

**MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, April 16, 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, Sacha Young, Travis Roundcount, Adam Ibbotson, Larry Gray (for Rochelle Clark), Mary Vogt, Emily Weidner, Cheryl Warner, Jonathan Field (arrived 7:32)  
*(12 in person)*

**Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Kathy Horath, Liz Lang, 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 Supt Ibbotson to approve the Executive Board minutes from the March 19, 2026, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Clapp. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

**No Closed Session**

**Roll Call Action Items**

- A. Personnel Appointments** 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 Vogt. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Gray, Weidner, Vogt, Warner (1) Late: Field
  
- B. Adoption of Board Policies** Motion by Supt Roundcount to adopt board policies section 5, (which includes 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) and board policies section 8, (which includes 8:10, 8:20, 8:25, 8:30, 8:70, 8:80, 8:90, 8:95, 8:100, 8:110) as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (12) Ayes: Jones, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Gray, Weidner, Vogt, Field, Warner
  
- C. Adoption of Final Calendar for SY 2025-2026 school year for SELA** Motion by Supt Field to approve the amended calendar as final for the 2025-2026 school year as presented, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (12) Ayes: Jones, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Gray, Weidner, Vogt, Field, Warner

**Director's Report**

- A. Financial Update- Balance is healthy, back in line with last year. FY27 Estimated Costs are ready, Kathy and Liz will meet with each district. MOE for Bement has been approved; still waiting on DPS, CAM and SV-most were met.
  - i First Read of the FY27 Budget- Increase of 1.3 million due to increases in salaries, insurance, and program needs.

B. Vacancy Update- Still a lot of vacancies, not thrilled about the 7 School Psychologist vacancies. Supt

ibbotson asked when Psychologist placements would be announced. Liz responded that she would share that soon, which will give districts time to decide if they want to pursue other Psychologist options outside of the cooperative. There is no deadline to choose to go out on their own for Psychologist services, but the coop would like to know by July if it is possible.

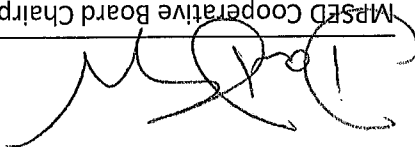
C. Program Update-Kathy presented the board with a finalized draft of the Speech or Language Impairment Eligibility Criteria which will be brought to the board in May for approval. It was noted the criteria is very detailed and includes eligibility considerations for multilingual learners, which we have supports for Spanish speaking students.  
D. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update-One complaint in Warrensburg-Latham which ISBE closed in 3 days.

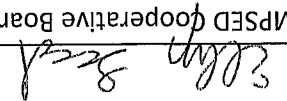
Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Michael Tresnak to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Platt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Field. Voice Vote: All in favor - Meeting adjourned at 7:44am.

**Handouts:**

- Draft March 19, 2026 Minutes
- Personnel Appointments
- Policies-Sections 5 and 8 (electronically sent)
- Amended Calendar for SY 2025-2026
- Treasurer's Report (March)
- Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
- DRAFT FY27 MPSED Budget Summary
- Vacancy List

**\*\*Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Thursday, May 21, 2026, 7:30 am at the Regional Office of Education 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur.**

  
MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

  
MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

8/21/26  
Date Approved

5/21/26  
Date Approved