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Franklin Local School District Board of Education

February 26, 2025

Opening Report

The Franklin Local Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at the Central Office. All members were present.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public hearing to receive input and/or comments on the 2025-2026 Franklin Local School District Calendar. There were no questions or comments from the public.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

Spotlight on Students and Staff:

Superintendent Kacey Cottrill and Board of Education members recognized and presented Certificates of Accomplishment and Philo Electric Pride Pins to the following individuals:

Congratulations to Kiyah Franklin our 2024-2025 Franklin Local School District Spelling Bee Champion!

Congratulations to Olivia Hilty our 2024-2025 Franklin Local School District Spelling Bee Runner-up!

Congratulations to a successful performance of "A Christmas Carol" and to the Play Performers, Director and Producer.

Congratulations to the 7th & 8th Grade Girls' Basketball Teams and Coaches for winning the MVL Championship!

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

BOARD GOALS:

Clear and Concise Communication Within the Community and School.

Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the monthly financial reports, lists of bills paid for January 2025.

The Board waived the reading and approved the minutes from the January 9, 2025 organizational and regular meetings.

The Board approved acceptance of two donations.

The Board approved a deposit of interim funds.

Superintendent's Report

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Personnel

Resignations:

The Board approved Elaine Spangenberg's (PHS French Teacher) resignation due to retirement, effective May 31, 2025.

The Board approved Cailey Lafferty's (PJHS 8th Grade Science Teacher) resignation, effective August 31, 2025.

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The Board approved Kelsey Mahon's (3hr Cook/Cashier at PHS) resignation, effective February 3, 2025.

The Board approved Marilyn Archibald's (7hr Head Cook at RES) resignation due to retirement, effective June 1, 2025.

The Board approved Amanda Harper's (3hr Cook/Cashier at PHS) resignation, effective June 1, 2025.

The Board approved Bertha Hughes' (7hr Cook/Cashier at PJHS) resignation due to retirement, effective June 1, 2025.

The Board approved Karen Shook's (7hr Head Cook at PHS) resignation due to retirement, effective August 1, 2025.

The Board approved Robin Williby's (7hr Head Cook at PJHS) resignation due to retirement, effective November 1, 2025.

The Board approved Betty Howard's (Bus Driver) resignation, effective February 17, 2025.

The Board approved Joe Stemm's (Volunteer Track Coach) resignation, effective February 18, 2025.

The Board approved Rachael Ladner's (PJHS 6th grade ELA Teacher) resignation, effective August 31, 2025.

The Board approved Kenneth Henry's (PJHS Intervention Specialist) resignation, effective August 31, 2025.

The Board approved Jeremy Mull's (PHS Science Teacher) resignation, effective August 31, 2025.

Hires:

The Board approved a three-year administrative contract renewal, effective August 1, 2025, for the following:

Nicholas Hansel, Technology Director
Kara Harris, Director of Special Services
Philip Moore, Food Service Director
Dave Thomas, Athletic Director

The Board approved a one-year contract to April Greiner as the DFE Preschool Intervention Specialist, beginning the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board approved the transfer of Rachael Miller (Intervention Specialist at PJHS) to DFE Intervention Specialist, effective the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board approved Christy Harmon for 3hr/183 day Cook/Cashier position at PHS, effective March 3, 2025.

The Board approved Courtney Beach for 3hr/183 day Cook/Cashier position at PHS, effective March 3, 2025, contingent upon Board acceptance of a resignation.

The Board approved a one-year contract to Codi Worden as the PJHS Intervention Specialist beginning the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board approved the following for classified sub positions, as noted, pending satisfactory completion of backgrounds and required certifications (including bus/van training and driving):

Jaxson Radcliffe	Non Bachelor Teacher
Reece Smalley	Non Bachelor Teacher
Stephanie Devoll	Non Bachelor Teacher
Carter Wickham	Non Bach Teacher/Aide
Eliana Bowers	Aide
Julie Mount	Aide
Julie Seibel	Bus Aide
Kayla Williamson	Cook/Cashier
Jenna Stoner	All sub positions (except bus)
Jordan Joseph	All sub positions (including bus/van driver)
Kelli Milner	All sub positions (except bus)

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Andrew Diehl	All sub positions (including bus/van driver)
Betty Howard	All sub positions (including bus/van driver)

The Board approve the following one-year supplemental and pupil activity (extra-curricular) contracts for Coaches for the 2024-2025 school year, pending completion of certification, as applicable:

Adam McElhaney	Junior High Track Coach
Abbie Stair	Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
Logan Wickham	Volunteer Track Coach
Jennifer Rayner	Volunteer Track Coach
Griffin Wells	Volunteer Baseball Coach

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board approved home instruction for a PJHS student and Stephanie Bathrick (PJHS ELA Teacher), as her tutor.

The Board approved waiving preschool tuition for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board approved the 2025-2026 (Proposal A) Calendar.

The Board approved the Treasurer to approve and certify all E-Rate forms and documentation.

The Board approved a resolution to continue Open Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year, per Board policies 6.08, 6.09 and 6.091. (Applications will be released beginning at 8:00 a.m., Monday, March 3, 2025).

The Board approved the lists of 2025 Graduates, pending completion of required credits and passage of the Ohio Graduation Test.

The Board approved a PHS 12th Grade Student to graduate at the end of the first semester.

The Board approved Chelsea Beach's (DFE 2nd Grade Teacher) request for donation of sick days from staff.

The Board approved Peggy Barnhart's (RES Reading Intervention Teacher) request for donation of sick days from staff.

The Board approved moving the Monday, May 5, 2025 professional development day to Tuesday, May 6, 2025. The reason for the change is because May 6, 2025 is now an election day in Ohio.

The Board approved a MOU with Stark State College for College Credit Plus post-secondary opportunities for students at Philo High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board approved a MOU with Kent State university for College Credit Plus post-secondary opportunities for students at Philo High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board approved a MOU with Franklin Local Teachers Association stating: starting with the 2025-2026 school year, one (1) varsity assistant wrestling coach (boys and girls) position will be added to the positions in Exhibit D of the CBA. This position will be placed at Tier 5 on the supplemental salary schedule.

The Board approved the purchase of 1-77 passenger bus from Cardinal Bus Sales in the total amount of \$129,888.00.

The Board approved the 8th Grade trip to Philadelphia (October 28-30, 2025), with the district paying a portion of the trip.

The Board approved the Philo High School Course Description booklet for the 2025-2026 school year.

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SUPERINTENDENT OTHER:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board of Education discussed the 8th Grade Trip and the contributions that the District has made to help families with the trip in the past.

The Board of Education discussed the Permanent Improvement Levy that will be on the ballot in May.

Board President Marc Carpenter discussed the student and staff recognition items that are being given at the Board meetings now. Mr. Carpenter also discussed the survey given at the High School and possibly having the High School Principal Scott Mosebrook at an upcoming Board meeting to discuss the results. Lastly, Mr. Carpenter discussed Superintendent Kacey Cottrill being a finalist for Innovative Superintendent of the Year.

Board Member Chris Hamill discussed a Village of Roseville family that had a fire that has students in our District.

Dustan Henderson, Director of Instruction discussed the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year and that process. Mr. Henderson also gave an update on the math curriculum.

The Maintenance of Facilities Update was presented by Rob Preston, Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Preston provided information on the following:

- Spring facilities update
- Roofing project updates
- Classroom flooring updates
- Underground fuel tank update
- Soccer turf update

Assistant Superintendent Rob Preston also discussed facility use and how the District has been handling charging for facility use. Mr. Preston provided information on how many facility use requests have been made for March through May. Mr. Preston asked the Board of Education for guidance on how to proceed.

The Board of Education discussed the facility use requests and instructed the Administration to develop language adjusting the facility use with emphasis on programs with the majority of Franklin Local School District students. The Board of Education also stated to limit for profit organizations and that those current requests should be denied at this time.

Mr. Preston also presented the Board President the bullying report as required by law.

Motion was made by Jim Swingle and seconded by Josh Baker to enter into executive session at 8:27p.m. to discuss personnel matters concerning dismissal, discipline, or demotion of employees or students.

The meeting resumed at 8:54p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

OTHER:

The next monthly Board meeting will be held Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Office.