



Franklin & Jefferson

COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 801

Executive Board Minutes

December 18, 2025

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Thursday, December 18, 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 1:03 p.m. Roll was taken by the recording secretary, and a quorum was established. All listed Executive Board members were present.

Executive Members Present:

Lindsey Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Kashia Cook, Christopher #99
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Adam Cross, Bluford #318
Ryan Swan, Mount Vernon #80
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178(1:05)
Chad LeCrone, Mount Vernon #201
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Steve Smith, Benton Grade #47
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99

Executive Members Absent:

Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Tommi Ryan, Grand Prairie #6
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3

Administrative Staff:

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

Guests:

Consent Agenda:

Mike Denault moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 18, 2025.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report

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

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Tammy McCollum, Kaisha Cook, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Personnel:

Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to approve the updated contract for Heather "Nicci" Miller, was made by Steve Smith, seconded by Eric Helbig. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Tammy McCollum, Kaisha Cook, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to employ Katherin Hall, Program Assistant, was made by Lindsay Robinson, seconded by Kristin Ing. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Tammy McCollum, Kaisha Cook, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to employ Kasi Reynolds, Program Assistant, was made by Jamey Hodges, seconded by Chad LeCrone. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Tammy McCollum, Kaisha Cook, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Approve FY 25 Audit Report:

A motion to approve the FY 25 Audit Report as presented was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Mike Denault.

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

Executive Session:

At 1:07 p.m. a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering *Information Regarding Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees (5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1))* was made by Steve Smith, seconded by Eric Helbig.



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Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the motion: Steve Smith, Tammy McCollum, Kaisha Cook, Benjy Johnson, Kristin Ing, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross, Tammy Beckham.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried.

At 1:12 p.m. a motion to come out of Executive Closed Session and return to Open Session was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Jamey Hodges.

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

Director's Report:

Director Pieper reminded the group that Excess Cost is due January 15, 2026. IDEA Part B Grant Final Allocations have been released, and Director Pieper will host Amendment Workshops in February.

Other:

Adjournment:

At 1:16 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Quent Hamilton.

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

Jason Henry, Chairman

Quent Hamilton, Secretary