Minutes

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

BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2026

Mr. Chris Stitzle, Southwest, President
Dr. Scott Van Der Aa, Bloomfield, Vice-President
Mr. Tim Grove, Linton-Stockton, Secretary
Dr. Jacinda Smith, MSD Shakamak
Mr. Jason Walton, White River Valley

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.

I. Call to Order

A. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

No additions or deletions at this time.

B. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Walton made a motion to approve the agenda for the August board meeting. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. July 27, 2026

Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from July's board meeting. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The motion carried 5/0.

III. Public Comments

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

No public comment at this time.

IV. Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket

a. *July 31, 2026-$84,157.75*
b. *August 14, 2026-$88,192.09*

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. New Employment

a. Miranda Davis, Behavior Coach, Bloomfield
b. Anjalena Miller, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
c. Amy Alberson, SLPA-Assistant, All Districts (part-time)
d. Richelle Barnett, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Shakamak
e. Alexis Kent, Paraprofessional, Student Support, White River Valley
f. Sarah Myers, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
g. Emma Ressler, Paraprofessional, Preschool, White River Valley
h. Angela Allen, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Northeast
i. Jacie Speakman, Paraprofessional, Preschool, White River Valley
j. Nicole Bevington, Paraprofessional, Student Support, White River Valley
k. Shelsie Waggoner, Occupational Therapist, Greene County
l. Toni Walton, Behavior Coach, Linton-Stockton
m. Sam Kerzan, Paraprofessional, Student Support, White River Valley
n. Alison Clark, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
o. Alex Moronez, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Southwest
p. Kaylyn Wardel, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Southwest
q. Kaitlen McDaniel, Paraprofessional, Preschool, White River Valley

2. Resignations

a. Sarah Wells, Paraprofessional, Student Support, White River Valley
b. Alicia Williams, Paraprofessional, Life Skills, Southwest
c. Michelle Hunt, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Northeast
d. Peggy Walker, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
e. Sarah Myers, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
f. Elizabeth Turner, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Linton-Stockton
g. Sam Kerzan, Paraprofessional, Student Support, White River Valley

h. Angela Allen, Paraprofessional, Student Support, Northeast

3. **Leaves**
    a. Josh Francis, Paraprofessional, medical leave from September 28, 2026 through November 30, 2026
4. **Transfers**
    a. Sheila Boston, Paraprofessional, will transfer from Linton-Stockton to Shakamak

Upon a motion by Mr. Walton, seconded by Dr. Van Der Aa, the Board approved the personnel request as presented by a vote of 5–0.

B. Approval for Certified Status Quo Contract renewals for the 2026/2027 school year.

Dr. Van Der Aa made a motion to approve the Certified Status Quo Contracts for the 2026/2027 school year. Mr. Grove seconded the motion. Motion carried 5/0.

C. Approval of supervisory stipends for designated certified staff assigned additional responsibilities for the supervision and oversight of non-certified personnel and support staff for the 2026–2027 school year, as follows:

1. Craig Barnhart – Supervision of Diagnostician and School Psychology Intern
2. Shelsie Waggoner – Supervision of COTA
3. Robin Rice – Supervision of SLPA
4. Erica Steele – Supervision of SLPA
5. Amy Edwards-Supervision of SLPA
6. Whitley Ressler-Additional Caseload Responsibilities as Teacher of Record

Upon a motion by Mr. Grove, seconded by Dr. Van Der Aa, the Board approved the supervisory stipends as presented by a vote of 5/0.

D. Approval of Part-Time Behavior Coordinator Stipend

Approval to designate Leslie Workman as Part-Time Behavior Coordinator for the 2026–2027 school year, with an annual stipend. This position will provide additional coordination and support for behavioral programming and student needs across the cooperative, while assisting with the distribution of administrative responsibilities currently managed by the Director and Assistant Director of Special Education.

The Board approved the designation of Leslie Workman as Part-Time Behavior Coordinator for

the 2026–2027 school year, allowing her to begin serving in this role. The stipend associated with the position will be discussed and considered at the September Board meeting.

Mr. Walton made a motion to approve the position as presented. Dr. Van Der Aa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, 5–0.

VII. Information from Greene-Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

A. Director's Report

GSSEC is off to a busy and productive start to the 2026–2027 school year! We would like to give special kudos to Carsyn Chambers, Bloomfield Life Skills Teacher, and Missy Taylor, Northeast/Shakamak Life Skills Teacher, for the wonderful job they are doing in their new roles. Both have stepped into their positions with dedication, flexibility, and a strong commitment to their students, and we are very pleased with the positive start they have made to the school year.

We would also like to welcome Shelsie Waggoner to the GSSEC team as our new Greene County Occupational Therapist. We are excited to have Shelsie join the Cooperative and look forward to the support and expertise she will provide to our students, staff, and member districts.

We also held our first preschool screening of the year at our new GSSEC office location, and it was a great success. Parents provided very positive feedback about having the screening at a central location and commented on how smoothly the entire process flowed. We are excited about the opportunities our new office provides for our staff, students, and families. In addition, all required CRT training has been completed for GSSEC employees for the 2026–2027 school year.

Mrs. Woodrum would also like to recognize and sincerely thank the City of Linton for its generous $5,000 grant to GSSEC to assist with the purchase of new doors for our new office location. We greatly appreciate the City of Linton's continued support of the Cooperative and its investment in helping us better serve our students, families, and member districts.

We are excited about the start of another school year and look forward to continuing to work together to support our students and the six member districts we serve.

VIII. Board comments

No board comments at this time

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the August Board meeting. Mr. Grove seconded the motion. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

The next GSSEC Board of Superintendents Meeting is scheduled for September 28th 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