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**Franklin Local School District Board of Education**

**December 18, 2025**

**Opening Report**

The Franklin Local Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2025 at the Central Office. All members were present, except Jim Swingle.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing, pursuant to Section 3313.48(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, was held on the proposed school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, addressing topics that include but are not limited to the total number of hours in a school year, length of the school day, and beginning and end dates of instruction. 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 recognition items to the following:

Congratulations to the 2025 Advisors and Inductees into the Philo High School C. Dennis Betz Chapter of the National Honor Society!

Congratulations to a list of student athletes and coaches who received post-season recognition!

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**  
None.

**BOARD GOALS:**

Clear and Concise Communication Within the Community and School.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Board approved the Treasurer's monthly financial reports, and lists of bills paid for November 2025.

The Board waived the reading and approved the minutes from the November 20, 2025, regular meeting.

The Board approved acceptance of donations.

**Superintendent's Report**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**  
*Personnel*

Resignations:

The Board accepted Nicole Ball's (RES Reading Intervention Teacher) resignation, due to retirement, effective June 1, 2026.

The Board accepted Denise Bruns' (DFE 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher retire/rehire) resignation, due to retirement, effective July 31, 2026.

The Board accepted Carol Abernethy's (DFE 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher) resignation, due to retirement, effective August 1, 2026.

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The Board approved Don Beardsley's (Transportation Supervisor) resignation, due to retirement, effective April 1, 2026.

The Board approved Shawn Harper's (PJHS Principal rehire/retire) resignation, due to retirement, effective August 1, 2026.

The Board approved Jennifer Woodard's (PJHS Asst. Principal) resignation, contingent upon being hired as the PJHS Principal.

Hires:

The Board approved the following for all classified substitute positions, as noted, pending satisfactory completion of backgrounds and necessary certifications:

Tim Tysinger (including bus driver)  
Logan Dutro (except bus driver)  
Denessa Vansandt (except bus driver)

The Board approved Jennifer Woodard as the PJHS Principal, effective August 1, 2026.

The Board approved the transfer of Tom Gensor (PJHS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science/Math Teacher) to DFE 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher, effective the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved the transfer of Erica Moss (RES Intervention Specialist) to RES Intervention Teacher, effective the 2026-2027 school year.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Board approved a 12-month contract with AEP Energy for a fixed energy rate.

The Board approved an MOU with Zane State College for Data Sharing Agreement and for College Credit Plus post-secondary opportunities for students at Philo High School for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved Paper-and-Pencil format for the Ohio, Grade 3 Tests in English, Language Arts and Mathematics for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board approved the quote from Snider Recreation Inc. for playground equipment at DFE and RES using cooperative purchasing pricing of \$399,839.00

**SUPERINTENDENT OTHER:**

The January Board Meeting will be held on January 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Office.

**OLD BUSINESS:**  
None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Board President Marc Carpenter discussed communications and presentations from the buildings and different groups starting back up in the new calendar year. Board Member Kyle Trout stated that he would like to see the fine arts and athletic directors presenting at the meetings more often too. All Board Members agreed that it is a great idea.

Board Member Chris Hamill appointed Kyle Trout as President Pro Tem to serve from January 1, 2026, until the new Board President takes office at the 2026 Organizational meeting, which is set for January 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Director of Instruction Dustan Henderson discussed the school calendar, staffing and midterms.

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The Maintenance of Facilities Update was presented by Rob Preston, Assistant Superintendent:

- Playground projects
- Bleacher and backstop inspections during break
- Annual maintenance during break
- VoAg building update
- Winter Sports

Assistant Superintendent Rob Preston presented the Board President the bullying report as required by law.

Motion was made by Josh Baker and seconded by Kyle Trout to enter into executive session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss personnel matters concerning appointment of employees.

Meeting resumed at 7:33 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

**OTHER:**

The next monthly Board meeting will be held Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Office.