

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7:30am
Regional Office of Education #39
3343 Rupp Parkway; Decatur, IL 62526

Damian Jones called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:30am

Members Present: Damian Jones, Mary Vogt, Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Rochelle Clark,
(11 *in-person*) Michael Tresnak, Adam Ibbotson, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis
Roundcount, Cheryl Warner

Members Absent: Jonathan Field

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Liz Lang

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Damian Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Clapp to approve the Executive Board minutes from the August 5, 2024 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Gordon. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:31am by Supt Tresnak motion to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, seconded by Supt Clapp. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Warner, Clark, Ibbotson (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Field.

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:35am by Supt Vogt **motion**, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **Personnel Appointments** Motion by Supt Roundcount 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, with the addition of the resignation of Zoie Nelsen, Paraprofessional, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Clark, Vogt, Ibbotson, Warner (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Field.
- B. **Amendment to the 2024-2025 Administrator and Administrative Support Salary Schedule** Motion by Supt Roundcount to recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as the administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District adjust the salary for the Medicaid Coordinator as presented, seconded by Supt Vogt. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Warner, Young, Weidner, Clark, Tresnak, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Ibbotson, Vogt (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Field.

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update – fund balance continues to be high. We usually schedule finance committee meetings this time of year, but there is not a reason to meet until we get ready to examine the 2025-2026 budget and funding formula. Kathy will schedule meetings later in the school year.
- B. Vacancy Update- updated spreadsheet in the packet.
- C. Program Update- We are assessing a plan to use a rubric to bring up to 10 elementary Essential Skills students back to full day programming beginning October 14 (second quarter). Letters are going out

next week. We also are not going to do the Pershing play groups this year for newly turning 3-year-olds. Instead, we are offering a shared spot in the preschool classroom – two days a week, so we can serve up to 40 students who turn three. They will all get a full spot for two more years before they are Kindergarten age. This is more of a bonus year for them. We believe this will be more successful than the play groups were.

- D. Due Process Update: We have three due process cases this month. One was a student who is no longer enrolled with us, but the request is regarding a Child Find issue (we evaluated but did not find a student eligible) and a disagreement regarding expulsion. The parent is asking the discipline to be expunged from the record. Mediation has taken place, but it was not successful. We have two other cases that have already been dismissed by the hearing officer regarding insufficient submission. We are waiting to see if either parent submits an amended due process.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Supt Tresnak to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Weidner. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:45am.

Handouts: *Draft August 5, 2024 minutes*
Personnel Appointments
DRAFT Amendment to the 2024-2025 Administrator and Administrative Support Salary Schedule
Treasurer’s Report (July and August)
MPSED Vacancies
Vendor Checks (electronically sent)

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place on October 17, 2024 at 7:30am at the Regional Office of Education #39 – 3343 Rupp Parkway; Decatur, IL 62526**



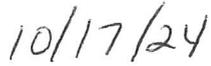
MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson



Date Approved



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