***Special Education District***

***Franklin and Jefferson Counties***

**Executive Board Minutes**   **November 21, 2023**

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2023. The meeting was held in a Conference Room at the District 80 Office located at 2710 North St., Mt. Vernon, Illinois, with Chairman, Dr. Jason Henry, presiding. At 9:00 a.m. roll was taken by the recording secretary, and a quorum was established. All listed Executive Board members were present.

**Executive Board Present: Executive Board Absent:**

Steve Smith, Benton #47 Tammy McCollum, Akin #91

Richard Towers, Christopher #99 Benjy Johnson, Benton #103

Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188 Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115

Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196 Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174

Mike Denault, Waltonville #1 Stuart Parks, Grand Prairie #6

Sarah Mellott, Rome #2 Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99

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

Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178

Melanie Andrews, Mount Vernon #201

Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209

Adam Cross, Bluford #318

**Administrative Staff:** **Guests:** Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801 Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801 Lori McNeal, Bookkeeper, FJSPED #801

Melissa Furlow, Admin. Asst., FJSPED #801

**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 October 17, 2023

(b) Approve the Payment of Bills

(c) Approve the Treasurer’s Report

(d) Acknowledge RIF Joint Committee, PERA Joint Committee

(e) Approve SIU Educational Affiliation Agreement for Social Work

Joe Dunlap seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called, the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Eric Helbig, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Charley Cass, Sarah Mellott,

Quent Hamilton, Jennifer Arnold, Jason Henry, Joe Dunlap, Ryan Swan, Melanie Andrews,

Richard Towers, Steve Smith, Adam Cross, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

**Personnel:**

**Acknowledge Resignation**:

A motion to approve the resignation of James Fogarty, School Psychologist, was made by

Quent Hamilton, seconded by Mike Denault.

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

**Hiring of Personnel**:

A motion to hire Sydney Engele, School Psychologist, was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by

Richard Towers. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Mike Denault, Adam Cross, Robin Brooks, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry,

Sarah Mellott, Melanie Andrews, Eric Helbig, Jennifer Arnold, Steve Smith, Joe Dunlap,

Kim Matthews, Tammy Beckham, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Richard Towers.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

1. Approve FY23 Audit
2. Approve O&M Contract with Evansville Association for the Blind
3. Approve Affiliation Agreement with University of Illinois School of Social Work

A motion to approve the Audit Report, O&M Contract with Evansville Association for the Blind,and affiliation agreement with University of Illinois School of Social Work was made by Steve Smith, seconded by Ryan Swan. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Mike Denault, Adam Cross, Robin Brooks, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry,

Sarah Mellott, Melanie Andrews, Eric Helbig, Jennifer Arnold, Steve Smith, Joe Dunlap,

Kim Matthews, Tammy Beckham, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Richard Towers.

**Director’s Report:**

Director Pieper shared information regarding Excess Cost with a due date of January 15, 2024.

Director Pieper shared the RIF Committee and PERA Committee member names, who met on

August 18, 2023.

**Other:**

None

**Adjournment:**

At 9:08 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Joe Dunlap.

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

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Jason Henry, Chairman Richard Towers, Secretary