**Executive Board Minutes**   **December 14, 2023**

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Thursday, December 14, 2023. 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.

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| **Executive Members Present:** |
| Steve Smith, Benton #47 |
| Tammy McCollum, Akin #91Richard Towers, Christopher #99Benjy Johnson, Benton #103Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115 |
| Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188 |
| Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196 |
| Mike Denault, Waltonville #1 |
| Joe Dunlap, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5 |
| Stuart Parks, Grand Prairie #6 |
| Ryan Swan, Mount Vernon #80Neil Hargis, Spring Garden #178 |
| Melanie Andrews, Mount Vernon #201 |
| Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209 |
| Adam Cross, Bluford #318 |

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| **Executive Members Absent:** |
| Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174 |
| Sarah Mellott, Rome #2 |
| Wayne Stone, Field #3 |
| Robin Brooks, McClellan #12 |
| Kim Matthews, Summersville #79 |
| Charley Cass, Bethel #82 |
| Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99 |

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

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801

Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801

Lori McNeal, Bookkeeper, FJSPED #801

**Consent Agenda:**

Ryan Swan 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 21, 2023.

 (b) Approve the Payment of Bills

 (c) Approve the Treasurer’s Report

Adam Cross seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Eric Helbig, Tammy McCollum, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Joe Dunlap,

Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Melanie Andrews, Richard Towers, Steve Smith, Adam Cross, Stuart Parks, Neil Hargis, Mike Denault.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

**Personnel:**

 **Hiring of Personnel**:

A motion to employ Taylor Poe, Program Assistant, was made by Richard Towers, seconded by Steve Smith. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Eric Helbig, Tammy McCollum, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Joe Dunlap,

Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Melanie Andrews, Richard Towers, Steve Smith, Adam Cross, Stuart Parks, Neil Hargis, Mike Denault.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

 None

**New Business:**

None

**Director’s Report:**

Director Pieper reminded the group that Excess Cost is due January 15, 2024. IDEA Part B Grant Final Allocations have not been released yet, and will require amendments once they are released. Upcoming FJSPED Professional Development was shared with the group, and Teach.Train.Thrive. was described, with Superintendents being encouraged to send staff to this behavior training.

**Other:**

**Adjournment:**

At 1:05 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Denault, seconded by Stuart Parks.

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

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Jason Henry, Chairman Richard Towers, Secretary