

**FRANKLIN MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 29, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
Music Room D111

I. Call to Order

The Franklin Monroe Local Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Music Room D111. President Scott Myers called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Present: Scott Myers, Rodney Baker, Renae Eshleman, Danette Haddix

Absent: Jana Baker

III. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

Andy McKibben asked why the treasurer amended contract and new contract were pulled off the agenda. Scott Meyer stated that they would need all members present for the vote of those contracts.

IV. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution SP01064-06-29

Motion: Eshleman Second: R. Baker

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01064-06-29 adopted

V. School Finance Report

Mr. Wendel presented the School Finance report.

A. Consent Calendar

- Approval of the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held May 20, 2026.
- Approval of Bank Reconciliation, Expenditures, and Financial Journal and accompanying documents.
- Approval of the School Nurse Schedule of Compensation and Benefits.
- Approval of the Saturday School pay rate of \$30.00 per hour effective the 2025-2026 school year and for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Acceptance of the donation of any remaining class funds from the Class of 2026 to the Class of 2027.
- Approval of the Shared Resource Center Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year for fiscal support services.
- Acceptance of a donation of flooring materials for the Flightline Center valued at \$244.44 from Dan Peters.
- Approval of the final Appropriations and the Certificate of Available Resources for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
- Approval of the RJ Warner insurance policy for 2026-2027.
- Approval of the advance of \$4,805.82 from the General Fund (001) to the Title I fund (572).
- Acceptance of a \$500.00 donation from the PTO to the Principals fund (018) to help pay for a new GaGa pit.

Resolution SP01065-06-29

The Treasurer recommended approval of consent calendar items.

Motion: R. Baker Second: Eshleman

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01065-06-29 adopted

VI. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Pequignot provided an overview of the agenda and facility updates. Additional topics included the retire/rehire of Diane Voress, the Nutrition Standards Report, and the Semi-annual Certification Letter.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

A. Superintendent's Consent Calendar

- Approval of the Montgomery County Educational Service Center Agreement for Federal Grants Management.
- Approval of the Council on Rural Services Programs Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year to cover services provided by ACES.
- Approval of the Darke County Shared Services Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the Meta Solutions FinalForms Contract for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- Approval of the Saunders Towing and Recovery LLC Bus Mechanic Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- Approval of the Elementary Handbook, effective the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the Preschool Student Handbook, effective the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the contract with Amity Professional Water Services LLC to monitor and report all required water samples to the EPA during the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of an agreement with the Darke County Sheriff's Department to provide a full-time School Resource Officer during the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of personnel recommendations and professional leave as listed below:
 - a. Hiring of Alex Moore as Health and Physical Education Teacher effective with the 2026-2027 school year, pending meeting all requirements. Salaries per board adopted schedules.
 - b. Hiring of Amy Phelps as School Nurse effective with the 2026-2027 school year, pending meeting all requirements. Salaries per board adopted schedules.
 - c. Volunteer supplemental and extracurricular positions for classified, not-on-staff personnel for the 2026-2027 school year pending meeting all requirements: Jennifer Flora, Volunteer Girls' Basketball Coach.
 - d. Issuance of classified contract effective with the 2026-2027 school year as listed: Misty Cool, 1 Year Contract. Salaries as per board adopted schedules.
 - e. Classified substitute for the 2026-2027 school year pending meeting all requirements: Brenda Chrisman, All positions.
 - f. Approval of Tristen Collins to conduct Kindergarten Camp on August 3, 2026 to complete KRA testing for a stipend of \$100, pending meeting all requirements.
 - g. Professional Leave as listed on the agenda

Resolution SP01066-06-29

The Superintendent recommended approval of consent calendar items.

Motion: Eshleman Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01066-06-29 adopted

B. Items Removed for Separate Action

Resolution SP01067-06-29

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Amendment to Kory Berhent's 2026-2028 Administrative Contract.

Motion: Meyer Second: Eshleman

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01067-06-29 adopted

Resolution SP01068-06-29

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Amendment to Sydney Edwards' 2024-2027 Administrative Contract.

Motion: Eshleman Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01068-06-29 adopted

Resolution SP01069-06-29

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Amendment to Megan Linder's 2024-2027 Administrative Contract.

Motion: Baker Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01069-06-29 adopted

Resolution SP01070-06-29

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Amendment to Cole McGlinch's 2026-2028 Administrative Contract.

Motion: Eshleman Second: Baker

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01070-06-29 adopted

Resolution SP01071-06-29

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board is authorized to suspend the contracts of teachers for cause; and
WHEREAS this Board believes that the conduct of Ed Porter constitutes grounds for his suspension without pay for a period of ten (10) days, beginning at the commencement of the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, Ed Porter has been notified of the grounds for the suspension, and has been given an opportunity to appear before the Superintendent to respond to allegations of misconduct that support his suspension.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Ed Porter is hereby suspended without pay for a period of ten (10) scheduled work days, commencing at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby instructed to notify Ed Porter of this action and the reasons therefor and the days on which he will serve his 10-day suspension, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Motion: Meyer Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01071-06-29 adopted

Resolution SP01072-06-29

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Franklin Monroe Local School District Board of Education and the Franklin Monroe Education Association regarding Article 17 of the collective bargaining agreement, the local Teacher Evaluation Rubric, Appendix M, and the evaluation schedule for teachers rated Accomplished or Skilled, as presented.

Motion: Eshleman Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01072-06-29 adopted

Resolution SP01073-06-29

The Board recommended approval of the First Amendment to Jeremy Pequignot's 2026-2031 Administrative Contract.

Motion: Baker Second: Eshleman

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01073-06-29 adopted

Resolution SP01074-06-29

The Board recommended approval of the following Resolution.

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF RAISING \$1,713,411 ANNUALLY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT PURPOSES PURSUANT TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Franklin Monroe Local School District (the "School District"):

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 5748.02 of the Ohio Revised Code as enacted in Substitute Senate Bill 28 of the 118th General Assembly (the "Act"), and as amended, it is necessary to raise \$1,713,411 for school district purposes (as defined in the Act). The income that is to be subject to the tax is taxable income of individuals as defined in division (E)(1) of Section 5748.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, also commonly referred to as the "traditional income tax."

SECTION 2. That pursuant to Section 5748.02, this Board of Education hereby applies to the Tax Commissioner of the Ohio Department of Taxation to estimate the property tax rate that would have to be imposed by the School District in the current year to produce the amount set forth in SECTION 1 hereof and to estimate the income tax rate that would have had to have been in effect for the current year as a School District income tax to produce the amount set forth in SECTION 1 hereof, in order to place a School District income tax question on the November 3, 2026 ballot, which additional income tax shall be levied for a five-year period of time, commencing January 1, 2027. The ballot measure for the additional income tax shall be

submitted to the entire territory of the School District. The School District has territory in Darke County, Ohio and in Miami County, Ohio.

SECTION 3. That the Treasurer of this Board is hereby directed to certify immediately to the Tax Commissioner of the Ohio Department of Taxation a copy of this resolution.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education, 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 Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the rules of this Board of Education adopted in accordance therewith.

Scott Meyers thanked the Citizens of Franklin Monroe for their time and effort in making their recommendation to the BOE concerning a levy.

Dennis Wendel briefly reviewed the next steps for levy filing in order to appear on the November Ballot

Dennis Wendel also provided verbal information of the difference between traditional income tax rates, and earned income tax rates that would generate an equal amount of revenue.

Motion: Baker Second: Eshleman

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01074-06-29 adopted

IX. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Franklin Monroe Board of Education will be July 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Music Room D111.

X. Future Franklin Monroe Board of Education Meetings

Future meeting dates were reviewed as listed on the agenda.

XI. Franklin Monroe Board Reports

None.

XII. Executive Session

Resolution SP01075-06-29

The meeting entered executive session for the purpose of considering the employment of public employee(s) at 6:01 p.m.

Motion: Eshleman Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01075-06-29 adopted

XIII. Exit Executive Session

Resolution SP01076-06-29

The meeting exited executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion: Eshleman Second: Haddix

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01076-06-29 adopted

XIV. Adjournment

Resolution SP01077-06-29

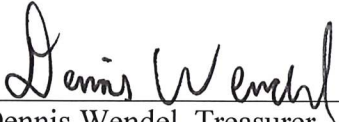
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

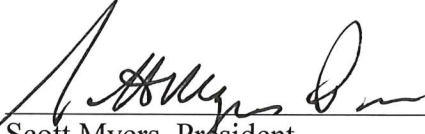
Motion: Eshleman Second: R. Baker

Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Absent, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 4-0.

Resolution SP01077-06-29 adopted


Dennis Wendel, Treasurer


Scott Myers, President