

*Special Education District
Franklin and Jefferson Counties*

Governing Board Minutes

August 28, 2025

The Governing Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Thursday August 28, 2025. The meeting was held at the Franklin-Jefferson Co Special Education office, Benton, Illinois. Chairperson Nunnery called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The recording secretary took roll and a quorum was established. Kristin Ing presented a proxy for Jonathon Edwards, Jason Henry presented a proxy for Clark Lance. Kim Matthews presented a proxy for Jay Tate. The listed Governing Board members were present.

Voting Members Present:

Lex Stewart, Benton #47
Travis Seddon, Akin #91
Kristin Ing, Ewing Northern #115
Ryan Martin, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Douglas Hoffman, Rome #2
Adam Adcock, Field #3
Matt Bryan, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5(6:31)
Debra Meredith, Grand Prairie #6
Crystal Clarke, McClellan #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Jaymie Nunnery, Mt Vernon Grades #80
Terry Knowles, Mt. Vernon #201
Kevin Withrow, Bluford #318

District Administrative Staff:

Jera Pieper, Director
Andrea Kelley, Treasurer

Non-voting Guests:

Appointment of Officers:

Director Pieper presented as the Temporary Chairperson for Appointment of Officers.

With Director Pieper presiding, nominations were opened for Governing Board Chairperson. Director Pieper shared that the following Governing Board members were willing to serve another year in Officer Positions: Jamie Nunnery as Board Chairman, Lex Stewart as Vice Chairman, and Debra Meredith as Secretary. A motion was made by Terry Knowles, seconded by Kristin Ing. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the motion: Lex Stewart, Travis Seddon, Kristin Ing, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Douglas Hoffman, Adam Adcock, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Crystal Clarke, Kim Matthews, Jaymie Nunnery, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried

Minutes, Financial Report & Inter -Fund Loan Resolution:

The minutes of the March 25, 2025 Regular Meeting, the July 2025 Financial Report and the annual Inter-Fund Loan Resolution were presented. A motion was made by Crystal Clarke, seconded by Debra Meredith. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the motion: Lex Stewart, Travis Seddon, Kristin Ing, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Douglas Hoffman, Adam Adcock, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Crystal Clarke, Kim Matthews, Jaymie Nunnery, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried

FY26 Budget Hearing and Approval

Chairman Jamie Nunnery opened the Budget Hearing at 6:38 p.m. Director Pieper gave an overview of the budget. Chairman Nunnery closed the Budget Hearing at 6:42 p.m. A motion to approve the FY26 Budget as presented was made by Lex Stewart, seconded by Kristin Ing. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the motion: Lex Stewart, Travis Seddon, Kristin Ing, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Douglas Hoffman, Adam Adcock, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Crystal Clarke, Kim Matthews, Jaymie Nunnery, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried

Personnel:

Employment Calendar

A motion to approve the August 19, 2025 Employment Calendar, representing personnel action taken by the Executive Board at the April 24, 2025, May 20, 2025, June 17, 2025, July 15, 2025 and August 19, 2025 as presented was made by Terry Knowles seconded by Crystal Clarke. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the motion: Lex Stewart, Travis Seddon, Kristin Ing, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Douglas Hoffman, Adam Adcock, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Crystal Clarke, Kim Matthews, Jaymie Nunnery, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried

Motion to Appoint/Retain Franczek, P.C. as an additional cooperative counsel in a non-exclusive arrangement:

A motion to retain Franczek, P.C. as additional counsel was made by Douglas Hoffman, seconded by Ryan Martin. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the motion: Lex Stewart, Travis Seddon, Kristin Ing, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Douglas Hoffman, Adam Adcock, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Crystal Clarke, Kim Matthews, Jaymie Nunnery, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion to approve revised Board Policies:

A motion to approve the updated policies as presented was made by Debra Meredith, seconded by Adam Adcock. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the motion: Lex Stewart, Travis Seddon, Kristin Ing, Ryan Martin, Jason Henry, Douglas Hoffman, Adam Adcock, Matt Bryan, Debra Meredith, Crystal Clarke, Kim Matthews, Jaymie Nunnery, Terry Knowles, Kevin Withrow.

Voting against the motion: None

Motion carried

Other:

The October Governing Board will meet October 30, 2025 at the FJSPED Office 6:30 meeting, with dinner immediately after.

Adjournment:

At 6:49 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Debra Meredith, seconded by Adam Adcock.

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

Jamie Nunnery, Chairman

Debra Meredith, Secretary