

**MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, 9/21/2023 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 7:31 a.m.

**Members Present:** Damian Jones (Chairman), Mary Vogt, Emily Weidner, Rochelle Clark, Michael Tresnak (arrival 7:34 a.m.), Jeff Holmes, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount, Bob Meadows, Cheryl Warner (arrival 7:36 a.m.)  
*(11 in-person; 2 late arrival)*

**Members Absent:** Sacha Young

**Also Present:** Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Jenny York, 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 Clapp to approve the Executive Board minutes from the 8/24/2023 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Meadows. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:31 a.m. by Supt Holmes's **motion** to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (8) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Weidner, Clark, Holmes, Gordon, Clapp, Meadows. (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Young

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:38 a.m. by Supt Vogt's **motion**, seconded by Supt Holmes. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

#### **Roll Call Action Items**

##### **1. Personnel Appointments**

**Motion** by Supt Meadows 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 Roundcount. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Weidner, Clark, Tresnak, Holmes, Gordon, Clapp, Meadows, Warner, Roundcount (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Young.

##### **2. Dismissal of a Probationary Paraprofessional**

**Motion:** by Supt Holmes recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District to dismiss probationary employee Calleigh Foster effective September 26, 2023, seconded by Supt Roundcount. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Weidner, Clark, Tresnak, Holmes, Gordon, Clapp, Meadows, Warner, Roundcount (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Young.

#### **Director's Report**

- A. Financial Update – have not yet received the treasurer's report. The fund balance is still appropriate.
- B. Pershing Early Learning Center—short staffed, running with overages, unable to open another classroom. We are going to try out a play group for the children that are turning 3 before the end of the year. This would include a teacher, speech pathologist, social worker, OT, and PT for these children to receive services. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

- C. Eligibility Criteria Updates- The actual criteria were not changed. The formatting was changed to be more legal ease. Internal procedures were added for how to arrive at that eligibility criteria.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Supt Holmes to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Meadows. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:44 a.m.

*Handouts:*      *Draft August 24, 2023 Minutes*  
                      *Personnel Appointments*  
                      *Intellectual Disability Criteria with internal procedures*  
                      *Developmental Delay Criteria with internal procedures*  
                      *Autism Criteria with internal procedures*  
                      *Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*

**\*\*Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place at 7:30 am, on Thursday October 19, 2023 at Richland Community College Main Campus – Room N-161.**

  
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MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

10/19/23  
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Date Approved

  
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MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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