

**MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:30am**  
Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #39  
3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur, IL 62526

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

**Members Present:** Damian Jones (Chairman), Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Rochelle Clark,  
(11 *in-person*) Michael Tresnak, Jeff Holmes, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis  
Roundcount, Bob Meadows, Cheryl Warner

**Members Absent:** Mary Vogt

**Also Present:** Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Jenny York, Jill Reedy, Nancy Brodbeck, Bret  
Hitchings, Zakry Standerfer

**Public Participation:** None

Immediately after the roll call, upon hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairman Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Meadows to approve the Executive Board minutes from the March 21, 2024 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Gordon. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Seeing no need to go into Closed Executive Session, Chairman Jones moved to the roll call action items.

**Roll Call Action Items**

- A. **Personnel Appointments Motion** Chairman Jones entertained a motion by Supt Tresnak 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 Holmes.  
Discussion included the resignation of Jenny York, and the hire of two new SED Teachers, one at a future meeting when licensure is secured. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Meadows, Clark, Holmes, Warner (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Vogt
- B. **2024-2025 Administrator and Administrative Support Salary Schedule** Chairman Jones entertained a motion by Supt Holmes, to recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as the administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District to pay the employees as directed, seconded by Supt Meadows. No questions or concerns. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Meadows, Roundcount, Clark, Gordon, Holmes, Warner (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Vogt
- C. **Invoice from Embrace Education** Chairman Jones entertained a motion by Supt Tresnak to pay Embrace Education Invoice #15532 in the amount of \$38,697.76 for the 2024-2025 IEP and 504 software subscription, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Meadows, Clark, Holmes, Warner (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Vogt

**Director's Report**

- A. Financial Update – fund balance is high, this is the time of year we look to see if we need to halt a billing cycle in May to try to bring down the fund balance. Kathy recommended to continue to bill as normal to avoid possible district maintenance of effort issues in two years. This year's maintenance of efforts include six member districts that have a shortfall, which means finding exceptions to help the grants be approved. Three are done, we are working on the last three. The FY2025 IDEA grants have been released. This is earlier than usual. Kathy will reach out to each member district to see how to allocate the funds. Travis is working on compiling the needs assessment information for your Consolidated District Plans. Kathy is working on finishing the 2024-2025 estimated budget with specific student projections for each member district's estimated bill.
  
- B. Program Update- The Life and Essential Skills Task Force will meet on April 24, 2024. The work will analyze the options put on the board in March for feasibility, and from there begin to formulate a plan for things we implement immediately and things we work on for a two to three year plan. Most of their concerns have to do with the staffing shortages. Our programs are bleeding. I'm not able to bring our elementary Essential Skills program back to full days next year.
  
- C. Vacancy Update- no spreadsheet in the packet. We have lots of vacancies: teachers, teaching assistants, psychologists, speech pathologists and social workers. Tell your high school students to get into education. Short term emergency licensure for teaching assistants are just a high school diploma. They can attend Richland online while they work full time, and when done, they can continue at the Illinois State University PULSE program while still working.

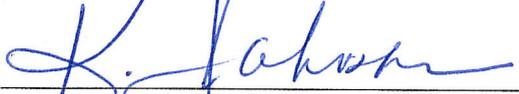
Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Supt Holmes to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Tresnak. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:39 a.m.

*Handouts:*      *Draft March 21, 2024 minutes*  
                      *Personnel Appointments*  
                      *2024-2025 Administrator and Administrative Support Salary Schedule Proposal*  
                      *Invoice from Embrace Education*  
                      *March Treasurer's Report*  
                      *Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*

**\*\*Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place at 7:30 am, on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at Regional Office of Education #39 –3343 Rupp Parkway, Decatur, IL 62526**

  
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MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

  
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MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

  
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