



Franklin & Jefferson

COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 801

Executive Board Minutes

August 18, 2026

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. The meeting was held in the conference room at Franklin-Jefferson Counties Special Education, Benton, IL. Chairman, Mike Denault, called the meeting to order at 9:00 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:

Steve Smith, Benton #47
Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Kashia Cook, Christopher #99F
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Ryan Swan, Mount Vernon #80
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209
Adam Cross, Bluford #318

Executive Members Absent:

Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Craig Clark, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Tommi Ryan, Grand Prairie #6
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99J

Administrative Staff:

Cory Wisniewski, Administrator, FJSPED #801
Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801
Missy Furlow, Office Manager, FJSPED #801

Guests:

Consent Agenda:

Adam Cross moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Previous Meetings of July 21, 2026 & August 6, 2026.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Approve Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loan

Lindsay Robinson seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Jason Henry, Adam Cross, Chad LeCrone, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan, Benjy Johnson, Kashia Cook.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Personnel:

(a) Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to Employ Deborah Woolard as Human Resource/Fiscal Services/Grant Manager, was made by Lindsay Robinson, and seconded by Chad LeCrone. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Jason Henry, Adam Cross, Chad LeCrone, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan, Benjy Johnson, Kashia Cook.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to employ John R. Blondi as Provisional Special Education Teacher, was made by Adam Cross and seconded by Eric Helbig.

Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Jason Henry, Adam Cross, Chad LeCrone, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan, Benjy Johnson, Kashia Cook.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to amend School Psychologist Contract for Irene Keller, was made by Tammy Beckham and seconded by Quent Hamilton.

Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Jason Henry, Adam Cross, Chad LeCrone, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan, Benjy Johnson, Kashia Cook.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

(b) Fellowship Contracts

A motion to approve Teacher of the Visually Impaired Fellowship Agreement for Gretchn Wilburn, was made by Jason Henry, seconded by Lindsay Robinson.

Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Jason Henry, Chad LeCrone, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan, Benjy Johnson, Kashia Cook.

Motion to abstain was made by Adam Cross.

Motion Carried.

A motion to approve School Psychology Fellowship Agreement for Sydney Downen, was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Adam Cross.



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Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Jason Henry, Adam Cross, Chad LeCrone, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan, Benjy Johnson, Kashia Cook.

Motion Carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

(a) Appoint certain managers/officers/coordinator

- a. Complaint Manager
- b. Freedom of Information Act Officer
- c. Open Meetings Act Officer
- d. District Non-Discrimination Coordinator

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

Director's Report:

Administrator Wisniewski reviewed PD opportunities available to Cooperative members and highlighted the Brandon Wright Special Admin Academy Education Legal Update on the 24th of July. In addition, he reviewed future board packet distribution plan which will include sharing the packet as a folder with individual tabs.

Other:

Adjournment:

At 9:13 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Swan, and seconded by Adam Cross.

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

Mike Denault, Chairman

Quent Hamilton, Secretary