

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, January 15, 2026
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, Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Michael Tresnak, Adam Ibbotson, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount, Cheryl Warner, Mary Vogt, Mike Curry (for Rochelle Clark), Jonathan Field (arrived 7:31)
(12 in person)

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Liz Lang, Elyn Lord, Bret Hitchings, Zakry Standerfer, Nancy Brodbeck, Jill Reedy, Larry Gray (arrived 7:41)

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairman Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Ibbotson to approve the Executive Board minutes from the December 18, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Vogt. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

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

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:34am by Supt Vogt, seconded by Supt Tresnak. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **Personnel Appointments** Motion by Supt Ibbotson 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 Young. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (12) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Warner, Field, Curry, Vogt (0) Nay

- B. **Criteria for Other Health Impairment and Autism** Motion by Supt Tresnak to approve the updated eligibility criteria for Other Health Impairment and Autism as presented, seconded by Supt Clapp. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (12) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Warner, Field, Curry, Vogt (0) Nay

- C. **Amendment to the MPSED Joint Agreement** Motion by Supt Warner to approve the amendments to the Macon-Piatt Special Education Joint Agreement as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Warner, Field, Vogt (2) Nay: Curry (for Dr. Clark), Roundcount

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update- Balance staying healthy. MPSED to start enrollment predictions and drafting budget for next year; may not have a need for February finance meeting until budget is further along.
- B. Vacancy Update- Dire need for staff, especially Life Skills Teachers, School Psychologists, and SLP's. Travis noted a potential Psychologist intern for next year.
- C. Program Update- Kathy is weighing the options for High School SED next year of potentially moving to one location. This may affect busing and staff reductions.
- D. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update- New ISBE complaint out of Mt. Zion District regarding eligibility.
- E. Joint Agreement Next Steps-Member Districts have 30 days to take to their individual boards for approval. 80% favorable vote is needed. Kathy noted DLM is coming, Liz will complete surveys for each district.
- F. First Read: Board Policies Section 1 (1:10, 1:20, 1:30)- Press policies sent out electronically.
- G. First Read: Board Policies Section 2 (2.10, 2.20, 2.100, 2.105, 2.110, 2.125, 2.130, 2.140, 2.150, 2.160, 2.170, 2.200, 2.220, 2.230, 2.240, 2.250, 2.260, 2.265, 2.270)- Kathy briefed the room on each policy.

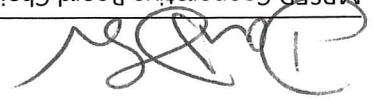
Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Supt Tresnak to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:50am.

Handouts:

- Draft December 18, 2025, Minutes
- Personnel Appointments
- Updated Draft Criteria for Eligibility-Other Health Impairment and Autism
- Draft Amendment to the MPSED Joint Agreement
- Treasurer's Report (December)
- Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
- Vacancy List
- Policies-Sections 1 and 2 (electronically sent)

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Thursday, February 19, 2026, 7:30 am at the Regional Office of Education 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur.**

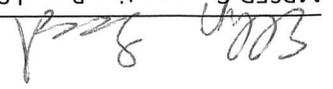
MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson



Date Approved

2/19/26

MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary



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