



Executive Board Minutes

October 22, 2024

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, October 22, 2024. The meeting was held in the conference room at Franklin-Jefferson Counties Special Education, Benton, 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 #103
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Joe Dunlap, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Craig Kujawa, Grand Prairie #6
Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon #80
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Chad LeCrone, Mount Vernon #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209

Executive Members Absent:

Tammy McCollum, Akin #9
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99
Adam Cross, Bluford #318

Administrative Staff:

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

Guests:

Consent Agenda:

Steve Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 17, 2024.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Approve Food Service Contract with Sesser-Valier #196 School
- (e) Approve Revolving Lines of Credit (2)

Sarah Mellott seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignation of Program Assistant, Trystin Massa, was made by Quent Hamilton, and seconded by Richard Towers.

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

Closed Session:

At 9:03 a.m. a "Motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussion the following exception to the Open Meetings Act: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-57)". A motion was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Ryan Swan. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

At 9:26 a.m. a "Motion to reconvene from closed session" was made by Craig Kujawa, seconded by Chad Lecrone.

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

Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to hire Joanie Brandt Fowler, Program Assistant, was made by Joe Dunlap, seconded by Kristin Ing. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Zach Schafer, Program Assistant, was made by Ryan Swan, seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Director's Report:

Director Pieper reminded the group that the Mt. Vernon Conference was upcoming. Pieper also shared a reminder regarding RTI, and that Ali Nordin and Pieper were continuously searching for paraprofessional staff.

Other:

The Fall Governing Board meeting had to be rescheduled for November 13, 2024. The new notice will be sent to all Governing Board Members.

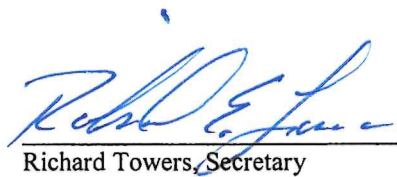
Adjournment:

At 9:30 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Swan, seconded by Steve Smith.

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



Jason Henry, Chairman



Richard Towers, Secretary