



Executive Board Minutes

July 21, 2026

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. The meeting was held in the conference room at 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
Kristin Ing, Ewing #115
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Craig Clark, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Ryan Swan, Mount Vernon #80
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99J
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Chad LeCrone, Mount Vernon #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209
Adam Cross, Bluford #318

Executive Members Absent:

Kashia Cook, Christopher #99
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Tommi Ryan, Grand Prairie #6
Charley Cass, Bethel #82

Administrative Staff:

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801
Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801
Missy Furlow, Office Manager, FJSED #801

Guests:

Consent Agenda:

Adam Cross moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 16, 2026
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Approve the Partnership Agreement with SIUC for Southern Region Early Childhood Programs
- (e) Approve MOU with ROE #13 Birth to Three
- (f) Approve Food Services Contract with Mount Vernon District #80
- (g) Approve Food Services Contract with Summersville Grade #79
- (h) Approve Food Services Contract with Christopher #99
- (i) Approve Food Services Contract with Sesser-Valier #196

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

Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Jamey Hodges, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Kim Matthews, Jason Henry, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kristin Ing, Adam Cross, Chad LeCrone, Craig Clark, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan.



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Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignation of Director of Special Education, Jera Pieper, was made by Jamey Hodges, seconded by Lindsay Robinson.

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

Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to hire Alyssa Travis, Program Assistant, was made by Sarah Mellott, and seconded by Chad LeCrone.

Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Jamey Hodges, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Kim Matthews, Jason Henry, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kristin Ing, Adam Cross, Chad LeCrone, Craig Clark, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan.

Voting against the motion: None.

Motion carried.

A motion to hire Brecca Wyant, Program Assistant, was made by Quent Hamilton, and seconded by Tammy Beckham.

Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Jamey Hodges, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Kim Matthews, Jason Henry, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kristin Ing, Adam Cross, Chad LeCrone, Craig Clark, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan.

Voting against the motion: None.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

Ryan Swan moved to approve the New Business. The items assigned to the New Business were as follows:

- (a) Approve Proposed Budget FY27
- (b) Approve Executive Board Committee Appointments
- (c) Consider Status of closed session minutes and/or destruction of closed session verbatim record audio recordings
- (d) Consider next Governing Board Meeting Date

Kristin Ing seconded the motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Sarah Mellott, Jamey Hodges, Steve Smith, Eric Helbig, Tammy Beckham, Lindsay Robinson, Kim Matthews, Jason Henry, Jennifer Arnold, Robin Brooks, Kristin Ing, Adam Cross, Chad LeCrone, Craig Clark, Quent Hamilton, Eric McCollum, Mike Denault, Ryan Swan.



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Voting against the motion: None.

Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Other:

Adjournment:

At 9:08 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Lindsay Robinson.

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

Mike Denault, Chairman

Quent Hamilton, Secretary