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Franklin Local School District Board of Education **February 19, 2026**

Opening Report

The Franklin Local Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at the Central Office. All members were present.

PUBLIC HEARING:
None

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 Swag to the following individuals:

Congratulations to Gwen Inman our 2025-2026 Franklin Local School District Spelling Bee Champion!

Congratulations to Olivia Hilty our 2025-2026 Franklin Local School District Spelling Bee Runner-up!

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

Congratulations to Tomi Starcher (PJHS Intervention Specialist MD Unit) for being nominated for the LifeChanger of the Year!

Randy Tom, Athletic Booster President

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:
None.

BOARD GOALS:
Clear and Concise Communication Within the Community and School.

Roseville Elementary Principal Frank VanKirk presented on all the great things happening at RES. RES 5th grade teacher, Kyle Jones and Olivia Swope, presented on current projects.

Treasurer's Report

The Board approved the monthly financial reports and lists of bills paid for January 2026.

The Board waived the reading and approved the minutes from the January 7, 2026 organizational and regular meetings.

The Board approved the Bi-Annual Forecast.

The Board approved the estimated revenues and appropriations.

The Board approved the transfer of $250,000.00 from the General Fund to the Self Insurance Fund.

The Board approved three donations.

Treasurer Scott Paul discussed the FY25 audit and a couple of recommendations/issues that would be noted in the management letter and report. Mr. Paul discussed the posting of

revenue from the sale of the Community School building in the General Fund and the auditors wanted the revenue to be posted in the Permanent Improvement fund. The Board transferred money from the General Fund to the Permanent Improvement fund in June 2025, but the auditors did not accept that as correcting the posting. The district should not have any issues like this in the near future since the Board and Administration have no intention of selling real estate anytime soon.

Superintendent's Report

RECOMMENDATIONS:
Personnel
Resignations:

The Board approved Kyle Jones' (RES 5th Grade Math/Science Teacher) resignation, contingent upon being hired as the PJHS Assistant Principal, effective July 31, 2026.

The Board approved Karon Novaria's (PHS Math Teacher) resignation, effective July 1, 2026 due to retirement.

The Board approved Hannah Stoepfel (PHS ELA Teacher) resignation, effective August 31, 2026.

The Board approved Ben Bradley's (DFE Intervention Specialist MD Unit) resignation, effective August 31, 2026 due to retirement. He will continue as Driver's Education Instructor.

The Board approved Crissy Carnes' (PHS Intervention Specialist) resignation, continent upon being hired as an Intervention Specialist at RES.

The Board approved Justin Rayner's (PHS Chemistry/Physics Teacher) resignation, contingent upon being hired as a Math Teacher at PHS.

The Board approved Starrzanne Hilty's (DFE Pre-School Intervention Specialist) resignation, contingent upon being hired as an Intervention Specialist at PHS.

The Board approved Tomi Starcher's (PJHS Intervention Specialist MD Unit) resignation, contingent upon being hired as an Intervention Specialist MD Unit at DFE.

The Board approved Mary Moore's (PHS Cook/Cashier 3hr/183day) resignation, due to medical reasons.

Hires:

The Board approved a three-year contract to Kyle Jones as the PJHS Assistant Principal beginning the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved the transfer of Crissy Carnes to RES Intervention Specialist, effective the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved the transfer of Justin Rayner to PHS Math Teacher, effective the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved the transfer of Starrzanne Hilty to PHS Intervention Specialist, effective the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved a one-year contract to Sadie Mahon as the 5th Grade Math/Science Teacher at RES, beginning the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved the transfer of Tomi Starcher to DFE Intervention Specialist MD Unit, effective the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved Brittany Foraker for a 3hr/183 day Cook/Cashier contract position at PHS (Level 1), effective March 2, 2026.

The Board approved Jeremy Shubert for a contract as Mechanic (8hr/260day/yr-Level 5), effective February 23, 2026.

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):

Kenleigh Spears-Worden	Non Bachelor Teacher All Sub (except bus)
Justin Dady	Non Bachelor Teacher
Brittany Foraker	All Sub (except bus)
Janet Trout	Aide
Jerry Pollock	All Sub (except bus)

The Board approve the following one-year supplemental and pupil activity (extra-curricular) contracts for Coaches for the 2025-2026 school year, pending completion of certification, as applicable:

Jennifer Rayner	Junior High Track Coach
Emily Keylor	Volunteer Track Coach
Vince Nerone	Varsity Asst. Track Coach
Emma Shaeffer	Jr. High Track Coach
Jacelyn Wigal	Varsity Asst. Track Coach
Travis Hlad	Volunteer Track Coach

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board approved waiving preschool tuition for the 2026-2027 school year.

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 2026-2027 school year, per Board policies 6.08, 6.09 and 6.091. (Applications will be released beginning at 8:00 a.m., Monday, March 2, 2026).

The Board approved the lists of 2026 Graduates, pending completion of required credits and passage of the Ohio Graduation Test.

The Board approved a MOU with Stark State College for College Credit Plus post-secondary opportunities for students at Philo High School for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved a MOU with Mid-East for Career-Technical Educational Instruction for PJHS students at Philo High School for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved the 8th Grade trip to Philadelphia (October 27-29, 2026), with the district paying a portion of the trip.

The Board approved the Philo High School Course Description booklet for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved Amish Ridge Metals to rebuild the VoAg barn.

SUPERINTENDENT OTHER:
None

OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Education Member Josh Baker discussed possibly starting a youth flag football league and if the District would have areas to facilitate such a league.

Dustan Henderson, Director of Instruction discussed and gave updates on the following:

- Roseville Elementary presentation
- driver's education
- current year calendar
- hiring

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

- VoAg Barn rebuild
- playgrounds
- roofing projects this summer
- possible EMA reimbursements for the snow storm
- spring season update

Motion was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Marc Carpenter to enter into executive session at 5:53 p.m. to discuss personnel matters concerning appointment of employees.

Meeting resumed at 6:07 p.m.

Motion was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Marc Carpenter to approve a one-year leave of absence for a teacher, effective the 2026-2027 school year. The motion failed.

Meeting adjourned.

OTHER:

The next monthly Board meeting will be held Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Office.