has been extended to April 15th to ensure accuracy and compliance.

All non-public school assurances for participating districts have been completed, signed, and submitted to the Indiana Department of Education, meeting all required compliance standards. At this time, the Results Driven Accountability (RDA) reports, which were originally anticipated for release in September, have not yet been issued by IDOE due to ongoing issues related to Special Programs and the 1% requirement. IDOE has indicated that updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Lastly, we would like to recognize and congratulate two GSSEC educators for their professional accomplishments. Colsyn Head, GSSEC Emotional Disability Teacher, has successfully completed his ISEAL requirements toward special education licensure. Additionally, Chantael

Elliott, Life Skills Teacher at Northeast, has completed her ASSET requirements and has obtained her special education teaching license. These achievements reflect their dedication to professional growth and commitment to serving students with exceptional needs. Great work!

VIII. Board comments

Mrs. Woodrum expressed her appreciation to the Board for their collaboration and support regarding the building updates and also thanked Mr. Walton for his work on the proposal.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Grove made a motion to adjourn the April meeting. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m..

The next GSSEC Board of Superintendents Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2026 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

Dr. Dustin Hitt

Dr. Jacinda Smith

Mr. Jason Walton