

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

September 16, 2026 - 5:30 p.m.
Music Room D111

New Staff Recognition

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board recognized new staff members Misty Cool, Macy Dapore, Alex Moore, Marli Morris, and Amy Phelps at 5:15 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Franklin Monroe Local Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, September 16, 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. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

None.

IV. Testing Presentation

Megan Linder and Diane Voress presented testing information to the Board.

V. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution SP01097-09-16

The Board approved the agenda as presented.

Motion: Eshleman Second: R. Baker

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01097-09-16 adopted

VI. School Finance Report

Mr. Wendel presented the School Finance report.

A. Consent Calendar

- Approval of the minutes from the regular monthly meeting held on August 19, 2026.
- Approval of the Bank Reconciliation, Expenditures, Financial Journal and accompanying documents.
- Approval of the rescinding of the Capital Project Fund (070) under Ohio Revised Code 5705.13 Section C.
- Approval of the transfer of \$1,784,261.29 from the Capital Project Fund (070) to the General Fund (001).
- Acceptance of the donation of school supplies from the United Way Stuff the Bus program.
- Acceptance of grant funds from the Darke County Foundation and their supporters in the amount of \$3,500.00 for educational materials for LEGO League and special education cooking materials.
- Acceptance of a donation from DonationScout, LLC (Buffalo Wild Wings) for SADD in the amount of \$83.69.
- Acceptance of the donation of a Playhouse valued at \$250.00 for the Junior Jet Academy from Annie and Blake Ingle.
- Acceptance of the following donations for the Cross Country Team: JCrane - \$200.00; R&R Lawn - \$100.00; Bakers Garage - \$100.00; Cox Trailers - \$100.00; TPN Golf Properties, LLC - \$100.00; Adonai Service Group, LLC - \$100.00; Flora Homestead - \$100.00; Brookey Mold Design - \$100.00.

Resolution SP01098-09-16

The Treasurer recommended approval of consent calendar items.

Motion: R. Baker Second: J. Baker

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01098-09-16 adopted

B. Items Removed for Separate Action
None.

VII. Elementary Principal's Report

Mrs. Linder presented the Elementary Building Overview.

VIII. Secondary Principal's Report

Mrs. Voress presented the Secondary Building Overview.

IX. Superintendent's Report

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

Enrollment for students in grades PK-12 in early September was reported as 505. Enrollment for the previous five school years was reviewed: 537 in 2025-2026; 556 in 2024-2025; 561 in 2023-2024; 531 in 2022-2023; and 557 in 2021-2022.

Open enrollment totals were reviewed. As of September 11, 2026, 145 students were accepted at Franklin Monroe through open enrollment and 107 resident students attended other districts, for a net difference of 38 students. Mr. Pequignot noted that these numbers will continue to fluctuate as students move in and out of the district throughout the school year.

Home education totals were also reviewed. Approximately 98 students were being homeschooled for the 2026-2027 school year. The total is approximate because several parents had not yet submitted their notification letters.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

A. Superintendent's Consent Calendar

- Approval of the following administrative goals for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - Jeremy Pequignot: Continue to develop and improve Flightline procedures and processes; explore strategies for encouraging high school students to be present on campus more frequently; and continue to work with the Treasurer to identify cost savings opportunities for the district.
 - Diane Voress: Collaborate closely with the middle school math department to strengthen instructional practices, curriculum resources, and standards alignment in 7th and 8th grade mathematics; and explore and develop strategies to increase meaningful engagement and learning opportunities for juniors and seniors during the afternoon school day.
 - Megan Linder: Work in the reading and math departments through PK-6 to develop guidelines and expectations for teachers, students, and parents to support learning during school and at home; and work with intervention and RTI teams to ensure instruction and schedules are meeting the needs and expectations of all students needing assistance.
- Designation of Bricker & Eckler LLP as authorized legal counsel for the Franklin Monroe Local School District, to be utilized on an as-needed basis for consultation on general school law matters and other requested legal services.
- Partnership with the Darke County ESC Business Advisory Council to fulfill and perform the functions associated with H.B. 49 on behalf of the Franklin Monroe Local School District.
- Approval of the contract with B & R Erate Consulting Services for FY27.
- Approval of the District Title I Parent Involvement Plan (Policy IGBL).
- Approval of the out-of-state field trip for FFA students and chaperones to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 21-24, 2026.
- Approval of a \$25.00 incentive for full-time bus drivers who dock their regularly scheduled bus routes to drive a trip, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approval of the Franklin Monroe School District Gifted and Talented Education Plan for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Personnel recommendations:

- a. Acceptance of the resignation of Jaimie Rudmann from the supplemental position of Basketball - 7th Grade Girls' Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - b. Approval of contracts for classified, not-on-staff supplemental and extracurricular positions for the 2026-2027 school year, pending meeting all requirements: Isabella Harleman - Softball - Reserve/Varsity Assistant Coach.
 - c. Approval of the following volunteer supplemental position for on-staff personnel for the 2026-2027 school year: Cole McGlinch - Volunteer Indoor Track Coach.
 - d. Approval of the following volunteer supplemental and extracurricular positions for not-on-staff personnel for the 2026-2027 school year: Josh Artin - Volunteer Swim Coach; Jim Dabbelt - Volunteer JH Girls' Basketball Coach; Gabe Sargent - Volunteer Baseball Coach.
- Professional leaves as listed

Resolution SP01099-09-16

The Superintendent recommended approval of consent calendar items.

Motion: J. Baker Second: Eshleman

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01099-09-16 adopted

B. Items Removed for Separate Action

Resolution SP01100-09-16

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION DECLARING TRANSPORTATION IMPRACTICAL

WHEREAS, the Franklin Monroe Local Board of Education has carefully considered transportation options under Ohio Revised Code Sections 3327.01 and 3327.02; and

WHEREAS, for Madeline Smith who resides at 854 St. Rt. 49, Arcanum, OH 45304, the Board has considered the following:

1. The time and distance required to provide the transportation;
2. The number of pupils to be transported;
3. The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration;
4. Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation;
5. Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules;
6. Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available.

WHEREAS, if transportation is deemed impractical after consideration of the aforementioned factors, the option of offering payment-in-lieu of transportation is provided by the Ohio Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Monroe Board of Education after fully and carefully considering each of the factors listed above, the Board hereby declares that it is impractical to transport Madeline Smith for the 2026-2027 school year and beyond, and hereby offers Tricia Smith, parent, payment-in-lieu of transportation. The reasons for the decision include a combination of the cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel, and administration, as well as the number of pupils to be transported to Salem Christian Academy.

Motion: Eshleman Second: J. Baker

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

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01100-09-16 adopted

Jana Baker and Scott Myers expressed their appreciation to Superintendent Jeremy Pequignot for his response to the severe storm that impacted the area as elementary students were being dismissed. They recognized his efforts to ensure that all students arrived home safely and the additional time he spent after hours assessing storm-related damage to district facilities. The Board expressed its gratitude for his dedication and service to the students, district, and community.

Dennis Wendel updated the BOE on a public Fiscal Meeting that will take place in the cafeteria on October 14th at 6 p.m. All community members are invited and there will be time for public questions regarding district finances.

XII. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Franklin Monroe Board of Education will be October 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in Music Room D111.

XIII. Future Franklin Monroe Board of Education Meetings

Future meeting dates were reviewed as listed on the agenda.

XIV. Franklin Monroe Board Reports

None.

XV. Adjournment

Resolution SP01101-09-16

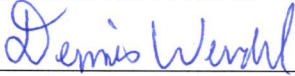
The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Motion: Eshleman Second: Haddix

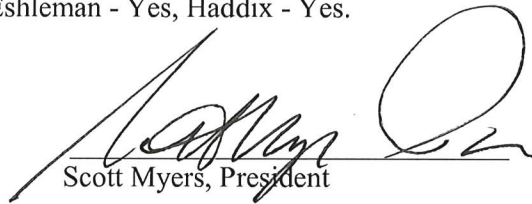
Vote: Myers - Yes, J. Baker - Yes, R. Baker - Yes, Eshleman - Yes, Haddix - Yes.

Motion carried 5-0.

Resolution SP01101-09-16 adopted



Dennis Wendel, Treasurer


Scott Myers, President