

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, October 17, 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 (arrived 7:32), Sacha Young, Emily Weidner,
(11 in-person) Michael Curry (for Rochelle Clark), Michael Tresnak, Adam Ibbotson, Shane
Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount, Jonathan Field

Members Absent: Cheryl Warner

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Liz Lang, Ellyn Lord, Jill Reedy, Zak Standerfer, Bret Hitchings

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Damian Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Ibbotson to approve the Executive Board minutes from the September 19, 2024 meeting as presented, seconded by Dr. Curry. 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 Gordon. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Curry, Ibbotson, Field (0) Nay; (2) Absent: Warner, Vogt

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:46am by Dr. Curry **motion**, seconded by Supt Weidner. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **Personnel Appointments** Motion by Supt Clapp 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, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Curry, Vogt, Ibbotson, Field (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Warner.
- B. **Windows at the MPSED Office** Motion by Supt Gordon to recommend the purchase of new windows and window coverings for the 620 E. Garfield Ave. as presented, seconded by Supt Young. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Field, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Ibbotson, Vogt (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Warner (1) Present: Curry.
- C. **Payment to Central A&M CUD 21** Motion by Supt Roundcount to recommend the reimbursement of up to \$240,000 to the Central A&M School District which could be adjusted by the final settlement amount to cover the loss of Orphanage funds, seconded by Dr. Curry. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Curry, Vogt, Ibbotson, Field (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Warner.
- D. **Contract with Sorenson for Virtual Remote Interpretation** Motion by Supt Vogt to recommend the approval of the contractual agreement with Sorenson for VRI (virtual remote interpretation) as presented, seconded by Supt Clapp. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Curry, Vogt, Ibbotson, Field (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Warner.

Appointment of a Secretary Motion by Supt Gordon to recommend the approval of Ellyn Lord as the Secretary of the Macon-Piatt Special Education Cooperative Board, seconded by Supt Weidner. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Roundcount, Curry, Vogt, Ibbotson, Field (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Warner.

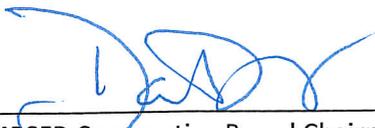
Director's Report

- A. Financial Update – this is likely Ellyn’s last treasurer’s report. You’ll notice the fund balance is lower this month, but that is due to bills just going out this month, and you will see revenues coming in for the next month. The fund balance is still higher than last year at this time. We are very healthy, fund balance-wise.
- B. Vacancy Update- updated spreadsheet in the packet. We are not much better than we were month. We are able to hire some teaching assistants. Decatur is hosting a job fair, and when they do that, we get additional teaching assistant applicants. It takes a long time to get through the new hire process.
- C. Program Update- We were able to open up two classrooms at the elementary Essential Skills program at Hope to full day, leaving two classrooms at half day.
- D. Due Process Update: We no longer have any due process cases relating to the half day program. One due process is still pending, and this is a dispute about a specific school rather than traditional placement dispute.

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 Young. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:01am.

Handouts: *Draft September 19, 2024 minutes*
 Personnel Appointments
 Letter from ISBE dated 10/02/2024
 Contract with Sorenson
 Treasurer’s Report (September)
 MPSED Vacancy List
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)

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



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

11/19/24

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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