

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, August 5 at 10:00am
Macon-Piatt Special Education District
620 E Garfield Ave, Decatur, IL 62526

Damian Jones called the meeting to order with roll call at 10:00am

Members Present: Damian Jones, Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Michael Curry (for Rochelle Clark), Michael Tresnak, Adam Ibbotson, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount, Cheryl Warner, Jonathan Field (10:12am)
(11 In-person)

Members Absent: Mary Vogt

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Kristy Austin-Johnson, Liz Lang

Public Participation: Jen White, Michelle Mitchell

Public Participation: Kathy Horath asked the group to introduce themselves to the public participants. Jen White, IFT Field Service Director with Michelle Mitchell, DFTA President asked the board to consider approving the action item of the memorandum of understanding for extra student compensation, and asked the board to consider making the action retroactive to the prior school board to make five teaching assistants whole. Both public participants left the meeting after they spoke.

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Damian Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Tresnak to approve the Executive Board minutes from the May 16, 2024 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 10:08am by Supt Clapp motion to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, seconded by Supt Gordon. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Warner, Curry, Ibbotson (0) Nay; (1) Absent Vogt, Field

Return to **OPEN Session** at 10:20am by Supt Curry **motion**, seconded by Supt Tresnak. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **Personnel Appointments** Motion by Supt Clapp 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, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Curry, Field, Ibbotson, Warner (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Vogt
- B. **Amendment to the FY25 Approved Formula for Determining Member District Proportionate Share** Motion by Supt Jones to recommend the amendment for assessing Program costs as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Warner, Young, Weidner, Curry, Tresnak, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Ibbotson, Field (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Vogt.
- C. **Purchase of Two (2) Off-Lease 2019 Chevrolet/Collins 12+1 Lift Activity Buses** Motion by Supt Tresnak to recommend the approval of the purchase of two MFSAB with wheelchair lifts and locks as presented, seconded by Supt Weidner. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Curry, Tresnak, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Meadows, Warner Ibbotson, Field (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Vogt.

- D. **Memorandum of Understanding with Decatur Federation of Teaching Assistants (DFTA)**
Motion by Supt Warner to recommend the approval of the MOU as presented, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Curry, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner; (0) Nays; (1) Absent: Vogt.
- E. **Contract Agreement with Presence Learning, Inc** Motion by Supt Tresnak to recommend the approval of a contract agreement with Presence Learning for bilingual and regular psychological and speech and language evaluations, seconded by Supt Young. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Curry, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner; (0) Nays; (1) Absent: Vogt.

Director’s Report

- A. Financial Update – fund balance is high. The final bills are going out soon, and most member districts will have a credit to apply to this year’s costs.
- B. Vacancy Update- updated spreadsheet in the packet. There are concerns with the SED program at Middle school and finding a qualified long-term sub to open school.
- C. Program Update
 - i Essential/Life Skills Task Force – the summer team made several recommendations that are being implemented: the purchase of the STAR curriculum, in-class coaching, consistent behavior support, and optional paid meeting times with teaching assistants
 - ii Elementary Essential Skills – the program will open at half-day schedule due to continued vacancies
- D. Administrative Office Building Update – Decatur is getting ready to purchase new windows and do an installation of windows to this campus during the 2024-2025 school year. They are putting in new HVAC system to room 10 to properly divide the classroom into three director offices. We are exploring options to address the humidity indoors during the hot season.
- E. Joint Agreement Update – Kathy asked the legal team at Kriha Boucek to review the 2010 MPSED Joint Agreement to determine what language needs to be updated. They did not see any part of the Joint Agreement that needed to be updated, but they did say the Board could change the annual delegation of duties and also could write Board Policy and Procedures to address the internal structures of the cooperative as needed.
- F. Assignments – The updated 2024-2025 Assignments for SEA, Psychologist, Speech Pathologist, Social Worker, Occupational Therapist and MPSED office staff are in the Google Drive folder that Kathy shared.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Supt Ibbotson to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

*Handouts: Draft May 16, 2024 minutes
 Personnel Appointments
 DRAFT Amendment to the FY25 Approved Formula for Determining Member District Proportionate Share
 Proposal for Off-Lease Activity Buses
 DRAFT MOU with DFTA*

*Contract Agreement with Presence Learning
Treasurer's Report (May and June)
MPSED Vacancies
Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place on September 19, 2024 at 7:30am at the Regional Office of Education #39 – 3343 Rupp Parkway; Decatur, IL 62526**



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

9/19/24

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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