

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, January, 16 2025
Regional Office of Education #39
3433 Rupp Parkway; Decatur, IL 62526

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

Members Present: Damian Jones, Mary Vogt, Emily Weidner, Larry Gray for Rochelle Clark),
(12 in-person) Michael Tresnak, Adam Ibbotson, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount, Jonathan Field, Cheryl Warner

Members Absent: Sacha Young

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Liz Lang, Ellyn Lord, Jill Reedy, Bret Hitchings, Zakry Standerfer

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Damian Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Gordon to approve the Executive Board minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Warner. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

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

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:50am by Supt Tresnak **motion**, seconded by Supt Gordon. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **Possible Termination of a Paraprofessional** The motion carries to terminate employment for Stephanie Smith effective January 29, 2025 with (11) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Clapp, Weidner, Gray, Vogt, Gordon, Roundcount, Ibbotson, Field, Warner (0) Nay.
- B. **Personnel Appointments** None Motion by Supt Tresnak 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, Clapp, Weidner, Gray, Vogt, Gordon, Roundcount, Ibbotson, Field, Warner (0) Nay; (1) Absent: Young

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update Kathy reports we still have a healthy fund balance. MPSED office in is the early stages of budget planning for next year.
 - i Application entered for SELA recognition for reimbursement. This would allow students attending SELA to be eligible for reimbursement similar to current students attending private facility.
- B. Vacancy Update- updated spreadsheet in the packet. Kathy noted the coop continues to have vacancies and having a hard time finding qualified candidates. Travis Friedrich is attending a psychologist recruitment event next month.

C. Program Update- Kathy noted the SELA transition room is closing. SELA is adding an additional elementary room and additional secondary room for next year.

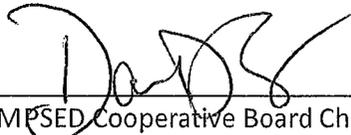
D. Due Process Update- No outstanding due processes. One complaint that ISBE is still reviewing.

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 7:56am.

Handouts: *Draft December 19, 2024 minutes*
 Personnel Appointments
 Treasurer's Report (December)
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
 Vacancy List

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place on Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 7:30am at the Regional Office of Education #39 – 3433 Rupp Parkway; Decatur, IL 62526**



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

2/20/25

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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