



Franklin & Jefferson

COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 801

Executive Board Minutes

July 15, 2025

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. The meeting was held in the conference room at 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:

Kristin Ing, Ewing #115
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Tommi Jo Ryan, Grand Prairie #6
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon Grade #80
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99J
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon High #201
Adam Cross, Bluford #318

Executive Members Absent:

Steve Smith, Benton Grade #47
Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Kashia Cook, Christopher #99F
Benjy Johnson, Benton High #103
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209

Administrative Staff:

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801
Missy Furlow, Administrative Assistant, FJSPED#801

Guests:

Consent Agenda:

Sarah Mellott moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 17, 2025.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report

Jamey Hodges seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Robin Brooks, Charley Cass, Sarah Mellott, Quent Hamilton, Jennifer Arnold, Jason Henry, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Jamey Hodges, Adam Cross, Tommi Jo Ryan, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Personnel:

Acknowledge Retirement Request:

A motion to approve the retirement request as presented for Andrea Kelley, Executive Assistant, Office Manager, and Board Treasurer, was made by Jason Henry and seconded by Adam Cross.

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



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Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to hire Kimberly Wright, LBSI Teacher, was made by Mike Denault, and seconded by Robin Brooks. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Robin Brooks, Charley Cass, Sarah Mellott, Quent Hamilton, Jennifer Arnold, Jason Henry, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Jamey Hodges, Adam Cross, Tommi Jo Ryan, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

- (a) Executive Board Committee Appointments
- (b) Consider next Governing Board Meeting Date

A motion to approve the Proposed Budget for FY26 was made by Jennifer Arnold and seconded by Ryan Swan. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Robin Brooks, Charley Cass, Sarah Mellott, Quent Hamilton, Jennifer Arnold, Jason Henry, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Jamey Hodges, Adam Cross, Tommi Jo Ryan, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to consider status of closed session minutes and/or destruction of closed session verbatim record audio records was made by Adam Cross, and seconded by Kristin Ing.

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

Chairperson Jason Henry shared the Committee Appointments with the group.

The next Governing Board is scheduled for August 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the FJSPED Conference Room.

Director's Report:

Director Pieper shared that iReady will again be purchased for the Districts. Director Pieper shared that IDEA Part B Grants should be submitted by now, so please check for approval. ACH payments are an option for grant invoice payment. Brandon Wright will host an Admin Academy on August 26, 2025, free to member Districts.

Other:



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Adjournment:

At 9:11 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Robin Brooks, seconded by Adam Cross.

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

Jason Henry, Chairman

Quent Hamilton, Secretary