



Franklin & Jefferson

COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 801

Executive Board Minutes

December 19, 2024

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Thursday, December 19, 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 1:00 p.m. Roll was taken by the recording secretary, and a quorum was established. All listed Executive Board members were present.

Executive Members Present:

Lindsey Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Richard Towers, Christopher #99
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Adam Cross, Bluford #318
Ryan Swan, Mount Vernon #80
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Chad LeCrone, Mount Vernon #201
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2

Executive Members Absent:

Steve Smith, Benton Grade #47
Craig Kujawa, Grand Prairie #6
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209

Administrative Staff:

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

Guests:

Kashia Cook, Christopher #99

Consent Agenda:

Mike Denault moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 19, 2024.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report

Ryan Swan seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Tammy McCollum, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, DiAnna Thompson, Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Richard Towers, Sarah Mellott, Adam Cross, Mike Denault, Jennifer Arnold, Lindsay Robinson.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Personnel:

Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to employ Haley Cash, Program Assistant, was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Lindsay Robinson. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Tammy McCollum, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, DiAnna Thompson, Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Richard Towers, Sarah Mellott, Adam Cross, Mike Denault, Jennifer Arnold, Lindsay Robinson.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to employ Olivia Cox, Program Assistant, was made by Adan Cross, seconded by Lindsay Robinson. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Tammy McCollum, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, DiAnna Thompson, Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Richard Towers, Sarah Mellott, Adam Cross, Mike Denault, Jennifer Arnold, Lindsay Robinson.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Approve FY 24 Audit Report:

A motion to approve the FY 24 Audit Report as presented was made by Richard Towers, seconded by Quent Hamilton.

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

Director's Report:

Director Pieper reminded the group that Excess Cost is due January 15, 2025. IDEA Part B Grant Final Allocations have been released, and Director Pieper will host Amendment Workshops in February. Director Pieper shared that Mike Horton has submitted a letter of resignation, and his last day is January 10th. Mike provides special education instructional services to Jefferson County Pre-K students in ROE #13 pre-K classrooms.

Other:

Adjournment:

At 1:11 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Kristin Ing.

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



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Jason Henry, Chairman

Richard Towers, Secretary