

MINUTES

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

BOARD MEETING

October 26, 2020
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 October 26, 2020. Mr. Karaszia, Superintendent of Shakamak, called the Board to order at 9:30 a.m. and called the roll with the following members present:

Mr. Nick Karaszia, Vice President, MSD Shakamak
Dr. Mark Baker, Secretary, Northeast
Mr. Chris Stitzle, Southwest
Dr. Robert Hacker, White River Valley
Dr. Trent Lehman, Bloomfield

Regular Session Agenda

9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Nick Karaszia called the meeting to order.

A. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

Mrs. Hyatt asked to add the approval of the travel reimbursement policy and the 2020-2021 Greene Sullivan Special Education Cooperative budget to the agenda.

Dr. Hacker made a motion to approve the additions and Dr. Lehman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Baker made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Hacker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. September 28, 2020 Regular Session

The minutes from the September 28, 2020 Regular Session were read beginning with "Meeting was called to order. . ." through "The motion passed unanimously."

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Mark Baker moved to second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comments

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

There were no public comments.

IV. Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket

The Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket was reviewed. Dr. Hacker moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Claim Docket. Dr. Lehman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Preschool Typical Peer Tuition Policy, Second Reading

Mrs. Hyatt explained the Preschool Typical Peer Policy that includes a late fee when parents do not pay the typical peer monthly tuition by the 15th of the month and possible dismissal from the program if the balance is not paid in full by the first of the following month. This policy will go into effect on January 1st, 2021.

Dr. Lehman made a motion to approve the Typical Peer Tuition Policy. Dr. Hacker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. New Business

A. Personnel

1. Resignations

Cathy Lehman, Maternity Leave SLP, White River Valley

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to accept the resignation of Cathy Lehman. Dr. Bob Hacker seconded the motion. Dr. Lehman abstained from the voting. The motion to accept the resignation passed.

2. Retirements, No retirements

3. New Employment

Amy Hagg, Treasurer, Greene Sullivan Special Education Cooperative to replace Claudia Walker

Ashley Kraemer, Maternity Leave SLP, White River Valley to replace Cathy Lehman

Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to approve the new employment recommendations. Dr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Pending Employment Hires

Paraprofessional, White River Valley Middle School and High School

Paraprofessional, Sullivan Elementary School

5. Transfers

Dawn Cox, Paraprofessional from Sullivan Elementary to Sullivan High School

Cheyenne Woods, Paraprofessional from White River Valley Middle and High School to Bloomfield High School

Mrs. Hyatt explained the potential employment hires for paraprofessionals that were needed due to recent transfers. Mrs. Hyatt asked for permission to hire the paraprofessionals prior to the

next board meeting. Mr. Hacker asked that references would be provided to school administrators prior to hire. Mrs. Hyatt agreed to provide references in advance of proposed hires. Mr. Hacker made a motion to approve permission to hire paraprofessionals prior to the November board meeting. Dr. Baker seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval to pay Invoices resulting from litigation

Mrs. Hyatt asked for approval to pay invoices for litigation totalling \$9,000 for parent counsel fees and \$4,250 for third-party evaluations. Dr. Mark Baker made a motion to approve the invoices to be paid by Greene Sullivan Special Education Cooperative. Dr. Hacker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval to dispose of expired psychological assessment kits

Mrs. Hyatt explained that there are psychological assessment kits that need to be disposed of because the kits are outdated and new kits have been purchased. Dr. Baker made a motion to approve the disposal of the out of date kits. Dr. Lehman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Approval of the 2020-2021 Greene Sullivan Special Education Cooperative Budget

Mrs. Hyatt requested the Board of Superintendents approve the 2020-2021 budget presented that included \$175,000 in assessments. Mr. Chris Stitzle made a motion to approve the budget. Dr. Lehman seconded the motion. Dr. Hacker asked if the differences in assessment fees from August, September and October could be spread over the next two months of assessment fee invoices. Mrs. Hyatt agreed that the assessment fees could be spread over the next two months of invoices. Mr. Stitzle amended the motion to approve the budget with the difference of the assessment fees from months August through October 2020 to be spread over the next two months of invoices in November and December. Dr. Lehman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hacker asked that the 2021-2022 budget be presented by August of 2021. Mrs. Hyatt agreed to attempt to have it ready at that time next year.

E. Policy for Mileage Reimbursement for Non-Public School Placement Visits

Mrs. Hyatt asked the board to approve the policy for mileage reimbursement for non-public school placement visits. Mr. Stitzle made a motion to approve the policy. Dr. Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Information from Greene Sullivan Special Education Cooperative

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Mrs. Hyatt reported that October is National Dyslexia Awareness Month. Mrs. Hyatt has provided a padlet of information to all building administrators that includes information about dyslexia for parents, teachers, and building administrators. Greene Sullivan Special Education Cooperative will be hosting a dyslexia specialist training on December 3. The IDOE has released information regarding upcoming changes to accommodations that allow for text to speech for ILearn in grades 3-5. A paraprofessional training slide show has also been provided to all building administrators that they can utilize to train their paraprofessional staff. Mr. Stitzle commented that he intends to utilize the training for paraprofessionals employed by Southwest School Corporation.


VIII. Board comments

No comments

IX. Adjournment

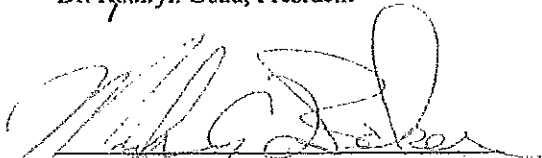
Mr. Stitzle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Lehman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next GSSEC Board of Superintendents Meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2020 with the executive meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. and public meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m.



Dr. Kathryn Goad, President

Mr. Nick Karazsia, Vice President



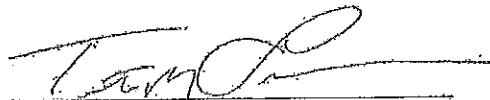
Dr. Mark Baker, Secretary



Mr. Chris Stitzle, Board Member



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