

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

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2025

Music Room D111

President Scott Myers, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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

Student Recognition

Oliver Bruggeman, Willa Dallas-Longenecker, Rosie Quinn-Simason, Sam Denlinger, Isabella Haeseker, Carleigh Davenport, Ava Thomas – are being recognized for the character trait of Cooperation for the month of March.

Kelci Stidham, Brauner Rumble, Keven Huang, Marissa Louis – are being recognized as Students of the Month for March.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – Troy Myers presented to the board different jersey options for HS Boys Basketball.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Resolution SP926-04-25

Mr. 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 <u>SP926-04-25</u> adopted

**SCHOOL FINANCE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED BY THE TREASURER
(Items 1-3)**

Resolution SP927-04-25

Mr. Jason Baker 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 SP927-04-25 adopted

1. The Treasurer recommends approving the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held March 19, 2025.
2. The Treasurer recommends approving Bank Reconciliation, Expenditures, Financial Journal and accompanying documents.
3. The Treasurer recommends approving the amended Student Wellness and Success and Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funding Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

END OF SCHOOL FINANCE CONSENT AGENDA

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Elementary Principal's Report – Megan Linder

A. Building Overview

Secondary Principal's Report – Diane Voress

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Superintendent Report – Jeremy Pequignot

A. Overview of Agenda
B. Facility Update

SCHOOL BUSINESS CONSENT CALENDAR AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT (Items 1-5)

Resolution SP928-04-25

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 SP928-04-25 adopted

1. The Superintendent recommends approving the Middle/High School Handbook, effective the 2025-2026 school year.
2. The Superintendent recommends the second reading and adoption of the following Board of Education policies: BCE, BD, DECA, DID, DJF, DJF-R, EDE, GBH (Also JM), IGAH IGAI, IGBA, IGBLA, IGCH-R (Also LEC-R), IJ, JEFB, JGE, JHC, JHCA, JHCD, JHCD-R-1, JHF, JHG, JM (Also GBH), KBA, LEC-R (Also IGCH-R)
3. The Superintendent recommends accepting the Preschool Lead Teacher and Director Job Description and the Salary and Benefits.
4. The Superintendent recommends a Board Resolution that authorizes political subdivision to participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program.
5. Personnel
 - a. The Superintendent recommends accepting the following resignation(s) effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year:

<i>Brynna Blakeley</i>	<i>Instructional Aide</i>
<i>Beth Poeppelman</i>	<i>K-8 Art Teacher</i>

- b. The Superintendent recommends approving the hiring of the following classified position effective August 1, 2025 contingent upon obtaining license. Salaries per board adopted schedules.

<i>Brynna Blakeley</i>	<i>Preschool Lead Teacher and Director</i>
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- c. The Superintendent recommends approving the hiring of the following classified position for the 2025-2026 school year. Salaries per board adopted schedules.

Mary Boston

Instructional Aide

- d. The Superintendent recommends approving the following individuals to conduct Kindergarten Camp on August 4, 2025 to complete KRA testing for a stipend of \$100.

Morgan Henry

Chloe Mills

Mallory Gray

Lindsey Tauscher

- e. The Superintendent recommends approving the issuance of certificated/professional contracts effective with the 2025-2026 school year as listed below. Salaries as per board adopted schedules.

<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Madison Evers</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Morgan Henry</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>
<i>Brooklyn Knopp</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>
<i>Michele Mead</i>	<i>3 Year Contract</i>
<i>Chloe Mills</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Clinton Neal</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Brenda Oswalt</i>	<i>3 Year Contract</i>
<i>Kaitlyn Roop</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>
<i>Stephanie Rowland</i>	<i>3 Year Contract</i>
<i>Gentry Schlamb</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>
<i>Lindsey Tauscher</i>	<i>3 Year Contract</i>
<i>Ethan Thieman</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>

- f. The Superintendent recommends approving the issuance of classified contracts effective with the 2025-2026 school year as listed below. Salaries as per board adopted schedules.

<i>Jennifer Byers</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>
<i>Roxanne DeBarr</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Stephanie Denlinger</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Amy Hauser</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Rhonda Kuhbander</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Taylor Robins</i>	<i>1 Year Contract</i>
<i>Julie Sease</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>
<i>Jordan Turner</i>	<i>2 Year Contract</i>

- g. The Superintendent recommends approving the following extended service contracts for the 2025-2026 school year. Salaries as per board adopted schedules.

<i>Tim Sargent</i>	<i>10 days</i>
<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>20 days</i>

- h. The Superintendent recommends approving contracts for supplemental advisors and extracurricular positions for classified staff, not-on-staff, personnel for the 2025-2026 school year, pending meeting all requirements. Salaries per board Schedules.

<i>Taylor Collins</i>	<i>Cross Country Coach</i>
<i>Ashley Stull</i>	<i>Assistant Cross Country Coach (.50 basis)</i>
<i>Mark Yeomans</i>	<i>Assistant Cross Country Coach (.50 basis)</i>
<i>Carrie Wood</i>	<i>Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach</i>

i. Professional Leaves

<i>Scott Thayer</i>	<i>03/20/25</i>	<i>NAEA Conference</i>
<i>Machelle Rhoades</i>	<i>03/21/25</i>	<i>Arts in Education Field Trip</i>
<i>Alesia Condry</i>	<i>03/21/25</i>	<i>Arts in Education Field Trip</i>
<i>Michele Mead</i>	<i>03/21/25</i>	<i>Arts in Education Field Trip</i>
<i>Sara Novak</i>	<i>03/21/25</i>	<i>Arts in Education Field Trip</i>
<i>Molly Riehle</i>	<i>03/21/25</i>	<i>Wright State University Neurobiology Lab Field Trip</i>
<i>Jennifer Watercutter</i>	<i>03/21/25</i>	<i>Arts in Education Field Trip</i>
<i>Ed Porter</i>	<i>03/26/25</i>	<i>MVCTC Field Trip</i>
<i>Brooklyn Knopp</i>	<i>04/03/25</i>	<i>Field Trip</i>
<i>Kevin Bergman</i>	<i>04/03/25</i>	<i>FFA State Ag Mechanics Contest</i>
<i>Amanda Coomer</i>	<i>04/04/25</i>	<i>SADD Field Trip</i>
<i>Sarah Hunt</i>	<i>04/11/25</i>	<i>FFA Equine Event</i>
<i>Chase Clark</i>	<i>04/11/24</i>	<i>Training at MVCTC</i>
<i>Sara Novak</i>	<i>04/24/25</i>	<i>Darke County JH Honor Band Rehearsal</i>
<i>Sara Novak</i>	<i>04/25/25</i>	<i>Band/Choir Nashville Trip</i>
<i>Morgan Henry</i>	<i>04/25/25</i>	<i>RESA Meeting</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>04/29/25, 05/20/25</i>	<i>EMIS Monthly Update</i>
<i>Sara Fox</i>	<i>04/30/25</i>	<i>LPDC Meeting</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>05/04/25 – 05/06/25</i>	<i>OAEP Spring Conference, Columbus, Ohio</i>
<i>Brenda Oswalt</i>	<i>05/05/25</i>	<i>Intervention Specialist Meeting</i>
<i>Machelle Rhoades</i>	<i>05/09/25</i>	<i>Young's Dairy Field Trip</i>
<i>Jody Bauman</i>	<i>05/09/25</i>	<i>8th Grade Field Trip to King's Island</i>
<i>Kim Berner</i>	<i>05/13/25</i>	<i>Missing List and Weekly Workshop</i>
<i>Machelle Rhoades</i>	<i>05/16/25</i>	<i>BPA/Ag Trip to King's Island</i>

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution SP929-04-25

Mr. 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 SP929-04-25 adopted

1. The Superintendent recommends approving the Negotiated Agreement with the Franklin Monroe Education Association effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Resolution SP930-04-25

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 SP930-04-25 adopted

2. The Superintendent recommends approving the issuance of certificated/professional one (1) year contract for the following staff member for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary will be at Step 5 at the degree level that the staff member has attained.

Jim Gish

CCP Teacher (.5 basis)

Resolution SP931-04-25

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
Nays:

Resolution SP931-04-25 adopted

Abstain: Rick Filbrun

3. The Superintendent recommends approving issuance of a classified one (1) year contract for the following staff member for the 2025-2026 school year. Salary will be at Step 0.

Pamela Beckner

Bus Driver

Resolution SP932-04-25

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,
Nays:

Abstain: Rick Filbrun

Resolution SP932-04-25 adopted

4. The Superintendent recommends approving the issuance of classified contracts effective with the 2025-2026 school year as listed below. Salaries as per board adopted schedules.

Jody Bauman

2 Year Contract

Resolution SP933-04-25

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 SP933-04-25 adopted

5. The Superintendent recommends rescinding the version of the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce Special Education Model Policies and Procedures for the 2024-2025 school year that was Board Approved December 18, 2024.

Resolution SP934-04-25

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 SP934-04-25 adopted

6. The Superintendent recommends approving the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT SPECIAL EDUCATION MODEL POLICIES AND POCEDURES

WHEREAS, RC 3323.08 requires each school district to provide assurances to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) that the district will provide for the education of children with disabilities within its jurisdiction and has in effect policies, procedures, and programs that are consistent with the policies and procedures adopted by DEW; and

WHEREAS, DEW developed a document entitled "Special Education Model Policies and Procedures" ("Model Policies") that a board of education may adopt to fulfill the requirement described in the preceding paragraph; and

WHEREAS, the district has reviewed the Model Policies and determined that certain statements within the Model Policies are unnecessary to comply with state and federal law or conflict with existing state and federal laws and/or applicable case law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby adopts DEW's Model Policies in their entirety except for the following sentences, which are specifically rejected in their current form and will not be implemented as written. The Board directs that the language identified below is either modified as specified, or, where indicated, deleted to ensure the district complies with applicable state and federal laws and/or case law:

- P. 10. Destruction of Educational Records.
 - *Original Language:* Ensures the information is destroyed at the request of the parents."
 - *Action:* Replace sentence with "Once a parent is notified that personally identifiable information maintained by the district is no longer required to provide educational services to their child, or is not otherwise required to be maintained by the district based on state or federal law or applicable record retention schedules, the parent may request that the information be destroyed."
- P. 14. Independent Education Evaluation at Public Expense.
 - *Original Language:* "An educational agency may not impose conditions or timelines related to obtaining an IEE, except for the criteria described above."

- *Action:* Delete this sentence in its entirety.
- P. 33. Extended School Year.
 - *Original Language:* “The IEP team should consider emerging skills as part of the IEP process for children who are exhibiting beginning skillsets.”
 - *Action:* Delete this sentence in its entirety.
- P. 42. Services
 - *Original Message:* “Although not required, educational agencies are encouraged to provide services during short-term removals to assist children with disabilities to continue to make progress toward their IEP goals and prevent them from falling behind.”
 - *Action:* Delete this sentence in its entirety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the modified Model Policies as set forth above. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify DEW of the Board’s adoption of the modified Model Policies through DEW’s monitoring systems by uploading a copy of this Board resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board acknowledges that the Model Policies, while comprehensive, do not include every requirement set forth in the IDEA, the regulations implementing IDEA, the Operating Standards, the Ohio Revised Code, and/or the Ohio Administrative Code, and the Board recognizes its obligation to follow these laws and regulations, as well as applicable case law, in the event there is a conflict between their requirements and the Board-adopted Model Policies.

I. The next regular meeting of the Franklin Monroe Board of Education will be

May 21, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Music Room D111

II. Future Franklin Monroe Board of Education Meetings:

June 25, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Music Room D111

July 16, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Music Room D111

August 13, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Music Room D111

September 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Music Room D111

October 15, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Music Room D111

November 19, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Music Room D111

December 17, 2025, 5:30 p.m., Music Room D111

III. Franklin Monroe Board Reports : NONE

Resolution SP935-04-25

Mr. Jason Baker moved and Mr. Filbrun seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session, R.C. 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the employment of public employee(s) at 6:05 p.m. Jana Baker exited Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jana Baker, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Resolution SP935-04-25 adopted

Resolution SP936-04-25

Mr. Jason Baker moved and Mr. Myers seconded a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Absent: Jana Baker
Resolution SP936-04-25 adopted

When the Board of Education returned to regular session, there was brief discussion about House Bill 96 and about passing out diplomas at graduation.

Resolution SP937-04-25

Mr. Filbrun moved and Mr. Rodney Baker seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Roll Call: Yeas: Myers, Jason Baker, Rodney Baker, Filbrun
Nays:
Absent: Jana Baker
Resolution SP937-04-25 adopted

Scott D. Myers, Board President

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.

Treasurer

Superintendent

President, Board of Education