



Executive Board Minutes

March 18, 2025

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. The meeting was held in the conference room at the District 80 Office located at 2710 North Street, Mt. Vernon, IL. Chairman, Jason Henry, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll was taken by the recording secretary, and a quorum was established. All listed Executive Board members were physically present.

Executive Members Present:

Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Richard Towers, Christopher #99
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Adam Cross, Bluford #318
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Craig Kujawa, Grand Prairie #6
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon #80
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99J
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209

Executive Members Absent:

Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Steve Smith, Benton #47
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12

Administrative Staff:

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801
Ali Nordin, Assistant Director, FJSPED #801
Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801

Guests:

Kashia Cook, Christopher #99

Consent Agenda:

Eric Helbig moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report

Lindsay Robinson seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion carried.



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Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignation of Program Assistants, Rylee Manion and Hayden Kleckner, was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Quent Hamilton.

The motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes with nays being none.

Directors Evaluation FY25:

Dr. Henry shared timely information about the evaluation of Director Pieper. Dr. Henry thanked everyone for their participation in the evaluation, there was 100 percent feedback.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

A motion to approve the Infinitec Assistive Coalition Membership Renewal FY 26 was made by Lindsay Robinson, seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Motion Carried.

A motion to approve FY25 Extended School Year Services was made by Ryan Swan and seconded by Jamey Hodges. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Director Pieper shared that IDEA Grant amendments should be complete at this time. If there are additional funds in the system, please contact Director Pieper to work through the issue. Director Pieper also shared that FJSPED has not been receiving Medicaid payments in a timely manner, which is causing concern.

Other: NONE

Dr. Henry reminded everyone that there is a Governing Board Meeting March 25, 2025 at the FJSPED office at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

At 9:05 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Benjy Johnson.

The motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes with nays being none.

Jason Henry, Chairman

Richard Towers, Secretary