

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, May 16 at 7:30am
Macon/Piatt Regional Office of Education #39
3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur, IL 62526

Kathy Horath called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:31 a.m.

Members Present: Mary Vogt, Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Rochelle Clark, Michael Tresnak, (11 in-person) Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Bob Meadows, Cheryl Warner, Damian Jones (7:36 am) Travis Roundcount (7:34am)

Members Absent: Jeff Holmes

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Kristy Austin-Johnson, Jill Reedy, Nancy Brodbeck, Bret Hitchings, Zakry Standerfer, Jonathan Field, Adam Ibbitt, Liz Lang

Public Participation: None

Kathy Horath Director MPSED opened the meeting with a call for introductions to guests that were present.

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Kathy Horath entertained a **motion** by Supt Tresnak to approve the Executive Board minutes from the April 18, 2024 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Meadows. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:38 a.m. by Supt Mary Vogt motion to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, seconded by Supt Young. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Meadows (0) Nay; (1) Absent Jeff Holmes

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

Election of Officers – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Motion by Supt Tresnak to recommend the approval of Damian Jones as Chairperson and Cheryl Warner as Vice-Chairperson of the Macon-Piatt Special Education Cooperative Board, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Chairman Jones call for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Weidner, Clark, Tresnak, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Meadows, Warner (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Holmes.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **Personnel Appointments 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 Vogt. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Meadows, Clark (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Jeff Holmes
- B. **Suspension Without Pay for a Paraprofessional** Motion by Supt Gordon to recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District to issue a two-day suspension without pay for Zoie Nelson, seconded by Supt Vogt. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Weidner, Clark, Tresnak, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Meadows, Warner (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Holmes.

- C. **Proposed FY25 Budget** Motion by Supt Roundcount to recommend the approval of the proposed FY25 Budget as presented, seconded by Supt Young. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Weidner, Clark, Tresnak, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Meadows, Warner; (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Holmes.

The appointment of Secretary by motion by Supt Tresnak, to recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as the administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District to appoint Kristy Austin-Johnson as Secretary of Macon-Piatt Special Education, seconded by Supt Gordon. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Meadows, Roundcount, Clark, Gordon, Warner (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Holmes

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update – fund balance is high, we look to see if we need to halt a billing cycle in may to try to bring down the fund balance. Kathy recommend to bill as normal to avoid possible district maintenance of effort issues in two years. This year's maintenance efforts include six-member district that have shortfall. The summer program is only 15 days so we are not charging. That will also make the fund balance high. we still have other expenses as well, we will consider ways to bring the fund balance down in the upcoming school year.
- B. Program Update- Discuss the plan for Pershing. The current plan did not work are looking to revamp the plan for the upcoming school year. We have an extra classroom to help with and additional help to bring the 3yr old in for early learning a couple of day when spots in the classroom are filled.
- C. Vacancy Update- updated spreadsheet in the packet. We still have a lot of vacancy which continues to keep us from doing well.
- D. August meeting date and time- Kathy asked the group for a preferred time/date to meet for the August meeting. Group suggested using a Doodle poll to determine. Kathy will send out the poll.

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 Gordon. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

- Handouts:*
- Draft April 18, 2024 minutes*
 - Personnel Appointments*
 - DRAFT FY25 Budget Summary*
 - Treasurer's Report*
 - MPSED Vacancies*
 - Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place at TBD (date, time, location).**



 MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

8/5/24

 Date Approved



 MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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