



Executive Board Minutes

June 16, 2026

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, June 16, 2026. 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 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:

Robin Brooks, McClellan #12(9:05)
Tammy McCollum, Akin Grade #91
Kashia Cook, Christopher Unit #99
Charlie Cass, Bethel #82
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton Unit #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier Unit #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville Unit #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome Grade #2
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Tommi Ryan, Grand Prairie Grade #6
Mary McGreer, Mt. Vernon Grade #80
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden Grade #178
Adam Cross, Bluford Unit #318

Executive Members Absent:

Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Steve Smith, Benton #47
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon #201
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
DiAnna Thompson, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn Unit #209

Administrative Staff:

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

Guests:

Election and Appointment of Officers:

Jera Pieper opened nominations for Executive Board with a slate of officers, including Mike Denault as Chairman, Sarah Mellott, Vice Chairman, and Quent Hamilton, Secretary. Director Pieper asked for other nominations and hearing none the nominations were closed. Benjy Johnson made the motion to elect the slate and Tammy Beckham seconded it. The motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes with nays being none.

Director Pieper recommended that Andrea Kelley be appointed Treasurer for FJSPED #801. Adam Cross made a motion, seconded by Tammy McCollum. The motion carried with a voice vote of all nays being none.

Consent Agenda:

Quent Hamilton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 19, 2026.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report

Jason Henry seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Tammy McCollum, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Tommi Ryan, Mary McGreer, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignation of Program Assistants, Taylor Poe, Eryn Colyer, Katherine Hall, was made by Tammy Beckham, seconded by Sarah Mellott.

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

Acknowledge Maternity Leave:

A motion to approve the maternity leave for Avery Cook from September 7, 2026 to Dec 14, 2026 was made by Quent Hamilton, seconded by Adam Cross.

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

Approval of Contracts:

A motion to approve the contract for Heather "Nicci" Miller, FY 2026-2027 Program Supervisor was made by Tammy McCollum, seconded by Tammy Beckham. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Tammy McCollum, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Tommi Ryan, Mary McGreer, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Adam Cross, Robin Brooks.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to approve the contract for Ali Nordin, Assistant Director, 2026-27, 2027-28, and 2028-29 was made by Charley Cass, Seconded by Tammy Beckham. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Tammy McCollum, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Tommi Ryan, Mary McGreer, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Adam Cross, Robin Brooks.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to approve the contract for Melissa" Missy" Furlow, office Manager, was made by Adam Cross, Seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Tammy McCollum, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Tommi Ryan, Mary McGreer, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Adam Cross, Robin Brooks.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

LBS1 Fellowship Contract:

A motion to approve the Fellowship Contract between Tomasa Short and WGU in exchange for serving as an LBS1 Teacher for FJSPED was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Robin Brooks. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Tammy McCollum, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Tommi Ryan, Mary McGreer, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Adam Cross, Robin Brooks.



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Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

Steve Smith moved to approve the New Business. The items assigned to the New Business were as follows:

- (a) Approve Calendar of Executive Board Meetings for 2026-2027
- (b) Approve Educational Assessment for 2026-2027
- (c) Appoint Newspaper for Legal Notices
- (d) Approve "Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities".

A motion was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Adam Cross to accept the Calendar of Executive Board Meetings 2026-2027.

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

A motion was made by Jason Henry, seconded by Quent Hamilton to accept the 2026-2027 Education Assessment as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Tammy McCollum, Kashia Cook, Benjy Johnson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Tommi Ryan, Mary McGreer, Charley Cass, Tammy Beckham, Adam Cross, Robin Brooks.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to appoint the Benton Evening news to publish legal notices for FJSPED was made by Benjy Johnson, seconded by Adam Cross.

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

A motion to accept the Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities as presented was made by Robin Brooks, seconded by Tammy Beckham.

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

Director's Report:

Director Pieper asked that Districts review their IDEA Part B Consolidated Grants and reminded Districts to utilize their subgrant amounts. Director Pieper shared that FY25 IDEA grants have been loaded into the IWAS system and grant drafting sessions are scheduled. Director Pieper and Assistant Director Nordin shared the tentative CPI schedule.

Other:

Mike Denault and the Board thanked Tammy McCollum for all her years of dedication to Education. Everyone wished Tammy a wonderful retirement.



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Adjournment:

At 9:17 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Sarah Mellott.

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

Mike Denault, Chairman

Quent Hamilton, Secretary