



Executive Board Minutes

September 15, 2026

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. The meeting was held in the conference room at the District 80 Office located at 2710 North Street, Mount Vernon, 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
Eric 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
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
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
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:

Scott Williams, Mount Vernon #80

Consent Agenda:

Jason Henry moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 18, 2026.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Approve Contract with Illinois School for the Blind
- (e) Approve Contract with Strategic Education Partners

Robin Brooks seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Eric Helbig, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Eric McCollum, Lindsay Robinson,



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Sarah Mellott, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Chad LeCrone, Kashia Cook, Steve Smith, Adam Cross, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Personnel:

Acknowledge Maternity Leave:

A motion to approve the maternity leave for Sophia Greaves from November 1, 2026 to January 28, 2027 was made by Ryan Swan and seconded by Tammy Beckham.

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

Acknowledge Resignations:

A motion to approve the resignations of Special Education Teacher, Gabrielle Lyell, and Program Assistant, Tabatha Booten, was made by Adam Cross, and seconded by Quent Hamilton.

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

Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to hire Zachiah Sledge, Special Education Teacher, was made by Tammy Beckham, seconded by Adam Cross. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Sydney Downen, Proctor, was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Adam Cross. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Rhonda Delaney, Program Assistant, was made by Quent Hamilton, seconded by Ryan Swan. A roll call vote was taken.

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



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Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Camdyn Hill, Program Assistant, was made by Tammy Beckham, seconded by Sarah Mellott. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Brittany Tolley, Program Assistant, was made by Benjy Johnson, seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Cassandra Gill, Program Assistant, was made by Chade LeCrone, seconded by Eric McCollum. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Baylee Riddle, Program Assistant, was made by Jason Henry, seconded by Robin Brooks. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Samantha Kokoska, Program Assistant, was made by Tammy Beckham, seconded by Eric Helbig. A roll call vote was taken.

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



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Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

None

Director's Report:

Administrator Wisniewski reported on information provided by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) regarding the cyclical monitoring process and reviewed the monitoring schedule with the attending districts. He then provided an update on Brittany's Law ([105 ILCS 5/14-16](#)), which governs graduation ceremony participation for special education students, in collaboration with the Benton High School Superintendent. Additionally, Administrator Wisniewski reviewed the newly added FJSPED Special Education procedure document uploaded to the website, encouraging districts to either adopt the policy or draft their own localized language to ensure full compliance with ISBE Special Education standards.

Other:

Governing Board meeting is set for October 29, 2026 @ 6:30p.m.

Adjournment:

At 9:20 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Quent Hamilton.

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

Mike Denault, Chairman

Quent Hamilton, Secretary