



Franklin & Jefferson

COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 801

Executive Board Minutes

November 18, 2025

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 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
Kashia Cook, Christopher #99
Benjy Johnson, Benton High #103
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Tommi Ryan, Grand Prairie #6
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon #80
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99J
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209
Adam Cross, Bluford #318
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5

Executive Members Absent:

Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Kristin Ing, Ewing #115
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178

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 October 21, 2025.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Acknowledge RIF Joint Committee, PERA Joint Committee

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

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Jennifer Arnold, Tommi Ryan, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignation of Educational Technologist, Brandy Collins, was made by Quent Hamilton, seconded by Adam Cross.

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

Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to hire Heather 'Nicci' Miller, Program Supervisor, was made by Steve Smith, seconded by Lindsay Robinson. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Jennifer Arnold, Tommi Ryan, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Jami Day, Program Assistant, was made by Jamey Hodges, seconded by Adam Cross. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Jennifer Arnold, Tommi Ryan, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Beverly Presley, Program Assistant, was made by Chad LeCrone, seconded by Benjy Johnson. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Jennifer Arnold, Tommi Ryan, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

E-Learning Plan for Oakland Education Center:

Chairman Jason Henry opened the E-Learning Plan Hearing at 9:05 a.m. Director Pieper gave an overview of the E-Learning Plan. Chairman Henry closed the E-Learning Plan Hearing at 9:06 a.m. A motion to approve the E-Learning Plan as presented was made by Ryan Swan, seconded by Adam Cross. A roll call vote was taken.



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Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Jennifer Arnold, Tommi Ryan, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Director's Report:

Director Pieper shared that FJPSD has several open positions for LBS1 teacher and program assistants. Policy work on the next update will begin in early 2026.

Other:

None

Adjournment:

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

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

Jason Henry, Chairman

Quent Hamilton, Secretary