

**FRANKLIN MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Regular Meeting

April 17, 2024

Band Room

President Scott Myers, called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

Roll Call:	Mr. Scott D. Myers	Present
	Mrs. Jana Baker	Present
	Mr. Jason Baker	Present
	Mr. Rodney Baker	Present
	Mr. Rick Filbrun	Present

Barrett Nealeigh, Aden Diehl, Reed Brinkmann, Lily Turner, Memphis Payne, Tenley Myers, Aubree Bailey – are being recognized for the character trait of Cooperation for the month of March.

Lily Edwards, Anneliese English, Kori Garber, Kaitlyn Roberts, Ellie Sando and Jenna Wolfe – are being recognized for mentoring in the Kindergarten classroom all year and helping the teachers.

Quinter Garber, Joanie Hall, Caroline Knight and Mak Whitton – are being recognized as Students of the Month for March.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – Karen Neiswander addressed the board about the district and how to keep it thriving.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution SP793-04-24

Mr. Scott Myers moved and Mr. Jason Baker seconded a motion to remove item XII B. 6 from the agenda.

Roll Call:	Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
	Nays:
	Resolution SP793-04-24 adopted

**SCHOOL FINANCE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER
(Items 1-7)**

Resolution SP794-04-24

Mrs. Jana Baker moved and Mr. Rodney Baker seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:

Resolution SP794-04-24 adopted

1. The Treasurer recommends approving the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held March 13, 2024 and the special board meeting held April 3, 2024.
2. The Treasurer recommends approving Bank Reconciliation, Expenditures, Financial Journal and accompanying documents.
3. The Treasurer recommends approving a contract with Hunter Consulting for BWC and unemployment services in the amount of \$502.00.
4. The Treasurer recommends approving the contract with Carol Riggle for the conversion of fiscal year 2024 financial statements at a cost of \$2,500.00.
5. The Treasurer recommends approving a transfer of \$25,000.00 from the General Fund (001) to the Capital Improvement Fund (070).
6. The Treasurer recommends approving a transfer of \$20,000.00 from the General Fund (001) to the Preschool Fund (020).
7. The Treasurer recommends approving the following bills for payment under the Then and Now certification stating that funds were available and appropriated at the time the bills were obligated by employees of the district:

<i>Kevin Flory Landscaping</i>	<i>\$3,417.00</i>
<i>Century Resources</i>	<i>\$5,786.60</i>

END OF SCHOOL FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Elementary Principal's Report – Megan Linder

- A. Building Overview
- B. Discussion of Student Handbook
- C. Discussion of Preschool Handbook

Secondary Principal's Report – Diane Voress

- A. Building Overview
- B. Discussion of Student Handbook
- C. Discussion of Athletic Handbook

Superintendent's Report – Jeremy Pequignot

- A. Overview of Agenda
- B. Facility Updates

Resolution SP795-04-24

Mrs. Jana Baker moved and Mr. Rodney Baker seconded a motion to approve the following classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year as a separate action item for XII A. 12, (b).

Dianna O'Dell

Bus Driver

Roll Call: Yeas: Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Abstain: Myers
Resolution SP795-04-24 adopted

Resolution SP796-04-24

Mr. Jason Baker moved and Mr. Rick Filbrun seconded a motion to approve the following contracts for supplemental advisors and extracurricular positions for classified on-staff personnel for the 2024-2025 school year as a separate action item for XII A. 12, (h).

Amy O'Dell

Elementary Yearbook

Roll Call: Yeas: Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:

Abstain: Myers
Resolution SP796-04-24 adopted

**SCHOOL BUSINESS CONSENT CALENDAR AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
SUPERINTENDENT (Item 1-11)**

Resolution SP797-04-24

Mrs. Jana Baker moved and Mr. Jason Baker seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Resolution SP797-04-24 adopted

1. The Superintendent recommends a Board Resolution that authorizes political subdivision to participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.
2. The Superintendent recommends approving the overnight field trip to the State FFA Convention at the Ohio State Exposition Center in Columbus, Ohio with chaperone, Kevin Bergman, on May 2 – 3, 2024.
3. The Superintendent recommends approving the out-of-state field trip for the Boys' Basketball Team to attend a team camp at University of Indianapolis on June 1, 2024.
4. The Superintendent recommends approving the out-of-state field trip for the Boys' Basketball Team to attend a team camp at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne on June 8, 2024.
5. The Superintendent recommends approving the overnight field trip for the Boys' Basketball Team to attend a team camp at Cedar Point from June 16-18, 2024.
6. The Superintendent recommends approving the Darke County ESC Certified Sub List.
7. The Superintendent recommends approving the Preschool tuition at \$125.00 per month for the Tuesday/Thursday class and \$150.00 per month for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday class.

8. The Superintendent recommends approving the amended Agreement with Heritage Park Board located in Versailles, Ohio for the use of the Amphitheater and park facilities at Heritage Park on May 20, 2024 that was board approved on February 14, 2024 for the date of May 17, 2024.
9. The Superintendent recommends the first reading and adoption of the following Board of Education policy: DJC
10. The Superintendent recommends the second reading and adoption of the following Board of Education policy: IGBEA-R
11. The Superintendent recommends approving the CCBCC Operations, LLC Customer Marketing Agreement from March 28, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

12. Personnel

- a. The Superintendent recommends accepting the following resignation effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year:

<i>Sydney Howell</i>	<i>HS English Teacher</i>
<i>Brent Henninger</i>	<i>Bus Driver</i>

- b. The Superintendent recommends approving the following classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.

<i>Robin Behr</i>	<i>Aide/Library, Secretarial/Office, Cafeteria, Custodial</i>
<i>Alysha Oda</i>	<i>Nurse</i>

- c. The Superintendent recommends approving the following individuals to conduct Kindergarten Camp on August 5, 2024 to complete KRA testing for a stipend of \$100.

<i>Chloe Brumbaugh</i>	<i>Kim Hackworth</i>
<i>Mallory Gray</i>	<i>Lindsey Tauscher</i>

- d. The Superintendent recommends approving the issuance of certificated/professional one (1) year contract for the following staff member for the 2024-2025 school year. Salary will be at Step 3 at the degree level that the staff member has attained.

<i>Jim Gish</i>	<i>CCP Teacher (.5 Basis)</i>
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- e. The Superintendent recommends approving the issuance of certificated/professional contracts effective with the 2024-2025 school year as listed below. Salaries as per board adopted schedules.

<i>Chloe Brumbaugh</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>
<i>Alayna Dill</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>
<i>Mallory Gray</i>	<i>3 Year Contract</i>
<i>Kimberly Hackworth</i>	<i>3 Year Contract</i>
<i>Teresa Hartzell</i>	<i>3 Year Contract</i>
<i>Sarah Hunt</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Ana Kestler-Badell</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Molly Riehle</i>	<i>3 Year Contract (.5 basis)</i>
<i>Karina Robison</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Natalie Schott</i>	<i>Continuing Contract (.75 basis)</i>
<i>Ethan Thieman</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>

- f. The Superintendent recommends approving the issuance of classified contracts effective with the 2024-2025 school year as listed below. Salaries as per board adopted schedules.

<i>Brynna Blakeley</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Dave Davis</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Roxanne DeBarr</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>
<i>Ben Edwards</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Olivia Fox</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Ashley Riffle</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Madison Robison</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Tiffany Stebbins</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Trina Williams</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Brian Wilson</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>

- g. The Superintendent recommends approving the following extended service contracts for the 2024-2025 school year. Salaries as per board adopted schedules.

<i>Tim Sargent</i>	<i>10 days</i>	
<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>20 days</i>	<i>Karina Robison 5 days</i>

- h. The Superintendent recommends approving contracts for supplemental advisors and extracurricular positions for classified on-staff personnel for the 2024-2025 school year. Salaries per board adopted schedules.

<i>Tiffany Stebbins</i>	<i>D.C. Trip (.5 basis)</i>
<i>Ami Coomer</i>	<i>FFA Advisor (.9 Basis)</i>

<i>Angie Baker</i>	<i>Freshman Class Advisor</i>
<i>Tiffany Stebbins</i>	<i>Junior Class Advisor</i>
<i>Angie Baker</i>	<i>Media Facilitator</i>
<i>Machelle Rhoades</i>	<i>SADD Advisor</i>
<i>Machelle Rhoades</i>	<i>Sophomore Class Advisor</i>

- i. The Superintendent recommends approving contracts for supplemental advisors and extracurricular positions for certified on-staff personnel for the 2024-2025 school year. Salaries per board adopted schedules.

<i>Sarah Hunt</i>	<i>Academic Team</i>
<i>Scott Thayer</i>	<i>Art Club</i>
<i>Brenda Oswalt</i>	<i>D.C. Trip (.5 basis)</i>
<i>Maddie Evers</i>	<i>Echo</i>
<i>Jennifer Watercutter</i>	<i>Eight Grade Advisor</i>
<i>Brian Happy</i>	<i>Lego Robotics #1</i>
<i>Clint Sharp</i>	<i>Lego Robotics #2</i>
<i>Brian Happy</i>	<i>Math Counts</i>
<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>NHS Advisor</i>
<i>Sara Novak</i>	<i>Pep Band</i>
<i>Stephanie Rowland</i>	<i>Science Club</i>
<i>Stephanie Rowland</i>	<i>Science Fair</i>
<i>Andy McKibben</i>	<i>Senior Class Advisor (.5 Basis)</i>
<i>Sarah Hunt</i>	<i>Senior Class Advisor (.5 Basis)</i>
<i>Brenda Oswalt</i>	<i>Seventh Grade Advisor</i>
<i>Ana Kestler-Badell</i>	<i>Spanish Club</i>
<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>STAF Advisor</i>
<i>Clint Sharp</i>	<i>Student Council – Elementary</i>
<i>Jennifer Watercutter</i>	<i>Student Council – MS/HS</i>
<i>Sara Novak</i>	<i>Vocal Music</i>

- j. The Superintendent recommends approving contracts for supplemental advisors and extracurricular positions for classified not-on-staff personnel for the 2024-2025 school year. Salaries per board adopted schedules.

Kevin Bergman FFA Advisor (.1 Basis)

WHEREAS this Board has posted the above position as being available to employees of the District who hold education licenses, and no such employees meeting all of the Board's Qualifications have applied for, been offered, and accepted such positions, and WHEREAS this Board then advertised these positions as being available to licensed individuals not employed by this District, and no such people meeting all of the Board's qualifications have applied for, been offered, and accepted such positions. Be it THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the above non-licensed individual be employed as noted for the 2024-2025 school year.

k. Professional Leaves

<i>Kevin Bergman</i>	<i>03/15/24</i>	<i>Agriculture Job Fair, Piqua, Ohio</i>
<i>Ana Kestler-Badell</i>	<i>03/20/24</i>	<i>Hispanic Flamenco Ballet, Kettering, Ohio</i>
<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>03/21/24</i>	<i>MVCTC Counselor Meeting</i>
<i>Sara Fox</i>	<i>03/21/24</i>	<i>Reading Recovery PD</i>
<i>Mindy Trick</i>	<i>03/21/24</i>	<i>Reading Recovery PD</i>
<i>Brenda Oswalt</i>	<i>04/02/24</i>	<i>Darke County ESC PD</i>
<i>Mindy Trick</i>	<i>04/02/24</i>	<i>Darke County ESC PD</i>
<i>Chloe Brumbaugh</i>	<i>04/03/24 – 04/04/24</i>	<i>Kindergarten Screening</i>
<i>Kevin Bergman</i>	<i>04/04/24</i>	<i>State Ag Mechanics Skills Competition</i>
<i>Kevin Bergman</i>	<i>04/09/24</i>	<i>Career Development Events</i>
<i>Sharon Maurice</i>	<i>04/10/24</i>	<i>Professional Leave</i>
<i>Machelle Rhoades</i>	<i>04/10/24</i>	<i>SADD Field Trip</i>
<i>Ami Coomer</i>	<i>04/10/24</i>	<i>SADD Field Trip</i>
<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>04/12/24</i>	<i>Ohio Means Jobs</i>
<i>Kevin Bergman</i>	<i>04/12/24</i>	<i>Equine Event</i>
<i>Scott Thayer</i>	<i>04/12/24</i>	<i>Dayton Art Institute Field Trip</i>
<i>Ami Coomer</i>	<i>04/12/24</i>	<i>Dayton Art Institute Field Trip</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>04/23/24</i>	<i>Where Kids Count & EMIS Weekly Workshop</i>
<i>Karina Robison</i>	<i>04/24/24 -04/26/24</i>	<i>Conference</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>04/30/24</i>	<i>Grad Checklist & EMIS Weekly Workshop</i>
<i>Chloe Brumbaugh</i>	<i>05/03/24</i>	<i>RESA Meeting</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>05/05/24 – 05/07/24</i>	<i>Ohio Association of EMIS Professionals Conference, Columbus, Ohio</i>

<i>Amanda Davis</i>	<i>05/08/24</i>	<i>ELA Vendor Meeting, Darke County ESC</i>
<i>Amanda Wackler</i>	<i>05/08/24</i>	<i>ELA Vendor Meeting, Darke County ESC</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>05/14/24</i>	<i>EMIS Weekly Workshop</i>
<i>Kristine Happy</i>	<i>05/15/24</i>	<i>Teacher of the Year Lunch</i>
<i>Sharon Maurice</i>	<i>05/15/24</i>	<i>BPA/FFA Kings Island Trip</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>05/21/24</i>	<i>Working Missing Assessments Lists & EMIS Weekly Workshop</i>

END OF SCHOOL BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA

Items Removed for Separate Action

Resolution SP798-04-24

Mr. Jason Baker moved and Mr. Rodney Baker seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Resolution SP798-04-24 adopted

1. Approve the written Contract of Treasurer between the Franklin Monroe Local School District Board of Education and Morgan Bridenbaugh for a term of five (5) years beginning August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2029. Salary per Board Adopted contract.

Resolution SP799-04-24

Mrs. Jana Baker moved and Mr. Jason Baker seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker
Nays:
Abstain: Filbrun
Resolution SP799-04-24 adopted

2. The Superintendent recommends approving issuance of a classified one (1) year contract for the following staff member for the 2024-2025 school year. Salary will be at Step 0.

Pamela Beckner

Bus Driver

Resolution SP800-04-24

Mr. Rick Filbrun moved and Mrs. Jana Baker seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Resolution SP800-04-24 adopted

- 3. The Superintendent recommends approving issuance of classified contract effective with the 2024-2025 school year as listed below. Salaries as per board adopted schedules.

Mark Armstrong *2 Year Contract*

Resolution SP801-04-24

Mr. Jason Baker moved and Mr. Rick Filbrun seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Resolution SP801-04-24 adopted

- 4. The Superintendent recommends approving the following:

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION

(Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.03, 5705.21, and 5705.25)
WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the School District is currently levying a 1.00 mill, five-year permanent improvement levy for the purpose of providing for the permanent improvements of the School District (the “Existing Levy”), which Existing Levy was approved by the voters of the School District on November 5, 2019 and first placed on the tax list and duplicate in 2019 for collection in years 2021 through 2025; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a renewal tax outside the ten-mill limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor of Darke County, Ohio (the “County Auditor”) in order to permit the

Board to consider the levy of such a renewal tax and must request that the County Auditor certify to the Board the current total taxable value of the School District, the estimated property tax revenue, rounded to the nearest \$1,000, that will be produced by such renewal tax based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the renewal tax (based on the renewal tax's "estimated effective rate" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(Q)), as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B)(2)(c)(i)) expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest \$1, for each \$100,000 of the "county auditor's appraised value" (as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01(P));

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Franklin Monroe Local School District, Darke and Miami Counties, Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members elected thereof concurring, that:

Section 1. It is necessary for the School District to renew all of the Existing Levy, which is a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, for the purpose of providing for the permanent improvements of the School District.

Section 2. As authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.21, the question of such renewal tax levy (the "Renewal Levy") shall be submitted to all of the electors of the School District at the election to be held on November 5, 2024. All of the territory of the School District is located in Darke and Miami Counties, Ohio.

Section 3. The Renewal Levy shall be at a rate not exceeding 1.00 mill for each \$1 of taxable value upon the entire territory of the School District for five years.

Section 4. The Renewal Levy shall include a levy on the tax list and duplicate for the 2025 tax year (commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026), if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 5. The Treasurer of the Board is directed to promptly certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor with instructions for the County Auditor to certify to the Board the current total taxable value of the School District, the estimated property tax revenue, rounded to the nearest \$1,000, that will be produced by the Renewal Levy based on such total taxable value, and the amount of the Renewal Levy (based on its estimated effective rate) expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest \$1, for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value.

Section 6. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings

open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Resolution SP802-04-24

Mrs. Jana Baker moved and Mr. Jason Baker seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Resolution SP802-04-24 adopted

5. The Superintendent recommends approving the following:

**AUTHORIZING DESIGN BUILD SELECTION PROCESS
AND ESTABLISHING EVALUATION COMMITTEE**

The Superintendent recommends using the design build project delivery method for the Multipurpose Fieldhouse Project (the “Project”) and requests authority to undertake the statutory process to procure a design builder for the Project.

Rationale:

1. The Board has previously identified the need to construct an approximately 18,000 – 20,000 square foot multipurpose fieldhouse at the PK-12 location.
2. After reviewing the construction project delivery method options available to the District to construct the Project, the Superintendent recommends the design build delivery method.
3. Selecting a design-builder (“DB”) is subject to specific requirements outlined in the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code and includes a 2-step process: step 1 being solicitation of qualifications from firms experienced with the DB delivery method from which a short-list of qualified DB firms is compiled; and step 2 includes issuing a request for technical and pricing proposals to the short-listed firms, which are then reviewed by the Evaluation Committee and ranked to determine the best value for the Project.
4. The Superintendent recommends the Evaluation Committee consisting of:
 - a. Jeremy Pequignot, Superintendent

- b. Morgan Bridenbaugh - Treasurer
- c. Scott Myers - School Board Member
- d. Rick Filbrun - School Board Member
- e. Tyler Zimmerman - Athletic Director
- f. Diane Voress - MS/HS Principal
- g. Megan Linder - Elementary Principal

The Franklin Monroe Local School District Board of Education resolves as follows:

1. The Board expresses its intent to use the design build delivery method for the Project.
2. The Superintendent and Treasurer are authorized to work with legal counsel to undertake the required process and to bring a recommendation to the Board as to the best value design build firm for the Project.
3. The Board approves an Evaluation Committee consisting of:
 - a. Jeremy Pequignot, Superintendent
 - b. Morgan Bridenbaugh - Treasurer
 - c. Scott Myers - School Board Member
 - d. Rick Filbrun - School Board Member
 - e. Tyler Zimmerman - Athletic Director
 - f. Diane Voress – MS/HS Principal
 - g. Megan Linder - Elementary Principal

FRANKLIN MONROE BOARD REPORTS- None

Resolution SP803-04-24

Mr. Jason Baker moved and Mr. Rodney Baker seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Resolution SP803-04-24 adopted

Scott D. Myers, Board President

Morgan R. Bridenbaugh, Board Treasurer

Certificate Section 5705.412, Ohio Revised Code

It is hereby certified that the Franklin Monroe Local School District Board of Education, Darke County, Ohio, has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

Treasurer

Superintendent

President, Board of Education