



## Executive Board Minutes

**November 19, 2024**

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 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.

### 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  
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2  
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3  
Joe Dunlap, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5  
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12  
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79  
Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon #80  
Charley Cass, Bethel #82  
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99J  
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178  
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon High #201  
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209  
Adam Cross, Bluford #318

### Executive Members Absent:

Tammy McCollum, Akin #91  
Kristin Ing, Ewing #115  
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1  
Craig Kujawa, Grand Prairie #6

### Administrative Staff:

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

### Guests:

### Consent Agenda:

Richard Towers moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 22, 2024.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Acknowledge RIF Joint Committee, PERA Joint Committee, PERA Joint Committee

Steve Smith 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, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Joe Dunlap, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



**Personnel:**

**Acknowledge Resignation:**

A motion to approve the resignations of Educational Technologist and Hearing Impaired Interpreter, Karen Worley; Ashton Lappin, School Social Worker; and Cassie Varel, Occupational Therapist, was made by Adam Cross, and seconded by Eric Helbig.

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

Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Director's Report:**

Director Pieper shared that there are current open positions at FJSPED, including School Psychologists, OT, Program Assistants, and a School Social Worker. Director Pieper also shared that a Policy update will begin in January 2025. A local private day school facility has officially opened in Marion: Menta. Several Districts are in the process of placing students at this facility.

**Other:**

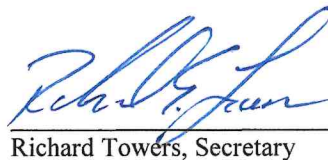
The next Executive Board meeting is on Thursday, December 19, 2024 for a luncheon.

**Adjournment:**

At 9:02 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Lindsay Robinson, seconded by Robin Brooks.

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

  
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Jason Henry, Chairman

  
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Richard Towers, Secretary