



Franklin & Jefferson

COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 801

Executive Board Minutes

May 20, 2025

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. The meeting was held in the conference room at the District 80 Office located at 2710 North Street, Mount Vernon, IL. Chairman, Jason Henry, 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
Richard Towers, Christopher #99
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Ryan Swan, Mount Vernon #80
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Chad LeCrone, Mount Vernon #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209
Adam Cross, Bluford #318
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12

Executive Members Absent:

Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke Belle-Rive # 5
Craig Kujawa, Grand Prairie #6
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99J

Administrative Staff:

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801
Ali Nordin, Assistant Director FJSPED #801
Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801

Guests:

Kashia Cook, Christopher #99

Consent Agenda:

Eric Helbig moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

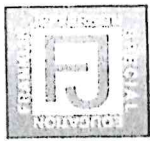
- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 24, 2025.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Approve the Contract Renewal with Brecht's Database Solutions.

Ryan Swan seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Personnel:

Consider Maternity Leave Request:

A motion to approve the Maternity Leave for Chelsea Kelley, Lindsey Yordy, and Kara Hybbert was made by Quent Hamilton, seconded by Steve Smith.

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

Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to hire Tali Kasser, School Psychologist, was made by Richard Towers, seconded by Ryan Swan. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Shari Berger, Supervisor, was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Mike Denault. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Avery Cook, Speech and Language Pathologist, was made by Quent Hamilton, seconded by Chad LeCrone. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Sumitha McCauley, School Social Worker, was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Jennifer Arnold. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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A motion to hire Hailey Whisenant, School Social Worker, was made by Mike Denault, seconded by Tammy Beckham. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Voting to Abstain: Eric Helbig

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

None:

Director's Report:

Director Pieper reported that IDEA FY25 funds and Non-public proportionate share were still not released. Grant workshops will be planned once the financial information is available from ISBE. Director Pieper and FJSPED Supervisors are in the process of assisting Districts who did not meet MOE with Exemptions. Director Pieper reminded Districts to complete the FY 25 Grants and to utilize the "subgrant" portion. Claims packets have been sent to each Superintendent. Please return those ASAP so Missy and Andrea can start completing Claims. PCG is reporting overbilling by FJSPED and several Districts due to one to one aides claiming higher numbers than the state average. Director Pieper is meeting with PCG and Embrace to work through the issue. FJSPED was required to pay an additional 13th payment to the Egyptian Trust \$40,413.

Other:

None:

Adjournment:

At 9:12 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Richard Towers.

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

Jason Henry, Chairman

Richard Towers, Secretary