

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020
Macon-Piatt Sp Ed District – Conference Room (via Zoom)
335 E Cerro Gordo Street, Decatur IL 62523

Chairman Vic Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Member roll call was taken.

Members Present: Damian Jones (Vice-Chair), Sheila Greenwood, DeAnn Heck, Brett Robinson, Paul Fregeau, Amanda Geary, John Ahlemeyer, Andy Pygott, Vic Zimmerman (Chairperson), Travis Roundcount, Bob Meadows, Cheryl Warner
(12 virtual attendees)

Members Absent:

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Vickie Vieth (Secretary), *Virtual:* Travis Friedrich, Matt Snyder, Jill Reedy

Public Participation: Sonya Castle – School Psychologist; Ashlee Smith – LifeSkills Teacher

The two comments submitted were read by Kathy Horath into the record.

Before considering a call into closed session, a question was raised regarding the action DPS board took on 12/8/20....did the action include a rescission of Supt Paul Fregeau's letter along with postponing DPS's withdraw from being MPSED's administrative agent. After reviewing DPS's motion along with conversation, clarification was given regarding the action. MPSED will be considering accepting the rescission of the letter and having DPS continue to be our administrative agent for the 21-22 school year.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:48 a.m. by Supt Geary's **motion** to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, seconded by Supt Pygott. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a Roll Call Vote to go into closed session. (12) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Robinson, Fregeau, Geary, Ahlemeyer, Pygott, Zimmerman, Roundcount, Meadows, Warner.

Return to **Open Session** at 8:19 a.m. by Supt Ahlemeyer's **motion**, seconded by Supt Pygott. Voice Vote: All in favor.

Roll Call Action Items

A. Administrative Agent

Motion by Supt Roundcount to designate Decatur School District 61 as the administrative agent for Macon Piatt Special Education District beginning July 1, 2021. Seconded by Supt Heck. Before Roll Call Vote, Chairperson Zimmerman asked if there was any discussion. Clarification was given regarding the motion....just naming a new administrative district since ROE had been named in a previous vote. It was expressed that a letter will be written to DPS board regarding resetting the clock on administrative agent withdrawal. Through the recommendation of our attorney, if another withdrawal letter needs to be submitted in the future, please take board action – then notice may be given to inform us. Appreciation was expressed to Regional Office of Education #39 for their willingness to serve as MPSED's administrative agent. MPSED is glad that DPS has decided to continue on as our administrative agent. We are hopeful to continue the positive relationships that we have with all our cooperative schools including DPS. As we have said from the beginning, it is in the best interest of the kids to keep our cooperative together with all our existing members.

Chairperson Zimmerman called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (12) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Robinson, Fregeau, Geary, Ahlemeyer, Pygott, Zimmerman, Roundcount, Meadows, Warner. (0) Nay; (0) Absent.

This was the vote this morning – we are now designating Decatur Public School #61 as administrative agent for the 21-22 school year. Pending the DPS board action, if they decide to give us notice that they no longer wish to be administrative agent for the 22-23 school year, we will need to designate the administrative agent for the 22-23. Again...a letter will be sent to DPS. Appreciation was expressed to Supt Fregeau for his endurance. Reminder, next week on Thursday, December 17 at 7:30 a.m. we will have our regularly scheduled meeting with a large packet of procedures needing final approval.

Chairperson Zimmerman entertained a motion to adjourn.

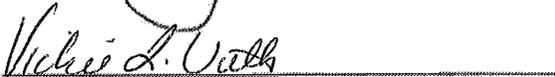
Motion by Supt Ahlemeyer to adjourn this special called meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Robinson. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.

*Handouts: Letter from Paul Fregeau, dated 11-18-2020
Letter to all MPSED Employees dated 11-19-2020*

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place 7:30 a.m., Thursday, 12/17/20 at the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Office.**


MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

1-20-21
Date Approved


MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

1/21/2021
Date Approved