



Franklin & Jefferson

COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 801

Executive Board Minutes

March 18, 2026

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. The meeting was held in the conference room at the District 80 Office located at 2710 North Street, Mt. 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
Kashia Cook, Christopher #99
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Adam Cross, Bluford #318
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Tommy Ryan, Grand Prairie #6
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon #80
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209

Executive Members Absent:

Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99

Administrative Staff:

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801
Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801

Guests:

Consent Agenda:

Lindsay Robinson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 17, 2026.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report

Adam Cross seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion carried.

Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignations of Speech Therapist, Baylee Eubanks, Program Aide, Melissa Brown, Program Aide, Olivia Cox, Program Aide, Candace McMillon, LBSI Teacher, Sandra Sorensen, and LBSI Teacher Brooklyn Calcaterra was made by Sarah Mellott seconded by Mike Denault.

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 Speech Therapist, Daphne Gribble was made by Ryan Swan, seconded by Eric Helbig, A roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion carried.

A motion to hire Speech Therapist, Sophia Greaves was made by Jennifer Arnold, seconded by Tammy Beckham. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion carried.

Directors Evaluation FY26:

Dr. Henry shared timely information about the evaluation of Director Pieper. Dr. Henry thanked everyone for their participation in the evaluation, there was 100 percent feedback.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

A motion to approve the Infinitec Assistive Coalition Membership Renewal FY 27 was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Mike Denault. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion carried.

A motion to approve FY27 Extended School Year Services was made by Lindsay Robinson, seconded by Quent Hamilton.

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

Director's Report:

Director Pieper shared that TMC will take place on April 16th at 9:00 a.m. at the FJSPED Central Office. The Needs Assessment Survey was recently emailed and Director Pieper asked Superintendents please share the survey with staff and complete the survey yourself so FJSPED can best provide needed services and professional development



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to member Districts. Pieper will provide the Needs Assessment data to Districts for the consolidated district plan (CDP). IDEA Grant amendments should be complete at this time, please review for approval.

Other:

Dr. Henry reminded everyone that there is a Governing Board Meeting April 7th, 2026 at the FJSPED office at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

At 9:07 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Swan, seconded by Quent Hamilton.

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

Jason Henry, Chairman

Quent Hamilton, Secretary