

**Macon-Piatt Special Education District
Superintendents' Meeting**

Thursday, February 19, 2026 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 January 15, 2026 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. Possible Suspension Without Pay for a MPSED Paraprofessional**
Motion: To recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District, that ___ be suspended without pay for ___ days.
Discussion. **Roll Call Vote**
 - B. 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**
 - C. Adoption of Board Policies**
Motion: To adopt board policies section 1, (which includes 1:10, 1:20 and 1:30) and board policies section 2, (which includes 2:10, 2:20, 2:100, 2:105, 2:110, 2:125, 2:130, 2:140, 2:150, 2:160, 2:170, 2:200, 2:220, 2:230; 2:240, 2:250, 2:260, 2:265, and 2:270) as presented. *Discussion.* **Roll Call Vote**
- VII. Director's Report**
 - A. Financial Update
 - B. Vacancy Update
 - C. Program Update
 - D. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update
 - E. Summer 2026
 - F. Joint Agreement
 - G. First Read: Board Policies Section 3 (3:10, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 3:65, 3:70)
 - H. First Read: Board Policies Section 4 (4:10, 4:15, 4:30, 4:40, 4:45, 4:50, 4:55, 4:60, 4:70, 4:80, 4:100, 4:120, 4:130, 4:150, 4:160, 4:165, 4:170, 4:175, 4:180, 4:190)
- 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 Thursday, March 19, 2026, 7:30am at the Regional Office of Education 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur.**

Handouts: Draft January 15, 2026 Minutes
 Personnel Appointments
 Policies – Sections 1 and 2 (electronically sent)
 Treasurer's Report (January)
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
 Policies – Sections 3 and 4 (electronically sent)
 Vacancy List

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, January 15, 2026
Regional Office of Education #39
3433 Rupp Parkway; Decatur, IL 62526

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

Members Present: Damian Jones, Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Michael Tresnak, Adam Ibbotson, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount, Cheryl Warner, Mary Vogt, Mike Curry (for Rochelle Clark), Jonathan Field (arrived 7:31)
(12 in person)

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Liz Lang, Ellyn Lord, Bret Hitchings, Zakry Standerfer, Nancy Brodbeck, Jill Reedy, Larry Gray (arrived 7:41)

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairman Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Ibbotson to approve the Executive Board minutes from the December 18, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Vogt. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

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

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:34am by Supt Vogt, seconded by Supt Tresnak. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **Personnel Appointments** Motion by Supt Ibbotson 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 Young. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (12) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Warner, Field, Curry, Vogt (0) Nay
- B. **Criteria for Other Health Impairment and Autism** Motion by Supt Tresnak to approve the updated eligibility criteria for Other Health Impairment and Autism as presented, seconded by Supt Clapp. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (12) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Warner, Field, Curry, Vogt (0) Nay
- C. **Amendment to the MPSED Joint Agreement** Motion by Supt Warner to approve the amendments to the Macon-Piatt Special Education Joint Agreement as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Warner, Field, Vogt (2) Nay: Curry (for Dr. Clark), Roundcount

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update- Balance staying healthy. MPSED to start enrollment predictions and drafting budget for next year; may not have a need for February finance meeting until budget is further along.
- B. Vacancy Update- Dire need for staff, especially Life Skills Teachers, School Psychologists, and SLP's. Travis noted a potential Psychologist intern for next year.
- C. Program Update- Kathy is weighing the options for High School SED next year of potentially moving to one location. This may affect busing and staff reductions.
- D. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update- New ISBE complaint out of Mt. Zion District regarding eligibility.
- E. Joint Agreement Next Steps-Member Districts have 30 days to take to their individual boards for approval. 80% favorable vote is needed. Kathy noted DLM is coming, Liz will complete surveys for each district.
- F. First Read: Board Policies Section 1 (1:10, 1:20, 1:30)- Press policies sent out electronically.
- G. First Read: Board Policies Section 2 (2.10, 2.20, 2.100, 2.105, 2.110, 2.125, 2.130, 2.140, 2.150, 2.160, 2.170, 2.200, 2.220, 2.230, 2.240, 2.250, 2.260, 2.265, 2.270)- Kathy briefed the room on each policy.

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

Motion by Supt Tresnak to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:50am.

- Handouts:*
- Draft December 18, 2025, Minutes*
 - Personnel Appointments*
 - Updated Draft Criteria for Eligibility-Other Health Impairment and Autism*
 - Draft Amendment to the MPSED Joint Agreement*
 - Treasurer's Report (December)*
 - Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*
 - Vacancy List*
 - Policies-Sections 1 and 2 (electronically sent)*

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Thursday, February 19, 2026, 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

1	Andrea Maple	Assistant Director	July 1, 2026
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Administration Support

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Certified

Non-Certified

1	Jacob Coate	Individual Cross-Cat TA at MAP (6 hours, DPS paid)	ASAP
2	Janet Broderick	Cross-Cat or Individual TA at Dennis (6 hours, DPS paid)	February 9, 2026
3	Kaitlin Funston	Special Ed Secretary (Claims and Statistical Information Analyst)	ASAP or March 1

Transfers:

Certified

Non-certified

Resignations:

1	Alyssa Ware	Cross-Cat TA at South Shores (transfer to Decatur)	January 26, 2026
2	JaDeana McGee	Cross-Cat TA at Montessori Academy (transfer to Decatur)	January 26, 2026
3	Jennifer Panganiban	SELA Teacher	February 20, 2026
4	Carly Eversole	Claims and Statistical Information Analyst	February 6, 2026
5	Michelle Schick	SELA TA	March 6, 2026

Request for Extended Leave of Absence

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Request for Retirement

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TREASURERS REPORT - JANUARY, 2026

Beginning FUND Balance 4,717,055.09

REVENUE

1342 - Tuition	1,430,574.43
1510 - Int of invest.	
1950 - PRIOR YEAR REFUND	13,989.85
1993 - TMH-SUPPLY	
1999 - OTHER MISC. REV	
3001 - EBF	127,492.00
4625 - ROOM AND BOARD	
4951 - VOC REHAB	25,650.00
4991 - ADMIN OUT	
4992 - MEDICAID ADJUSTMENT	
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	1,597,706.28

Expenditures

Payroll - 100	942,382.61
Benefits - 200	351,857.48
Purchased Services - 300	40,136.14
Supplies - 400	16,979.47
Other - 500-700	108,041.38
ADJUSTMENT	
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	1,459,397.08

CHANGE/INTEREST

BALANCE AS OF 1/31/2026	4,855,364.29
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Balance Last Year

6,327,329.30

MPSED Vacancies

Building	Position	Hours/ Day	Posted On	Closes On
Hope	Life Skills Teacher (3 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
MPSED	School Psychologist (6 positions)		2/2/2026	when filled
Pershing	Social Worker		2/2/2026	when filled
SELA	Social Worker		2/2/2026	when filled
Hope	Speech Pathologist		2/2/2026	when filled
SDMS/MHS	Speech Pathologist		2/2/2026	when filled
MPSED	Speech Pathologist (part time)		2/2/2026	when filled
MacArthur	Essential Skills Teacher		8/22/2025	when filled
Baum	Life Skills Teacher		10/21/2025	when filled
SELA	SELA Teacher		1/30/2026	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 (2 positions)	6	5/30/2025	when filled
Montessori	Educational Interpreter	6	5/30/2025	when filled
Hope	Life Skills TA (2 positions)	6	5/30/2025	when filled
SDMS	LPN TA	7	5/30/2025	when filled
MPSED	Behavior TA (2 positions)	6.25	5/30/2025	when filled
MacArthur	SED TA	6.5	5/30/2025	when filled
SDMS	Life Skills TA	6.25	5/30/2025	when filled
SDMS	Essential Skills TA	6.25	8/20/2025	when filled
Baum	Life Skills TA (2 positions)	6	8/18/2025	when filled
EHS	SED TA	6.5	12/19/2025	when filled
MPSED	Claims and Statistical Information Analyst	8	1/20/2026	2/2/2026
Pershing	Early Childhood SE TA	6.5	2/3/2026	when filled