

**MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, March 19, 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 (Chairman), Adam Clapp, Michael Tresnak, Shane Gordon,  
(11 in person) Sacha Young, Travis Roundcount, Adam Ibbotson, Mike Curry (for Rochelle  
Clark), Mary Vogt, Emily Weidner, Jonathan Field

**Members Absent:** Cheryl Warner

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

**Public Participation:** None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairman Jones entertained a **motion** by Mike Curry to approve the Executive Board minutes from the February 19, 2026, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

**No Closed Session**

**Roll Call Action Items**

- A. Personnel Appointments** Motion by Supt Field 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 Vogt. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Curry, Weidner, Vogt, Field (1) Absent: Warner
  
- B. Adoption of Board Policies** Motion by Supt Tresnak to adopt board policies section 3, (which includes 3:10, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 3:65, 3:70) and board policies section 4, (which includes 4:10, 4:15, 4:30, 4:40, 4:45, 4:50, 4:55, 4:60, 4:70, 4:80, 4:100, 4:120, 4:130, 4:150, 4:160, 4:165, 4:170, 4:175, 4:180, and 4:190) as presented, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Curry, Weidner, Vogt, Field (1) Absent: Warner
  
- C. Parking Lot Resurfacing** Motion by Supt Roundcount to recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District, to request competing bids for resurfacing the parking lot at 620 E. Garfield Ave as presented, seconded by Supt Weidner. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Curry, Weidner, Vogt, Field (1) Absent: Warner
  
- D. Interior Doors for increased security** Motion by Supt Vogt to approve the purchase of materials to construct two (2) secure interior hall glass partition/doors at 620 E. Garfield Ave as presented, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Curry, Weidner, Vogt, Field (1) Absent: Warner

**Director's Report**

- A. Financial Update- Fund balance now exceeds last year because of corrections to how we bill. No need for a finance meeting in April. FY27 budget will be ready to bring to April meeting for review.
- B. Vacancy Update- Anticipate another school psychologist vacancy due to receiving a retirement/resignation letter. Supt Ibbotson expressed concern with services his district is receiving from Presence Learning, and requested a new professional be assigned. The Board discussed other options for virtual contracts. Kathy stated that a virtual school psychologist position has been approved and will be posted along with potentially creating a new evaluator position to handle preliminary work.
- C. Program Update- Received approval for SELA intensive rate for students that require 1:1 aide. Will share SELA daily rates for FY26 when available.
- D. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update- Complaints across the state are starting off more litigious than previous years. We have seen an increase in IEE requests. Recent complaints to DPS and Monticello have been dropped. Forsee an upcoming Due Process for a DPS student for placement dispute.
- E. First Read: Board Policies Section 5 (5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:35, 5:40, 5:50, 5:60, 5:70, 5:80, 5:90, 5:100, 5:110, 5:120, 5:125, 5:130, 5:140, 5:150, 5:170, 5:180, 5:185, 5:190, 5:200, 5:210, 5:220, 5:230, 5:240, 5:250, 5:260, 5:270, 5:280, 5:290, 5:300, 5:310, 5:320, 5:330)- Last sections for review, will approve in April. Refer to tracking handout in packet with notes about each policy.
- F. First Read: Board Policies Section 8 (8:10, 8:20, 8:25, 8:30, 8:70, 8:80, 8:90, 8:95, 8:100, 8:110)- All press policies.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Michael Tresnak to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Mike Curry. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:47am.

- Handouts:*
- Draft February 19, 2026 Minutes*
  - Personnel Appointments*
  - Policies-Sections 3 and 4 (electronically sent)*
  - Treasurer's Report (February)*
  - Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*
  - Policies-Sections 5 and 8 (electronically sent)*
  - Vacancy List*

**\*\*Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Thursday, April 16, 2026, 7:30 am at the Regional Office of Education 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur.**

  
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MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

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MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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