

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020
Richland Community College National Sequestration Education Center (NSEC) Building
Decatur, Illinois

Chairman Vic Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:37 a.m. Member roll call was taken.

- Members Present:** Damian Jones, Sheila Greenwood, DeAnn Heck, Brett Robinson, Amanda Geary, John Ahlemeyer, Andy Pygott, Vic Zimmerman (*Chairperson*), Travis Roundcount, Bob Meadows, Kristen Kendrick-Weikle
(11 present)
- Members Absent:** Paul Fregeau
- Also Present:** Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Vickie Vieth (*Secretary*), Matt Snyder, Jill Reedy, Bret Hitchings
- Public Participation:** None

Seeing no public participation, Chairperson Zimmerman entertained the motion to approve the minutes from the 12/19/2019 meeting. Supt Jones motioned to approve the Executive Board minutes as presented, seconded by Supt Heck. Voice Vote: All in favor

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:38 a.m. by Supt Geary's motion to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, seconded by Supt Robinson. Voice Vote: All in favor.

Return to Open Session at 7:48 a.m. by Supt Robinson's motion, seconded by Supt Geary. Voice Vote: All in favor.

Roll Call Action Items

A. Personnel and Administrative Appointments

After a brief overview of personnel and vacancies. 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 Meadows. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (11) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Robinson, Geary, Ahlemeyer, Pygott, Zimmerman, Roundcount, Meadows, Kendrick-Weikle. (0) Nays; (1) Absent

B. Contract with Urbana School District for Vision/Hearing Coordination and Orientation & Mobility Service

This contract is a formality that simply outlines what MP has been doing for many years. It will enable payment of invoices without needing prior approval from our administrative district. Every year the FTE will change based on the enrollment number of our Hearing and Vision students. Supt Heck motioned to recommend the approval of the agreement for service with Urbana School District as presented, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (11) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Robinson, Geary, Ahlemeyer, Pygott, Zimmerman, Roundcount, Meadows, Kendrick-Weikle. (0) Nays; (1) Absent

C. ISBE School Maintenance Project Grant

After much conversation and due to concerns that were raised, this item was never brought to a vote. No motion was made to recommend the approval of a school maintenance project grant (SMPG) to replace the roof and A/C in the Coke/Cadillac Building.

Director's Report

- A. **Finance Update** – Finance committee meeting will be moved to Tuesday, February 25th at 7:30 a.m. at MPSED. A tentative budget will be presented for future discussion.

- B. **Vacancy Update and Postings for 2020-2021** - A lot of vacancies have already been posted for next year. Posted widely on social work and psychologist websites along with IASA Job Bank and Decatur's AppliTrack. Travis Friedrich shared about his recruitment efforts to help with these vacancies. He also enjoys talking with and creating interest at the high school student level.

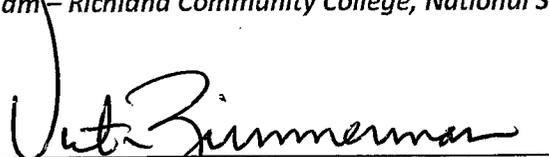
- C. **Social Work and Psychologist Interns for 2020-2021** - An inquiry was made to member districts if anyone is planning to take social work interns for next year – it is time for intern interviews. It is not uncommon for interns to receive payment; what amount would the member district be willing to pay. Supervising social workers would also need to be in agreement with overseeing the intern.

- D. **Due Process Update** – there has been a resolution but wish to make the cooperative members aware that parents are becoming more litigious when IEP minutes cannot be met. With a shortage of practitioners, along with being spread too thin, practitioners are having trouble meeting their IEP minutes due to being pulled away dealing with crisis. This has been a very interesting year considering this is a cooperative that very rarely even has one due process per year.

Adjournment: Hearing no further questions or discussions, Supt Ahlemeyer motioned to adjourn this meeting of the Macon Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Robinson. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:08 a.m.

Handouts: *Draft December Minutes*
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
 Personnel Appointments
 Contract with Urbana School District
 December Treasurer's Report
 Vacancy List

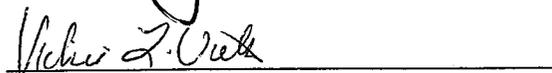
****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:30 am – Richland Community College, National Sequestration Education Center – Room 121**



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

2/20/2020

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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