

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, 3/16/2023 at 7:30 a.m.
Richland Community College Main Campus, Room N-161
1 College Park, Decatur Illinois 62521

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Damian Jones (Chairman), DeAnn Heck, Brett Robinson, Jeff Holmes, Kris Kahler, Andy Pygott, Bob Meadows, Cheryl Warner, Rochelle Clark *(arrival 7:31 am)*
(8 in-person; 1 late arrival)

Members Absent: Mary Vogt, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Vickie Vieth, Jill Reedy, Nancy Brodbeck, Bret Hitchings

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairman Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Pygott to approve the Executive Board minutes from the 2/16/2023 and the 2/28/2023 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Holmes. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:31 a.m. by Supt Robinson's **motion** to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel, seconded by Supt Meadows. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (8) Ayes: Jones, Heck, Robinson, Holmes, Kahler, Pygott, Meadows, Warner. (0) Nay; (4) Absent: Vogt, Clark, Clapp, Roundcount.

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:45 a.m. by Supt Pygott's **motion**, seconded by Supt Holmes. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

1. Personnel Appointments

Motion by Supt Robinson 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 Kahler. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (9) Ayes: Jones, Heck, Robinson, Clark, Holmes, Kahler, Pygott, Meadows, Warner. (0) Nay; (3) Absent.

2. Payment to Decatur Public Schools

Motion by Supt Heck to make a payment to Decatur SD 61 in the amount shown on the invoice for supplies and materials and labor performed at the Harris campus for renovation work to date, seconded by Supt Kahler. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (9) Ayes: Jones, Heck, Robinson, Clark, Holmes, Kahler, Pygott, Meadows, Warner. (0) Nay; (3) Absent.

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update – In your packet is the Finance report. Again, our fund balance is too high. This is contributing to the fact that we have not been paying Decatur for work done at the Harris campus and it is due to MPSED billing student tuition as if we were fully staffed. We are not fully staffed so our costs are coming in much less. We've been wanting to discuss several recommendations. In one finance committee meeting we have talked about stopping the bills early so we could start spending down our fund balance. The group felt that they wanted to have that overflow for next year's credit since it gets back to you one way or another. The other

consideration is that we will not be charging districts for summer school session – but summer school does not cost that much in the grand scheme of things! Our Finance Committee is not meeting in March but we need to set a date for a meeting in April. Discussion was that it would be best to meet on APRIL 13th at 7:30 a.m. Kathy will send out an invite.

- B. Vacancy Update – In your packet is the vacancy update. We were not able to hire the interpreter since the salary offer was way less than what she was used to making. This position falls under union jurisdiction; therefore we are not able to ‘fix’ this issue.

Rochelle Clark brought up a topic in which she is updating all the DPS job descriptions. Since Kathy and Travis’ jobs are a part of those descriptions, she is needing the MPSED Board to review the changes. Kathy will need to look at the changes to get them approved by the next meeting.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Supt Meadows 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 7:51 a.m.

Handouts: *Draft February 16, 2023 and February 28, 2023 Minutes*
 Personnel Appointments
 Invoice from Decatur Public Schools
 Treasurer’s Report
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
 Vacancy List

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place at 7:30 am, on Thursday 4/20/2023 at Richland Community College Main Campus – Room N-161.**



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

4/20/23

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

4/20/23

Date Approved