

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, 5/18/2023 at 7:30 a.m.
Richland Community College Main Campus, Room N-161
1 College Park, Decatur Illinois 62521

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Damian Jones (Chairman), Mary Vogt, DeAnn Heck, Brett Robinson, Jeff
(10 in-person; 1 late arrival) Holmes, Kris Kahler, Andy Pygott, Adam Clapp, Bob Meadows, Cheryl Warner, Brian Rhoades (*Proxy for Travis Roundcount – arrival at 7:45 am*)

Members Absent: Rochelle Clark

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Vickie Vieth, Jill Reedy, Nancy Brodbeck, Bret Hitchings, Sacha Young – Central A&M Superintendent for FY2024.

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairman Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Holmes to approve the Executive Board minutes from the 4/20/2023 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Pygott. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:32 a.m. by Supt Robinson's **motion** to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel, seconded by Supt Pygott. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Heck, Robinson, Holmes, Kahler, Pygott, Clapp, Meadows, Warner. (0) Nay; (2) Absent: R. Clark and T. Roundcount's proxy.

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:49 a.m. by Supt Vogt's **motion**, seconded by Supt Kahler. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Election of Officers – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Motion by Supt Heck to recommend the approval of Damian Jones as Chairperson and Cheryl Warner as Vice-Chairperson of the Macon-Piatt Special Education Cooperative Board, seconded by Supt Meadows. Chairman Jones call for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Vogt, Heck, Robinson, Holmes, Kahler, Pygott, Clapp, Rhoades, Meadows, Warner. (1) Abstain: D. Jones; (0) Nay; (1) Absent.

Roll Call Action Items

1. Personnel Appointments

Motion by Supt Holmes to recommend the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for Macon-Piatt Special Education District, that the employees presented be recommended as listed, seconded by Supt Kahler. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Heck, Robinson, Holmes, Kahler, Pygott, Clapp, Rhoades, Meadows, Warner. (0) Nay; (1) Absent.

- **Possible Dismissal of a Probationary Paraprofessional** - Roll Call Action Item was removed from the agenda. The employee named has resigned.

2. Proposed FY24 Budget

Motion by Supt Pygott to recommend the approval of the proposed FY24 Budget as presented, seconded by Supt Warner. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Heck, Robinson, Holmes, Kahler, Pygott, Clapp, Rhoades, Meadows, Warner. (0) Nay; (1) Absent.

Appointment of Secretary

Motion by Supt Holmes to recommend the approval of Jennifer York as the Secretary of the Macon-Piatt Special Education Cooperative Board, seconded by Supt Vogt. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Heck, Robinson, Holmes, Kahler, Pygott, Clapp, Rhoades, Meadows, Warner. (0) Nay; (1) Absent.

Director’s Report

- A. Financial Update – still have a healthy fund balance which is starting to be spent down. No questions.
- B. Vacancy Update – not a lot of changes. Thought we had an OT hired but she declined. We have a second candidate that we will be putting through recommendation. Hopefully we will get an additional OT for next year. No questions regarding vacancies.
- C. Program / Moving Update – For programming, nothing has changed significantly from earlier. MPSED has a new location on the corner of Garfield Ave and MLK. Our new address is: 620 E Garfield Avenue in Decatur. It is a great big, grand building that certainly has comfortable meeting rooms. A food celebration is planned for Tuesday, May 30th to thank all the movers and custodians who helped get us into the building. A suggestion was made to host one of our meetings at the new location so everyone could see the facility. The September meeting was a suggestion since the Macon Piatt ROE#39 building will not be completed yet. It was expressed that once the Macon Piatt ROE building is completed, MPSED board meetings should return being held at the ROE location.
- D. August Meeting Date / Time - THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 at Richland 7:30 a.m.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Supt Holmes to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Meadows. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:01 a.m.

- Handouts:
- Draft April 20, 2023 Minutes*
 - Personnel Appointments*
 - DRAFT FY24 Budget Summary*
 - Treasurer’s Report*
 - Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*
 - Vacancy List*

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place at 7:30 am, on Thursday 8/24/2023 at Richland Community College Main Campus – Room N-161.**



 MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

7/20/23

 Date Approved



 MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

7.20.23

 Date Approved