

*Special Education District
Franklin and Jefferson Counties*

Governing Board Minutes

August 6, 2026

A Special Meeting of the Governing Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties was held on Thursday August 6, 2026, at the Franklin-Jefferson Counties Special Education, Benton, Illinois. Chairman Jaymie Nunnery called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The recording secretary took roll and a quorum was established. Steve Smith presented Lex Stewart's proxy, Benjy Johnson presented Robin LaBuwi's proxy, Kristin Ing presented Jonathan Edward's proxy, Jason Henry presented Clark Lance's proxy. Mike Denault presented Stacy Klinger's proxy. The Listed Governing Board members were physically present.

Voting Members Present:

Steve Smith, Benton #47
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
Krista Shelby, Thompsonville Unit #174
Ryan Martin, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Matt Bryan, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Debra Meredith, Grand Prairie #6
Jaymie Nunnery, Mt Vernon Grades #80
Brandon McCoy, Bethel #82
Terry Knowles, Mt. Vernon #201
Kevin Withrow, Bluford #318

Non-voting Guests:

District Administrative Staff:

Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801

Personnel:

Resignation:

A motion to accept the resignation of Jera Pieper, Director of Special Education #801 was made by Steve Smith, Seconded by Ryan Martin.

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

Executive Session:

At 6:32 p.m. a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering *Information Regarding Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees (5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1))* was made by Terry Knowles, seconded by Kristin Ing.

Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the motion: Steve Smith, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Krista Shelby, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Jaymie Nunnery, Brandon McCoy, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried.

At 6:45 p.m. a motion to come out of Executive Closed Session and return to Open Session was made by Kristin Ing, seconded by Ryan Swan A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the motion: Steve Smith, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Krista Shelby, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Jaymie Nunnery, Brandon McCoy, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried.

A motion to Hire employ Cory Wisniewski. Administrator, was made by Terry Knowles Seconded by Debra Meredith. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the motion: Steve Smith, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Krista Shelby, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Jaymie Nunnery, Brandon McCoy, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried.

A motion to employ Jera Pieper, Part-Time Director, for a period of one year, ending June 30th, 2027, was made by Kristin Ing, seconded by Ryan Martin. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the motion: Steve Smith, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Krista Shelby, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Jaymie Nunnery, Brandon McCoy, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried.

Other:

Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Aug 31, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. the FJSPED Office.

Adjournment:

At 6:49 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Withrow, seconded by Debra Meredith.

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

Jaymie Nunnery, Chairman

Debra Meredith, Secretary