

Macon-Piatt Special Education District
Superintendents' Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 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 September 17, 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. Invoice from Urbana School District 116

Motion: To authorize Decatur Public Schools, as the administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District to pay Urbana Public School District 116 Invoice for Audiology and Orientation and Mobility Services in the amount of \$31,361.90 as presented. *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**

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 17, 2026, 7:30am at Regional Office of Education #39, 3343 Rupp Parkway, Decatur IL.***

Handouts: *Draft September 17, 2026 Minutes*
 Personnel Appointments
 Vacancy List
 Invoice for Audiology and Orientation and Mobility Services
 Treasurer's Report (September)
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, September 17, 2026
Regional Office of Education #39
3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur IL. 62526

Cheryl Warner called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:30am

Members Present: Cheryl Warner (Chairperson), Adam Clapp, Michael Tresnak, Shane Gordon,
(10 in person + 1 late arrival) Travis Roundcount, Adam Ibbotson, Mary Vogt, Damian Jones, Jonathan Field, Sacha Young, Nicole Moody (arrived 7:47am)

Members Absent: Emily Weidner

Also Present: Liz Lang, Travis Friedrich, Andrea Maple, Ellyn Lord, Jill Reedy, Heather Ethell, Bret Hitchings, Jessica Manuel (Intern)

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairperson Warner entertained a **motion** by Supt Jones to approve the Executive Board minutes from August 6, 2026, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:31 by Supt Vogt motion to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, seconded by Supt Tresnak. Chairperson Warner calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner (1) Absent: Weidner (1 late arrival): Moody

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:54am by Supt Tresnak, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. Approval for Consultation Agreement** Motion by Supt Vogt to recommend that the Executive Board approve the Consultation Agreement ("Agreement") between **Macon-Piatt Special Education District** ("District") and **Kathy Horath** ("Consultant"), effective September 17, 2026, seconded by Supt Gordon. Chairperson Warner calls for a Roll Call Vote. (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner, Moody (1) Absent: Weidner
- B. 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. Chairperson Warner calls for a Roll Call Vote. (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner, Moody (1) Absent: Weidner

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update- First Finance meeting is scheduled for October 20th 8:30am at MPSED.
- B. Vacancy Update- There has been a lot of staff turnover due to the high needs of students.
- C. Program Update- Life Skills Elementary programs are full. Life Skills will need to expand due to incoming student levels from Pershing.
- D. Alternative Placements Update- Continues to be a growing need for placements. 61 students in day treatment, 3 at Swann, 6 in Residential, 5 FSP, and 5 in state schools.

- E. Director Evaluation Rubric-To follow Superintendent schedule. Liz will submit self-assessment in January.
- F. Ancillary Wages for Sub Psychologists' and SEAs- To be included in closed session of DPS#61 Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd.
- G. Evaluation Specialist- ROE is going over licensure requirements for the position.
- H. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update- MPSED received multiple records requests from lawyers. 1 complaint is finished, 1 (DPS) complaint will continue.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairperson Warner entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Supt Jones to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Gordon. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:02am.

*Handouts: Draft August 6, 2026 Minutes
 Personnel Appointments
 Vacancy List
 Director Evaluation Rubric
 Treasurer's Report (July and August)
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*

*****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Thursday, October 15, 2026, 7:30 am at Regional Office of Education #39, 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur IL.***

 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

Administrative Support

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Certified

2	Carlisha Applewhite	LS Teacher at Hope
		When Available

Non-Certified

1	Trinity Grooms	Essential Skills TA at Hope (6.25 hours)
2	Jalil Conte	Life Skills TA at Hope (6 hours)
3	Abigail Whicker	Occupational Therapy Assisant
		10/05/2026

Transfers:

Certified

1		
2		

Non-certified

1	Krissty Jackson	Ind/CC TA at Franklin Grove to CC Special Education Teacher at Parsons
		to hire sub 09/16/2026

Resignations:

1	Kelcey Grant	Ind/CC TA at Southshores (6 hours)
2	Alannah Williams	Life Skills TA at Hope (6 hours)
3		10/05/2026
		09/16/2026

Request for Extended Leave of Absence

Request for Retirement

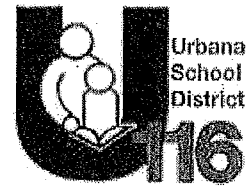
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MPSED Vacancies 2026-2027

Building	Position	Hours/ Day	Posted On	Closes On
MPSED	Private & Parochial Teacher (part time)		3/3/2026	when filled
SDMS	SED Teacher		3/3/2026	when filled
MPSED	School Psychologist (7 positions)		2/2/2026	when filled
Pershing	Behavior Interventionist		4/29/2026	when filled
SELA	Social Worker		2/2/2026	when filled
Hope	Speech Pathologist (3 positions)		2/2/2026	when filled
SDMS/MHS	Speech Pathologist		2/2/2026	when filled
MPSED	Speech Pathologist (part time)		8/31/2026	when filled
MacArthur	Essential Skills Teacher (2 positions)		3/3/2026	when filled
SELA	SELA Teacher		1/30/2026	when filled
Hope	Essential Skills TA (2 positions)	6.25	3/13/2026	when filled
MacArthur	Essential Skills TA (2 Positions)	6.5	3/13/2026	when filled
Hope	Life Skills TA (1 position)	6	3/13/2026	when filled
MHS	LPN TA (2 positions)	6.5	3/13/2026	when filled
MPSED	Behavior TA (2 positions)	6.25	3/13/2026	when filled
Hope	LPN TA	6.5	9/17/2026	when filled

INVOICE

Date: September 18, 2026



Urbana School District #116
1101 E. University Ave
Suite B
Urbana, Illinois 61802
217-384-3645
Fax 217-337-4973

To Macon-Platt Spec. Ed. Dist.
% Liz Lang-Director
335 East Cerro Gordo St.
Decatur, IL 62523

JOB	PAYMENT TERMS
CASE Initial Estimates 26/27	Due on Receipt

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL	
Lexi Greiner Estimated Total 2026-2027	\$18,782.18	
Initial Estimate Due (75%)		\$14,086.64
Orientation and Mobility Estimated Total 2026-2027	\$23,033.68	
Initial Estimate Due (75%)		\$17,275.26
15R000 1342 0000 00 310000	TOTAL DUE	\$31,361.90

Make all checks payable to Urbana School District #116

Thank you for your business!

TREASURERS REPORT - SEPTEMBER, 2026

Beginning FUND Balance	4,389,354.52
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REVENUE

1342 - Tuition	153,916.15
1510 - Int of invest.	
1950 - PRIOR YEAR REFUND	
1993 - TMH-SUPPLY	
1999 - OTHER MISC. REV	
3001 - EBF	127,492.00
4625 - ROOM AND BOARD	16,740.00
4951 - VOC REHAB	
4991 - ADMIN OUT	
4992 - MEDICAID	
ADJUSTMENT - INTEREST	
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	298,148.15

Expenditures

Payroll - 100	1,161,118.85
Benefits - 200	429,601.95
Purchased Services - 300	54,425.28
Supplies - 400	8,895.62
Other - 500-700	284,088.97
ADJUSTMENT	
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	1,938,130.67

CHANGE/INTEREST

BALANCE

AS OF

9/30/2026

2,749,372.00

Balance Last Year

\$

3,152,549.50