



Executive Board Minutes

July 16, 2024

The Executive Board of the Special Education District of Franklin and Jefferson Counties met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2024. The meeting was held in the conference room at the District 80 Office located at 2710 North Street, Mount Vernon, IL. Richard Towers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Richard Towers Served as Chairman pro-temp for the meeting. 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
Richard Towers, Christopher #99
Lindsay Robinson, Thompsonville #174
Quent Hamilton, Zeigler-Royalton #188
Sarah Mellott, Rome #2
Joe Dunlap, Opdyke-Belle Rive #5
Kim Matthews, Summersville #79
Ryan Swan, Mt. Vernon #80
Charley Cass, Bethel #82
Jamey Hodges, Farrington #99J
Chad LeCrone, Mt. Vernon High #201
Eric Helbig, Woodlawn #209
Adam Cross, Bluford #318

Executive Members Absent:

Tammy McCollum, Akin #91
Benjy Johnson, Benton High #103
Kristin Ing, Ewing #115
Jason Henry, Sesser-Valier #196
Mike Denault, Waltonville #1
Jennifer Arnold, Field #3
Craig Kujawa, Grand Prairie #6
Robin Brooks, McClellan #12
Tammy Beckham, Spring Garden #178

Administrative Staff:

Jera Pieper, Director, FJSPED #801
Lori McNeal, Bookkeeper, FJSPED #801
Melissa Furlow, Admin Asst., FJSPED #801
Ali Nordin, Assistant Director, FJSPED# 801

Guests:

Consent Agenda:

Steve Smith 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 18, 2024.
- (b) Approve the Payment of Bills
- (c) Approve the Treasurer's Report
- (d) Approve Partnership Agreement with SIUC for Southern Region Early Childhood Programs

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

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.



Personnel:

Acknowledge Resignation:

A motion to approve the resignation of Lisa Stanley, Ed. Tech.; Ashley Chaffin, Ed. Tech; and Michelle Rubalcaba, Administrative Assistant was made by Sarah Mellott, 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 Bayley Eubanks, Speech and Language Pathologist, was made by Ryan Swan, seconded by Eric Helbig. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Sandra Sorensen, LBS1 Teacher, was made by Jamey Hodges, seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Angel Sanders, Program Assistant, was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Austin Williams, Program Assistant, was made by Steve Smith, seconded by Quent Hamilton. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the Motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion to hire Makenzy Wieker, Program Assistant, was made by Adam Cross, seconded by



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Lindsay Robinson. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Voting against the motion: None.

Motion Carried.

A motion approve the fellowship agreement with Jordan Harp was made by Sarah Mellott, seconded by Lindsay Robinson. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Motion Carried.

Old Business:

None:

New Business:

FY 25 FJSPED Budget:

A motion to approve the proposed FY 25 budget was made by Joe Dunlap, seconded by Steve Smith. A roll call vote was taken.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Motion Carried.

Consider status of closed session minutes and/or destruction of closed session verbatim record audio recordings:

A motion to keep the closed session closed was made by Craig Kujawa, seconded by Quent Hamilton.

Voting for the Motion: Steve Smith, Richard Towers, Lindsay Robinson, Quent Hamilton, Sarah Mellott, Joe Dunlap, Craig Kujawa, Kim Matthews, Ryan Swan, Charley Cass, Jamey Hodges, Chad LeCrone, Eric Helbig, Adam Cross.

Motion Carried.

Director's Report:

Director Pieper shared that iReady will again be provided to special education students at Districts. IDEA Part B grant writing workshops are in progress, and grants should be submitted by the end of July. A free Administrator Academy by Brandon Wright will be provided to member Districts on August 29th, 2024.



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Other:

Adjournment:

At 9:21 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Adam Cross, seconded by Craig Kujawa.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Henry".

Jason Henry, Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Towers".

Richard Towers, Secretary