

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018
Richland Community College –National Sequestration Education Center (NSEC 121)
Decatur, Illinois

Chairman Vic Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Member roll call was taken.

Members Present: Damian Jones, Sheila Greenwood, DeAnn Heck, Dan Brue, Vic Zimmerman
(8-10 present) (Chairperson), Travis Roundcount, Bob Meadows, Kristen Kendrick-Weikle
After Rollcall: John Ahlemeyer (8:01), Brett Robinson (8:11)

Members Absent: Paul Fregeau, Amanda Geary

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Sarah Evans, Vickie Vieth (Secretary), Matt Snyder, Jill Reedy,
Bret Hitchings

Public Participation: None

Seeing no public participation, Chairperson Zimmerman entertained the motion to approve minutes from the 10/18/2018 meeting. Supt Meadows motioned to approve the Executive Board minutes as presented, seconded by Supt Jones. Voice Vote: All in favor

No call to Closed Session.

Roll Call Action Items

A. Personnel and Administrative Appointments

After a brief summary of personnel, a question was raised regarding openings and prospects for hire. Lots of openings are still present and there are no current prospects. Supt Greenwood motioned to recommend the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for MPSED, that the employees presented be recommended as listed, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (9) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Ahlemeyer, Brue, Zimmerman, Roundcount, Meadows, Kendrick-Weikle. (0) Nays; (3) Absent: Fregeau, Geary, Robinson (arrived 8:11).

Director's Report

A. Finance Update – After stating the current cash balance, attention was directed to information being discussed in the Finance Committee regarding Medicaid funds. With the way our current funding formula is structured for Medicaid, Macon Piatt will not be able to sustain another year of similar expenditures as in the past. That is why it is such an urgency to continue this conversation in the Finance Committee so all can have a healthy discussion about how we structure the Macon Piatt billing and then subsequent expenditures. We do not have the means to continue this formula as it stands for one more year so another method will need to be considered. Currently, Medicaid funds pay for Occupational / Physical Therapy services and their assistants, all supplies/ testing materials for Psychologists, Social Workers, and Speech Language Pathologists. The largest amount of Medicaid funds is spent for residential and private tuition expenses. The state does have a private facility tuition reimbursement formula which is prorated but that is only on the amount remaining after each district pays their per capita twice. The proration varies each year depending on the amount of money the state has remaining for disbursement. State reimbursement is received 2 years after the initial expense. Macon Piatt is currently paying for 11 private facility students with an average tuition cost of \$50k per student/per year. This is only for your information – no resolution yet. In two weeks hopefully there will be recommendations to choose from giving the pros/cons for each. The next Finance Committee meeting is Thursday 11/29 (1 week after Thanksgiving).

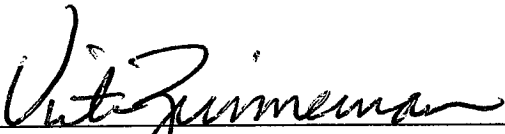
- B. Decatur Facilities Changes and MPSED Programs Update – It is still uncertain where all the Macon Piatt programs at Harris will be moving to...Decatur's board would like to keep Hope a K-8 school. In order to keep the middle school component at Hope, there will be a space issue with fitting all the Harris Macon Piatt programs at Hope. They are still exploring Plan B and we may possibly have to split the programs – putting some kids at one school and some at another school. We will keep you updated as soon as it is known.
- C. Due Process Update – there is no due process active in Macon Piatt currently since Decatur's was resolved in mediation.
- D. Task Committees
- The Early Childhood committee is a multi-faceted committee which is trying to tackle issues such as... evaluation and initial placement of students that are more 'least restrictive' versus 'instructional only'; what to do with students who have bad behavior issues; the transition from early childhood programming into kindergarten; do they have enough services when they exit; how do you go from a fully instructional program to a speech only; how do we support our kindergarten teachers; and what kind of communication can we have our early childhood teachers package into what works that the kindergarten teachers can then utilize. We don't anticipate any solutions being done this year since it is such a big task.
 - This year we will be looking at Emotional Disability. Not a lot of change is anticipated with the actual criteria but we do want to solidify procedures for the psychologists / social workers regarding the rating scales (are we using the correct ones), domains and operational definitions of the criteria, who is doing what and what does it all mean so application will be the same across Macon Piatt. The psychologists, SpEd Administrators, social workers will touch base with the principals before bringing it back to this board.
 - The SLD reevaluation needs to be reviewed since reevaluations always have little nuances. Look to see if there is anything that needs to be changed and how to treat reevaluations differently as students move up in grade levels. The procedures for SLD reevaluation needs solidification.
 - After providing a list of audited reading curriculums and interventions last spring, it is our desire to get a math committee together to provide a similar list of potential math curriculum/ interventions. We are getting started with people from your district who are interested in math.
- E. Preschool Transition (Student Information System) – Some districts have received an email from Lindsay Kocher asking for kids to be enrolled in SIS under 'evaluation only' so Macon Piatt can fulfill what is required regarding preschool transition. If students are enrolled as 'evaluation', then SIS assures upon student's exit there will not be a plethora of questions required to answer as with other enrollees. Kathy can enroll students on her end as a sub-user under your SIS but the only information provided to Kathy is the child's name and date of birth. Information like the student's gender, race is not provided thereby it would be 'guess work' which she does not wish to do.
- F. 504 Information in SIS is another element that has been added to your student systems but they are only requiring dates – the date the 504 plan started and the date it ends during active enrollment.
- G. Assessment Participation – if we have targeted more than 1% of your student population in testing grades to take DLM, then we have to comply with waiver responsibilities. Two of our

districts had letters sent to them stating they went over, thereby they are requesting some copies of IEPs.

Adjournment: Hearing no further questions or discussions, Supt Brue motioned to adjourn this meeting of the Macon Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Heck. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Handouts: *Draft October Minutes*
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
 Personnel Appointments
 October Treasurer's Report

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at Richland Community College National Sequestration Education Center (NSEC) building.**



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

12-20-2018

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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