



Executive Board Minutes

June 18, 2024

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, June 18, 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 Grade #47
Tammy McCollum, Akin Grade #91
Richard Towers, Christopher Unit #99
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville Unit #174
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton Unit #188
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier Unit #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville Unit #1
Sarah Mellott, Rome Grade #2
Jennifer Arnold, Field grade #3
Stuart Parks, Grand Prairie Grade #6
Robin Brooks, McClellan Grade #12
Kim Matthews, Summersville Grade #79
Mary McGreer, Mt. Vernon Grade #80
Charley Cass, Bethel Grade #82
Jamey Hodges, Farrington Grade #99
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden Grade #178
Steve Shifflett, Mt. Vernon High #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn Unit #209
Adam Cross, Bluford Unit #318

Executive Members Absent:

Benjy Johnson, Benton High #103
Kristin Ing, Ewing-Northern #115
Joseph Dunlap, Opdyke-Belle Rive Grade #5

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 Chairperson. Quent Hamilton nominated the same slate of officers, including Dr. Jason Henry as Chairman, Tammy Beckham Vice Chairman, Richard Towers, Secretary, and Andrea Kelley, as Treasurer. Director Pieper asked for other nominations and hearing none the nominations were closed. Jamey Hodges made the motion to elect the slate and Quent Hamilton seconded it. The motion carried with a voice vote of all ayes with nays being none. Jason Henry did not vote.

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 May 21, 2024.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Approve ROE #13 Preschool for all/Expansion Early Childhood Program Agreement
- (e) Approve Food Service Contract with District #80



Quent Hamilton seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Tammy McCollum, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Stuart Parks, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Mary McGreer, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Tammy Beckham, Steve Shifflet, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignation of Special Education Coordinator, Benay Walker, was made by Steve Smith, seconded by Eric Helbig.

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

Hiring of Personnel:

A motion to hire Lindsey Yordy, Step Job Coach was made by Tammy McCollum, seconded by Richard Towers. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Tammy McCollum, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Stuart Parks, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Mary McGreer, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Tammy Beckham, Steve Shifflet, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

Tammy Beckham moved to approve the New Business. The items assigned to the New Business were as follows:

- (a) Approve Calendar of Executive Board Meetings for 2024-2025
- (b) Approve Educational Assessment for 2024-2025
- (c) Appoint Newspaper for Legal Notices

Lindsay Robinson seconded the Motion. Upon roll call being called the following vote was recorded:

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Tammy McCollum, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Jason Henry, Mike Denault, Sarah Mellott, Jennifer Arnold, Stuart Parks, Robin Brooks, Kim Matthews, Mary McGreer, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Tammy Beckham, Steve Shifflet, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



Director's Report:

Director Pieper shared that she is diligently searching for additional staff for open positions. Director Pieper also 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 with last year's data. FJSPED will wait to assist IDEA Grant drafting until the FY25 amounts are loaded into the system. Director Pieper shared that FJSPED Programs have been altered due to student needs, ages, and locations. Supervisors will reach out to the LEA to share additional details.

Other:

Dr. Henry and the board thanked Stuart Parks for all his years of dedication to Education. Everyone wished Stuart a wonderful retirement.

Adjournment:

At 9:12 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Charley Cass.

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



Jason Henry, Chairman



Richard Towers, Secretary