

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

**Regular Meeting**

**February 12, 2025**

**Music Room D111**

President Scott Myers, called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm.

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

**Student Recognition**

*Eli Smith, Sylvia Boston, Maria Chavez, Celia Bentz, Weston Goubeaux-Curry, Remy Fugate, Lena Garber* – are being recognized for the character trait of Citizenship for the month of December.

*Rowan Garverick, Barrett Nealeigh, Adelynn Combs, Klein Boyd, Serenah Kirtley, Korie Sease, Tenley Myers* – are being recognized for the character trait of Responsibility for the month of January.

*Kolten Garber, Adriana Davenport, Chloe Freshour, Talen Warner* – are being recognized as Students of the Month for December.

*Bronx Skidmore, Kami Norris, Erica Clement, Haven Rodrigues* – are being recognized as Students of the Month for January.

**PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD –**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**Resolution SP910-02-25**

Mr. Jason Baker 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 SP910-02-25 adopted**

**SCHOOL FINANCE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER  
(Items 1-4)**

**Resolution SP911-02-25**

Mr. Filbrun 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 SP911-02-25 adopted**

1. The Treasurer recommends approving the minutes from the Organizational and Regular monthly meetings held on January 8, 2025 and the Special Board meeting on January 15, 2025.
2. The Treasurer recommends approving the Bank Reconciliation, Expenditures, Financial Journal and accompanying documents.
3. The Treasurer recommends approving the Board appoint Morgan Bridenbaugh to attend public records training approved by the Attorney General. Ohio Revised Code (ORC 109.43(B)).
4. The Treasurer recommends accepting a donation of \$1,000.00 from an anonymous donor for the High School Boys Basketball Team.

*END OF SCHOOL FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA*

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**Elementary Principal's Report – Megan Linder**

- A. Building Overview
- B. Bullying Report

**Secondary Principal's Report – Diane Voress**

- A. Building Overview

## B. Bullying Report

## Superintendent Report – Jeremy Pequignot

- A. Overview of Agenda
- B. Facility Update
- C. Open Enrollment applications are currently being accepted for the 2025-2026 school year. Forms are available in the Superintendent's Office. Deadline for open enrollment applications is April 15, 2025.  
*Reminder:* Students must apply every year to continue being accepted as an open enrollment student.

## **SCHOOL BUSINESS CONSENT CALENDAR AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT (Item 1-9)**

## Resolution SP912-02-25

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 SP912-02-25 adopted**

1. The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education to adopt a resolution establishing for the school district a policy that permits enrollment of students from all other districts in accordance with policy statements contained in the resolution for the 2025-2026 school year.

The district's policy permitting open enrollment meets the provision in Divisions B and C of the Ohio Revised Code section 3313.98 and the district is adhering to this policy.

2. The Superintendent recommends approving Garrett Gillum for early graduation having met all of the requirements set by the district and the State of Ohio for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. The Superintendent recommends approving the cancellation of the Washington DC trip scheduled for June 3-7 due to lack of interest.
4. The Superintendent recommends approving the Washington DC trip for March 24-28, 2026 for sophomore and juniors.

5. The Superintendent recommends approving the Prom to be held at Eight to the Bar in Richmond, Indiana on May 3, 2025.
6. The Superintendent recommends approving a College Credit Plus agreement with Sinclair Community College for the 2025-2026 school year.
7. The Superintendent recommends approving the Preschool tuition at \$150 per month for the Tuesday/Thursday class and \$175 per month for the Monday/Wednesday/Friday class.
8. The Superintendent recommends approving the Agreement with the Dayton Area School Employment Consortium for FY26.
9. Personnel

- a. The Superintendent recommends accepting the following resignation effective March 28, 2025.

*Madison Robison      Assistant Treasurer*

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

<i>Jon Spencer</i>	<i>Varsity Softball Coach</i>
<i>William Buerk</i>	<i>Reserve/Varsity Assistant Softball Coach</i>
<i>Jason Watercutter</i>	<i>JH Boys' Track (.50 basis)</i>
<i>Jason Watercutter</i>	<i>JH Girls' Track (.50 basis)</i>
<i>Mark Yeomans</i>	<i>JH Boys' Track (.50 basis)</i>
<i>Mark Yeomans</i>	<i>JH Girls' Track (.50 basis)</i>

- c. The Superintendent recommends approving the following supplemental and extracurricular volunteer(s) for classified, not-on-staff personnel for the 2024-2025 school year. Pending meeting all requirements.

*Nicole Berry    Volunteer Assistant HS Boys' & Girls' Track Coach*

- d. Professional Leaves

<i>Diane Voress</i>	<i>01/09/25</i>	<i>OHSSA Handbook Workshop</i>
<i>Karina Robison</i>	<i>01/17/25</i>	<i>ESC Training</i>

<i>Tiffany Stebbins</i>	<i>01/23/25</i>	<i>BPA Field Trip</i>
<i>Ed Porter</i>	<i>01/29/25</i>	<i>Professional Leave at ESC</i>
<i>Tim Sargent</i>	<i>01/31/25</i>	<i>OHSBCH Coach's Clinic Columbus, Ohio</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>02/04/25</i>	<i>EMIS Weekly Workshop</i>
<i>Karina Robison</i>	<i>02/05/25</i>	<i>RESA Open Lab</i>
<i>Ethan Thieman</i>	<i>02/05/25</i>	<i>RESA Open Lab</i>
<i>Sara Novak</i>	<i>02/06/25 – 02/07/25</i>	<i>OMEA State Professional Development Conference</i>
<i>Erin Riffell</i>	<i>02/07/25</i>	<i>ESC Meeting</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>02/20/25</i>	<i>Beyond EMIS Session</i>
<i>Chloe Mills</i>	<i>02/21/25</i>	<i>RESA Training</i>
<i>Morgan Henry</i>	<i>02/21/25</i>	<i>RESA Training</i>
<i>Karina Robison</i>	<i>02/21/25</i>	<i>RESA Training</i>
<i>Sara Novak</i>	<i>02/21/25</i>	<i>Band Field Trip</i>
<i>Kaitlyn Roop</i>	<i>02/21/25</i>	<i>RESA Training</i>
<i>Brittney Hangen</i>	<i>02/25/25</i>	<i>RESA Observation</i>
<i>Morgan Henry</i>	<i>02/25/25</i>	<i>RESA Training</i>
<i>Kaitlyn Roop</i>	<i>02/25/25</i>	<i>RESA Observation</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>02/25/25</i>	<i>EMIS Monthly Update</i>
<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>03/06/25</i>	<i>Sinclair Conference</i>
<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>03/07/25</i>	<i>STEMM Field Trip</i>
<i>Sara Novak</i>	<i>03/07/25</i>	<i>Darke County JH Choir Festival</i>
<i>Amanda Davis</i>	<i>03/10/25</i>	<i>Writing PD at Darke County ESC</i>
<i>Erin Riffell</i>	<i>03/10/25</i>	<i>ESC Meeting</i>
<i>Sharon Maurice</i>	<i>03/10/25 – 03/11/24</i>	<i>Ohio BPA Leadership Conference</i>

## **Items Removed for Separate Action**

### **Resolution SP913-02-25**

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 SP913-02-25 adopted**

1. The Superintendent recommends approving the following resolution:

**AUTHORIZING 2025-2026 MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, FRANKLIN MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, District IRN number 046649 of 8591 Oakes Road, Darke County, Ohio

Has satisfied all the requirements for membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association, a voluntary unincorporated association not-for-profit; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education/Governing Board (“Board”) and its Administration desire for the schools with one or more grades at the 7-12 grade level under their jurisdiction to be voluntary members of the OHSAA;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION/GOVERNING BOARD** that all schools listed: Franklin Monroe Middle School/High School, do hereby voluntarily renew membership in the OHSAA and that in doing so, the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations and Business Rules of the OHSAA are hereby adopted by this Board as and for its own minimum requirements as it pertains to, but not limited to, student-eligibility, coaching requirements, and administrative responsibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board reserves the right to raise the minimum standards as it deems appropriate for the schools and students under its jurisdiction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction agree to conduct their athletics programs in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules, interpretations and decisions of the OHSAA and cooperate fully and timely with the Executive Director’s office of the OHSAA in all matters related to the interscholastic athletic programs of the schools. Furthermore, the schools under this Board’s jurisdiction shall be the primary enforcers of the OHSAA Constitution, Bylaws, General/Sport-specific Regulations, Business Rules and the interpretations and rulings rendered by the Executive Director’s office. The administrative heads of these schools understand that failure to discharge the duty of primary enforcement may result in fines, removal from tournaments, suspension from membership and/or other such penalties as prescribed in Bylaw 11.

### **Resolution SP914-02-25**

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

**Roll Call:**      Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun

Nays:

Abstain: Jason Baker

**Resolution SP914-02-25 adopted**

2. The Superintendent recommends approving the Darke County ESC Certified Sub List for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year with any updates that may occur.

### **Resolution SP915-02-25**

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

**Roll Call:**      Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun

Nays:

Abstain: Jason Baker

**Resolution SP915-02-25 adopted**

3. The Superintendent recommends approving the Darke County ESC Temporary (No Degree) Sub List for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year with any updates that may occur.

### **Resolution SP916-02-25**

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

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

Nays:

**Resolution SP916-02-25 adopted**

4. The Superintendent recommends the first reading of the OSBA resolution and review of the attached “Recommended Policy Updates” chart:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT OSBA TO MAKE  
RECOMMENDED POLICY CHANGES IN LIGHT OF HB 33 LEGISLATIVE  
CHANGES IMPACTING ODE AND SBOE

WHEREAS, the Board of Education authorized the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) to commence a thorough review of individual board policies to identify those policies requiring updates due to the new HB 33 legislative requirements impacting the Ohio Department of Education and State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, OSBA created a chart for the Board outlining the specific policy sections that require updates and provided a summary of the proposed language changes for each affected policy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board adopts the recommended policy modifications outlined on the attached “Recommended Policy Updates” chart with an immediate effective date; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes and directs OSBA to make the recommended policy modifications set forth above and outlined on the attached “Recommended Policy Updates” chart.

## Resolution SP917-02-25

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 SP917-02-25 adopted**

5. The Superintendent recommends approving the first reading of the following Board of Education policies: IGDK, IKF-R

**Franklin Monroe Board Reports:** Scott Myers discussed practices and games on Wednesdays after 6pm and Sundays.

## **Resolution SP918-02-25**

Mrs. Jana Baker moved and Mrs. Jana Baker seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

**Roll Call:**    Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun  
Nays:  
**Resolution SP918-02-25 adopted**

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Scott D. Myers, Board President

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Morgan Bridenbaugh, 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.

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Treasurer

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Superintendent

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President, Board of Education