

FRANKLIN MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

Music Room D111

I. Call to Order

The Franklin Monroe Local Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Music Room D111. President Scott Myers called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Present: Scott Myers, Jana Baker, Rodney Baker, Renae Eshleman, Danette Haddix
Absent: None

III. Retiree Recognitions

The Board recognized Kim Berner, James Gish, Malinda Quinn, Mindy Trick, and Diane Voress for their years of service and dedication to Franklin Monroe Local Schools.

IV. Teacher of the Year

Mindy Trick was recognized as Franklin Monroe Teacher of the Year.

V. Student Recognition

The Board recognized the following students for the character trait of Friendship for the month of April: Emma Blackburn, Brielle Miller, Gracie Davenport, Layla Wright, Grayson Small, Rhyan Cool, and Remy Fugate.

The Board recognized the following Students of the Month for April: Scott Simason, Kinsley Flory, Heidi English, and Ty Nichols.

Ian Norris was recognized as Valedictorian for the Class of 2026.

Cash Davis was recognized as Salutatorian for the Class of 2026.

VI. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

Marie Hutchinson voiced concerns regarding the reduction in school days and asked the Board of Education to be mindful of the amount of any potential tax increase if the Board decides to place a levy on the ballot.

Dan Peters discussed concerns regarding College Credit Plus, efforts to keep students enrolled in the district, keeping communication open and getting information out to the community, belief that the Franklin Monroe community will support the school if they

are educated on the issues, and keeping tax rates as low as possible while still providing a high quality education for our students.

Monique McGlinch spoke on behalf of “Citizens of Franklin Monroe” regarding a future recommendation from the group concerning a potential tax levy after obtaining additional information from the public through future public meetings the group is hosting. She also discussed College Credit Plus, including concerns that it does not necessarily lead to earlier college graduation and its impact on school culture.

Dean Thompson discussed concerns that taxpayer dollars are paying for college credits and going to universities instead of the local school district. College Credit Plus can be beneficial for individual students but is not a benefit to the school district. He also expressed concern with the current legislature’s ability to address public school funding and discussed the need for new local revenue to keep the Franklin Monroe culture and the benefits of our local school intact.

Brenda Chrisman discussed potential benefits of creating a Virtual Academy at Franklin Monroe.

VII. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution SP01052-05-20

Motion: J. Baker Second: R. Baker

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01052-05-20 adopted

VIII. School Finance Report

Mr. Wendel presented the School Finance report.

A. Consent Calendar

- Approval of the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held April 15, 2026 and Special Board meeting held May 4, 2026.
- Approval of Bank Reconciliation, Expenditures, Financial Journal and accompanying documents.
- Acceptance of a donation of \$550.00 from Doug and Ruth Dafoe for the soccer program and school library.
- Acceptance of a donation of \$100.00 from RJ Warner Insurance Agency for Summer Learning Camp.
- Approval of the FY26 modified Appropriations and Certificate of Available Resources.
- Approval of the contract renewal with the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of FY2027 temporary appropriations not to exceed 25% of the FY2026 expenditures.

Resolution SP01053-05-20

The Treasurer recommended approval of consent calendar items

Motion: R. Baker Second: Eshleman

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01053-05-20 adopted

B. Items Removed for Separate Action

Resolution SP01054-05-20

The Treasurer recommended approval of classified salary schedules of compensation and benefits.

Motion: J Baker Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01054-05-20 adopted

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The Treasurer recommended approval of the hiring of Misty Cool as Treasurer's Assistant pending meeting all requirements.

Motion: R. Baker Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01055-05-20 adopted

IX. Elementary Principal's Report

Mrs. Linder presented building updates and discussed the Student Handbook and Preschool Handbook.

X. Secondary Principal's Report

Mrs. Voress presented building updates.

XI. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Pequignot provided an overview of the agenda and facility updates.

XII. Old Business

None.

XIII. New Business

A. Superintendent's Consent Calendar

- Adoption of Board policies EBDE, EDE, EDEC, EFD, and JEB.
- Approval of all extra-curricular travel expenses to come out of the General Fund for the 2026-2027 school year.

- Approval of a student/technology fee of \$50.00 for each K-12 student during the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the Middle/High School Handbook effective the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the Player & Parent Athletic Handbook effective the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of Lifewise Academy for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the Darke County ESC Primary Contract for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the Darke County ESC Foundation Contract for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the S&S Excavating Contract for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the EMS LINQ, LLC Contract for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the Dayton Area School Employment Consortium Agreement for FY27.
- Approval of an out-of-state trip for the Girls' Basketball team to attend Basketball Camp at Northern Kentucky University on June 15, 2026.
- Approval of cafeteria prices for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of graduating seniors contingent upon meeting all state and local requirements.
- Approval of personnel recommendations and professional leaves as listed on the agenda.

Resolution SP01056-05-20

The Superintendent recommended approval of consent calendar

Motion: J Baker Second: R. Baker

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01056-05-20 adopted

XIV. New Business Continued

Resolution SP01057-05-20

Approval of a three (3) year Administrative Contract for Sydney Edwards as School Psychologist.

Motion: J. Baker Second: R. Baker

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01057-05-20 adopted

Resolution SP01058-05-20

Approval of a three (3) year Administrative Contract for Megan Linder as Elementary Principal.

Motion: Eshleman Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01058-05-20 adopted

Resolution SP01059-05-20

Approval of the agreement resolving Case #SE 4368-2026.

Motion: R. Baker Second: J. Baker

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01059-05-20 adopted

Resolution SP01060-05-20

Approval of all current substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion: Eshleman Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01060-05-20 adopted

XV. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Franklin Monroe Board of Education will be June 29, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Music Room D111.

XVI. Future Franklin Monroe Board of Education Meetings

Future meeting dates were reviewed as listed on the agenda.

XVII. Franklin Monroe Board Reports

None.

XVIII. Executive Session

Resolution SP01061-05-20

The meeting entered executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of public employee(s) at 6:55 p.m.

Motion: J. Baker Second: R. Baker

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01061-05-20 adopted

XIX. Exit Executive Session

Resolution SP01062-05-20

The meeting exited executive session at 8:51 p.m.

Motion: Eshleman Second: R. Baker

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01062-05-20 adopted

XX. Adjournment

Resolution SP01063-05-20

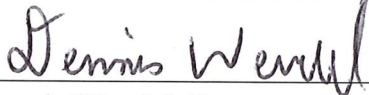
The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Motion: J. Baker Second: Eshleman

Vote: Myers – Yes, J. Baker – Yes, R. Baker – Yes, Eshleman – Yes, Haddix – Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01063-05-20 adopted



Dennis Wendel, Treasurer



Scott Myers, President