



Franklin & Jefferson

COUNTIES SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 801

Executive Board Minutes

August 20, 2024

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. 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:

Steve Smith, Benton #47
Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Richard Towers, Christopher #99F
Benjy Johnson, Benton #103
Kristin Ing, Ewing #115
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Joe Dunlap, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Craig Kujawa, Grand Prairie #6
Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon #80
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209
Adam Cross, Bluford #318

Executive Members Absent:

Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99J

Administrative Staff:

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801
Andrea Kelley, Treasurer, FJSPED #801
Ali Nordin, Assistant Director, FJSPED #801
Missy Furlow, Admin Asst., FJSPED #801

Guests:

Kaisha Cook, Asst. Superintendent, Christopher #99F

Consent Agenda:

Tammy Beckham moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The items assigned to the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- (a) Approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 16, 2024.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Approve Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loan

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

Voting for the Motion: Eric Helbig, Tammy McCollum, Sarah Mellott, Quent Hamilton, Jennifer Arnold, Jason Henry, Joe Dunlap, Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Richard Towers, Steve Smith, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



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Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignations of Savannah Dunn, School Psychologist; Angel Sanders, Program Assistant; and Austin Williams, Program Assistant, was made by Mike Denault and seconded by Ryan Swan.

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

Motion carried.

Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to hire Alyssa Guzman, Assessment Proctor, was made by Craig Kujawa, and seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Eric Helbig, Tammy McCollum, Sarah Mellott, Quent Hamilton, Jennifer Arnold, Jason Henry, Joe Dunlap, Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Richard Towers, Steve Smith, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Motion carried.

A motion to hire Alyssa Basenberg, Administrative Assistant, was made by Richard Towers, and seconded by Tammy Beckham. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Eric Helbig, Tammy McCollum, Sarah Mellott, Quent Hamilton, Jennifer Arnold, Jason Henry, Joe Dunlap, Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Richard Towers, Steve Smith, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Motion carried.

A motion to hire Samantha Kokoska-Morneweg, Assessment Proctor, was made by Steve Smith, and seconded by Sarah Mellott. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Eric Helbig, Tammy McCollum, Sarah Mellott, Quent Hamilton, Jennifer Arnold, Jason Henry, Joe Dunlap, Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Richard Towers, Steve Smith, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Motion carried.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

(A) Consider Professional Concerns:

(B) Lease Agreement with MVTs



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A motion to approve the Professional Concerns Responses and Lease Agreement with MVTHS was made by Steve Smith and seconded by Adam Cross. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Eric Helbig, Tammy McCollum, Sarah Mellott, Quent Hamilton, Jennifer Arnold, Jason Henry, Joe Dunlap, Benjy Johnson, Ryan Swan, Kristin Ing, Chad LeCrone, Richard Towers, Steve Smith, Adam Cross, Craig Kujawa, Tammy Beckham, Mike Denault.

Motion carried.

Director's Report:

Director Pieper shared the PD calendar with Superintendents. Pieper also shared the RIF and PERA Joint Committee meeting date. Information for Brandon Wright's Administrator Academy was shared with the group. Director Pieper shared that Menta Academy hopes to have a location in Marion open in October. The Governing Board is set for August 29th, 2024.

Other:

Adjournment:

At 9:09 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Mike Denault, and seconded by Kristin Ing.

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

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Jason Henry, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Towers', written over a horizontal line.

Richard Towers, Secretary