**Executive Board Minutes**   **January 21, 2024**

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2024. The meeting was held in the conference room at the District 80 Office located at 2710 North Street, Mount 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.

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| |  | | --- | | **Executive Members Present:** | | Steve Smith, Benton #47  Richard Towers, Christopher #99F  Benjy Johnson, Benton High #103 | | Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174  Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188  Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier#196 | | |  | | --- | | **Executive Members Absent:** | | Tammy McCollum, Akin #91  Kristin Ing, Ewing #115 |   Kim Matthews, Summersville #79  Charley Cass, Bethel #82  Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209  Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99 |

Sarah Mellott, Rome #2

Jennifer Arnold, Field #3

DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5

Robin Brooks, McClellan #12

Mike Denault, Waltonville #1

Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon #80

Craig Kujawa, Grand Prairie #6

Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178

Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon High #201

Adam Cross, Bluford #318

**Administrative Staff:** **Guests:**

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801

Ali Nordin, Assistant Director, FJSPED #801

Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801

**Consent Agenda:**

Adam Cross moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

(a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 19, 2024.

(b) Approve the Payment of Bills

(c) Approve the Treasurer’s Report

Mike Denault seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, DiAnna, Thompson, Craig Kujawa,

Robin Brooks, Ryan Swan, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

**Personnel:**

**Acknowledge Resignation:**

A motion to approve the resignation of BCBA and LBS1 Special Education Teacher, Mike Horton, was made by Sarah Mellott, and seconded by DiAnna Thompson.

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

**Hiring of Personnel**:

A motion to hire Hayden Kleckner, Program Specialist, was made by Lindsay Robinson seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, DiAnna, Thompson, Craig Kujawa,

Robin Brooks, Ryan Swan, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

**None**

**New Business:**

1. Consider Status of closed session minutes and/or destruction of closed session verbatim recordings.
2. Approve Rice Sullivan, LLC as Auditors for 2025, 2026 and 2027.
3. Approve Resolution in Support of Vision 2030.
4. Consider FJSPED Staff to conduct Child Find Screenings
5. Consider date for the next Governing Board Meeting.

A motion to keep all closed session minutes closed and to destroy all recordings was made by Craig Kujawa, seconded by Ryan Swan.

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

A motion to accept the contract between FJSPED and Rice Sullivan as auditors was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, DiAnna, Thompson, Craig Kujawa,

Robin Brooks, Ryan Swan, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Illinois Vision 2030, Staff to conduct Child Find Screenings, and set the Governing Board meeting for March 25, 2025 was made by Chad LeCrone, seconded by Richard Towers.

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

**Director’s Report:**

Director Pieper shared that ISBE Extended the Excess Cost deadline from 1-15-25 to 3-15-25. Director Pieper will host IDEA Grant amendment drafting workshops. A Program Committee meeting is set for 1-30-25 to discuss special education programming in our area. An iReady Training is being held on 3-5-25, and there are a couple of CPI trainings left this year.

**Other:**

None

**Adjournment:**

At 9:06 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Steve Smith, seconded by Ryan Swan.

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

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Jason Henry, Chairman Richard Towers, Secretary