



**Executive Board Minutes**

**February 18, 2025**

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The meeting was held in the conference room at the Franklin-Jefferson Counties Special Education Office located at 409 E. Park St., Benton, IL. Chairman, Jason Henry, called the meeting to order at 9:14 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:**

Sarah Mellott, Rome #2  
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  
Craig Kujawa, Grand Prairie #6  
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99  
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209  
Neil Hargis, Spring Garden #178  
Adam Cross, Bluford #318

**Executive Members Absent:**

Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174  
Steve Smith, Benton #47  
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3  
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5  
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79  
Ryan Swan, Mount Vernon #80  
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79  
Charley Cass, Bethel #62  
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon High #201

**Administrative Staff:**

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

**Guests:**

Kashia Cook, Christopher #99

**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 January 21, 2025
- (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: Jamey Hodges, Tammy McCollum, Eric Helbig, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Sarah Mellott, Richard Towers, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Neil Hargis, Mike Denault.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



**Personnel:**

**Acknowledge Resignation:**

A motion to approve the resignation of Speech and Language Pathologist Katie Maberry, was made by Jamey Hodges, seconded by Quent Hamilton.

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

**Hiring of Personnel:**

A motion to hire Jenny Vaughn, Occupational Therapist, was by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Craig Kujawa. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Jamey Hodges, Tammy McCollum, Eric Helbig, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Sarah Mellott, Richard Towers, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Neil Hargis, Mike Denault.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Keanna Coggins, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, was made by Quent Hamilton, seconded by Kristin Ing. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded.

Voting for the Motion: Jamey Hodges, Tammy McCollum, Eric Helbig, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Sarah Mellott, Richard Towers, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Neil Hargis, Mike Denault.

Motion carried.

A motion to Hire Scott Britton, Educational Technologist, was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Kristin Ing. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded.

Voting for the Motion: Jamey Hodges, Tammy McCollum, Eric Helbig, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Sarah Mellott, Richard Towers, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Neil Hargis, Mike Denault.

Motion carried.

A motion to hire Tomasa Short, Program Assistant, was made by Tammy McCollum, seconded by Eric Helbig. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded.

Voting for the Motion: Jamey Hodges, Tammy McCollum, Eric Helbig, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Sarah Mellott, Richard Towers, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Neil Hargis, Mike Denault.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Abigail Roberts, Program Assistant, was made by Richard Towers, Seconded by Quent Hamilton. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded.

Voting for the Motion: Jamey Hodges, Tammy McCollum, Eric Helbig, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Sarah Mellott, Richard Towers, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Neil Hargis, Mike Denault.

Motion carried.



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**Old Business:**

**None:**

**New Business:**

**None:**

**Director's Report:**

Director Pieper shared the TMC date, April 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., and shared that the Needs Assessment will be sent out shortly. Please share the Needs Assessment with staff. Director Pieper also shared the Child Count Certification dates are March 14-28<sup>th</sup>, and a reminder email will be sent.

**Other:**

Governing Board is scheduled for March 25, 2025 at 6:30pm at the FJSPED Office.

**Adjournment:**

At 9:23 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Mike Denault.

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