



Franklin & Jefferson

COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 801

Executive Board Minutes

October 21, 2025

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. The meeting was held in the conference room at Franklin-Jefferson Counties Special Education, Benton, 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
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Tommi Ryan, Grand Prairie #6
Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon #80
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Chad LeCrone, Mount Vernon #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209

Executive Members Absent:

Tammy McCollum, Akin #9
Kashia Cook, Christopher #99
Charlie Cass, Bethel #82
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99
Adam Cross, Bluford #318

Administrative Staff:

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801
Andrea Kelley, Executive Asst, FJSPED #801
Missy Furlow, Administrative Asst, FJSPED #801

Guests:

Consent Agenda:

Quent Hamilton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 16, 2025.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Approve Revolving Lines of Credit (2)
- (e) Approve Appointment of IMRF Authorized Agent
- (f) Approve Agreement with ROE #13 Preschool for All/Expansion

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

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Lindsay Robinson, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, DiAnna Thompson, Tommi Ryan, Ryan Swan, Tammy Beckham, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignation of LBS1 Teacher, Leigh Ann Kerley, was made by Steve Smith, and seconded by Eric Helbig.

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

A motion to approve the resignation of Program Assistant, Kelly Harris, was made by Benjy Johnson, seconded by Quent Hamilton.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Salary and Fringe Benefits Report:

The FJSPED staff Salary is approved through FY27. No action to be taken at this time.

Director's Report:

Director Pieper shared that Ali Nordin and Pieper were continuously searching for paraprofessional staff, and are searching for an LBS1 Special Education Teacher as well.

Other:

The Fall Governing Board meeting has been scheduled for October 30, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. at the FJSPED office.

Adjournment:

At 9:05 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Ryan Swan.

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

Jason Henry, Chairman

Quent Hamilton, Secretary