Minutes

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

BOARD MEETING

May 18, 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

9:30 a.m.

Mr. Chris Stitzle, Southwest, President
Dr. Scott Van Der Aa, Bloomfield, Vice-President
Dr. Jacinda Smith, MSD of Shakamak
Dr. Dustin Hitt, Northeast
Mr. Jason Walton, White River Valley

I. Call to Order

A. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A. April 14, 2026

Mr. Walton made a motion to approve the minutes from April's board meeting. Dr. Hitt seconded the motion. The 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. April 25, 2026-$158,982.74
b. May 8, 2026-$159,731.24

Dr. Smith 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. Susan Graber, Student Support, Paraprofessional, White River Valley
b. Samantha Neff, Life Skills, Paraprofessional, Linton-Stockton
c. Alexis Kent, Student Support, Paraprofessional, White River Valley
d. Sebrina Ames, Preschool, Part-time, Paraprofessional, Northeast
e. Ashley Anderson, Preschool, Paraprofessional, Northeast
f. Madison McKenzie, Student Support, Paraprofessional, Linton-Stockton
g. Abigail Loudermilk, SLPA, All Districts
h. Jenna Johnson, Student Support, Paraprofessional, Bloomfield

2. New Employment

a. Carsyn Chambers, Student Support, Paraprofessional, White River Valley

3. Terminations

a. Ashlee Richards, Preschool, Paraprofessional, Linton-Stockton

4. Leave

a. Alicia Williams, Paraprofessional, Northeast, Medical Leave for the remainder of the 25/26 school year
b. Julia Brochin, Occupational Therapist, Medical Leave starting May 7, 2026 lasting until the remainder of the 25/26 school year.

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

B. Discussion and possible approval of a MOU between GSSEC and Eastern Greene Schools for Physical Therapy services for the 2026/2027 school year

Mrs. Woodrum proposed a Memorandum of Understanding between GSSEC and Eastern Greene Schools to provide Physical Therapy services for the 2026/2027 school year. The discussion covered the scope of student needs, caseload size and the financial allocation required for these recommendations.

Upon review, the Board approved the designated funding amount, $100 an hour, for the recommended services. It was mutually agreed upon to finalize and execute the MOU between GSSEC and Eastern Greene Schools for the 2026/2027 school year. The motion was moved by

Dr. Van Der Aa and seconded by Dr. Smith. The motion carried 5/0.

C. Consideration and possible approval to hire a contracted American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter, Dante Balcazar, with Sunbelt Staffing.

Mrs. Woodrum presented a review of the service contract with Sunbelt Staffing to hire a contracted American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreter, Dante Balcazar. The Board discussed the terms of the agreement, noting that the length of the contract spans the entirety of the 2026/2027 school year, providing six hours of direct interpretation services each school day to support the student needs. Dr. Hitt made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

D. Discussion and possible action to approve a full-time contract for Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) services for the Bloomfield School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mrs. Woodrum led the discussion regarding the consideration of a full-time contract for a Speech-Language Pathologists for the 2026/2027 school year, for the Bloomfield School District. Mrs. Woodrum shared the contract and costs. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Smith and seconded by Dr. Van Der Aa to approve the full-time contract for SLP services as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 5/0.

VII. Information from Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

A. Director's Report

GSSEC would like to recognize and congratulate two of our special education teachers, Chelsey Todd and Whitley Roessler, on earning their Master's degrees in Special Education and Leadership from the University of Indianapolis. In addition, congratulations to Chesley Todd for receiving a Sullivan Arrow Award for being an outstanding educator.

GSSEC Administration, Assistant Director Michelle Baxter, and Preschool Coordinator Brittany Nicholson hosted the annual LEA/First Steps meeting at the GSSEC office. Our preschool staff hosted the last preschool screener at Sullivan Elementary on May 8th. The first preschool screener for the 2026/2027 school year will be held on August 13th at the GSSEC office.

Mrs. Woodrum and Mrs. Baxter conducted the second semester Teacher of Record (TOR) training with all special education teachers this past week. The training focused on important updates related to special education laws, compliance requirements, and procedures within Special Programs. The session provided staff with continued guidance and support to ensure consistency, accuracy, and compliance in the delivery of special education services across the cooperative.

VIII. Board comments

Mrs. Woodrum informed the Board that the closing on the new GSSEC building is scheduled to take place on June 1st.

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Hitt made a motion to adjourn May's meeting. Mr. Walton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

The next GSSEC Board of Superintendents Meeting is scheduled for June 22, 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