

Macon-Piatt Special Education District
Superintendents' Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2025 7:30am
Regional Office of Education #39
3343 Rupp Parkway; Decatur, IL 62526
Agenda

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Public Participation**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
Motion: To approve the Executive Board minutes from the September 18, 2025 meeting as presented. **Voice Vote**
- V. Call to Closed Session:** to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. **Roll Call Vote** **Return to Open Session:** **Voice Vote**
- VI. Roll Call Action Items**
 - A. Personnel Appointments**
Motion: To recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District, that the employees presented be recommended as listed. *Discussion.* **Roll Call Vote**
- VII. Director's Report**
 - A. Financial Update
 - B. Vacancy Update
 - C. Program Update
 - D. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update
- VIII. Adjournment**
Motion: to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board. **Voice Vote**

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 7:30am at the Regional Office of Education 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur.**

Handouts: *Draft September 18, 2025 Minutes*
 Personnel Appointments
 Treasurer's Report (September)
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
 Vacancy List

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, September 18, 2025
Regional Office of Education #39
3343 Rupp Parkway; Decatur, IL 62526

Damian Jones called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:30am

Members Present: Damian Jones, Mary Vogt, Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Michael Tresnak,
(11 in person + 1-late) Adam Ibbotson, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount, Jonathan
Field, Cheryl Warner, Rochelle Clark (arrived 7:44)
Members Absent: None
Also Present: Kathy Horath, Liz Lang, Travis Friedrich, Ellyn Lord, Bret Hitchings, Jill Reedy,
Zakry Standerfer
Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairman Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Tresnak to approve the Executive Board minutes from the August 7, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:31 by Supt Young motion to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner (1) Absent (late arrival): Clark

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:51am by Supt Clapp, seconded by Supt Warner. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **Personnel Appointments** Motion by Supt Vogt 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 Gordon. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (12) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner, Clark
- B. **Adoption of Board Policies** Motion by Supt Tresnak to adopt board policies section 6, (which includes 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 6:40, 6:60, 6:65, 6:70, 6:80, 6:100, 6:110, 6:120, 6:210, 6:235, 6:240, 6:250, 6:255, 6:260, 6:270, 6:280, 6:290, 6:300, 6:340) and board policies section 7, (which includes 7:10, 7:15, 7:20, 7:30, 7:80, 7:90, 7:130, 7:140, 7:150, 7:160, 7:170, 7:180, 7:185, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:220, 7:230, 7:250, 7:255, 7:270, 7:275, 7:280, 7:285, 7:290, 7:340, 7:345) as presented, seconded by Supt Field. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (12) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner, Clark

Director's Report

- A. **Financial Update-** Fund balance looks different from last year but within normal range. Kathy is meeting with DPS business office to get clarification on MPSED's End Cash Fund Balance vs End Fund Balance. Watching number of students going out to facilities related to potential upcoming changes to our Medicaid revenue stream.
- B. **Vacancy Update-** Looking the same. A part time PT was hired in lieu of a PTA which we were not able to find. Sub teacher received licensure and moved into a full time LS teaching position at Hope.

- C. Program Update- Programs running smoothly given staff shortages.
- D. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update- Watching for a potential parent to file complaint pertaining to PE waiver at SELA. All previous cases are closed as of September 5, 2025, and nothing at state level.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn.
Motion by Supt Ibbotson to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Field. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:59am.

*Handouts: Draft August 7, 2025 minutes
 Personnel Appointments
 Policies-Section 6 and Section 7 (electronically sent)
 Treasurer’s Report (July & August)
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
 Vacancy List*

*****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 7:30 am at the Regional Office of Education 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur.***

MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

Date Approved

MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

Date Approved

MPSED Personnel and Administrative Appointments

Name	Position	Effective Date
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New Hires:

Administration

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Administration Support

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Certified

1	Cameron Mabry	SED Teacher at SDMS	ASAP

Non-Certified

1	Gladys Valentin	SELA TA at SELA (6 hours)	ASAP
2	Melissa Woodard	SELA TA at SELA (6 hours)	ASAP
3	Michelle Schick	SELA TA at SELA (6 hours)	ASAP
4	Lawrence Dampeer	Cross-Cat TA at Dennis (6 hours, DPS paid)	October 6, 2025
5	Camille Harrell	Life Skills TA at Hope (6 hours)	ASAP
6	Garth Minor	Cross-Cat TA at Hope (6 hours, DPS paid)	October 27, 2025
7	Heather Hines	Cross-Cat TA at Dennis (6 hours, DPS paid)	ASAP
8	Alexis Bilbrey	Cross-Cat TA at Muffley (6 hours, DPS paid)	October 6, 2025

Transfers:

Certified

Non-certified

1	Laura Lycan	From Life Skills TA at MAP to SELA TA (6 hours)	October 13, 2025
2	Scott Swafford	Life Skills TA from Hope to Baum (6 hours)	October 6, 2025

Resignations:

1	Julie Mathews	Instructional Cross Cat TA at Parsons	September 25, 2025

Request for Extended Leave of Absence

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Request for Retirement

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TREASURERS REPORT - SEPTEMBER, 2025

Beginning FUND Balance	4,642,692.16
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REVENUE

1342 - Tuition	61,992.84
1510 - Int of invest.	
1950 - PRIOR YEAR REFUND	
1993 - TMH-SUPPLY	
1999 - OTHER MISC. REV	
3001 - EBF	127,492.00
4625 - ROOM AND BOARD	14,880.00
4951 - VOC REHAB	
4991 - ADMIN OUT	
4992 - MEDICAID	
ADJUSTMENT - INTEREST	
	204,364.84

Expenditures

Payroll - 100	1,090,007.68
Benefits - 200	361,799.19
Purchased Services - 300	58,055.61
Supplies - 400	22,465.77
Other - 500-700	162,179.25
ADJUSTMENT	
	1,694,507.50

CHANGE/INTEREST

BALANCE	
AS OF	
9/30/2025	3,152,549.50

Balance Last Year	\$	6,381,379.95
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MPSED Vacancies

Building	Position	Hours/ Day	Posted On	Closes On
Hope	Life Skills Teacher (2 positions)		3/21/2025	when filled
MPSED	Private & Parochial Teacher (part time)		3/21/2025	when filled
Stephen Decatur	SED Teacher		3/21/2025	when filled
Pershing	Early Childhood Sped Teacher		7/11/2025	when filled
MPSED	School Psychologist (6 positions)		2/3/2025	when filled
Pershing	Social Worker		2/3/2025	when filled
SELA	Social Worker		7/30/2025	when filled
Hope	Speech Pathologist		2/3/2025	when filled
SDMS/MHS	Speech Pathologist		2/3/2025	when filled
MPSED	Speech Pathologist (part time)		7/25/2025	when filled
Hope	Essential Skills TA (6 positions)	6.25	5/30/2025	when filled
MacArthur	Essential Skills TA	6.5	6/18/2025	when filled
SELA	SED TA	6	5/30/2025	when filled
Montessori	Educational Interpreter	6	5/30/2025	when filled
Hope	Life Skills TA	6	5/30/2025	when filled
SDMS	LPN TA	7	5/30/2025	when filled
MPSED	Behavior TA	6.25	5/30/2025	when filled
Pershing	Early Childhood Sped TA (2 positions)	6.5	5/30/2025	when filled