

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, August 6, 2026
Richland Community College, Room N161
1 College Park; Decatur, IL 62521

Cheryl Warner called the meeting to order with roll call at 8:00am

Members Present: Cheryl Warner (Chairperson), Adam Clapp, Michael Tresnak, Shane Gordon,
(9 in person + 1 late arrival) Travis Roundcount, Adam Ibbotson, Mary Vogt, Damian Jones, Jonathan
Field, Nicole Moody (arrived 8:03am)

Members Absent: Sacha Young, Emily Weidner

Also Present: Liz Lang, Travis Friedrich, Andrea Maple, Ellyn Lord, Bret Hitchings

Public Participation: Sunshine Supplies for Teachers members- Crystal Hoadley, Rise Davis, Nola
Wilkinson

Three individuals registered to speak to the Board. Crystal Hoadley, Rise Davis, and Nola Wilkinson are volunteer members of Sunshine Supplies for Teachers located in Forsyth, IL. They wanted to share the success of the organization in providing over 570k worth of supplies to local schools, 626 local teachers are registered shoppers; with 112 teachers already shopped this month. Sunshine Supplies for Teachers currently charges teachers \$50/year to shop 10 times a year for unlimited supplies for their classroom. Some member districts expressed that they pay the yearly fee for their staff while others mentioned their staff using the shop to fill their classrooms. Sunshine Supplies for Teachers asked each district for permission to share flyers with school staff, all agreed.

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairperson Warner entertained a **motion** by Supt Jones to approve the Executive Board minutes from the May 21, 2026 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

No CLOSED Session

Roll Call Action Items

- A. Approval for Macon-Piatt Special Education Procedures** Motion by Supt Vogt to recommend that the Executive Board approve Macon-Piatt Special Education Procedures New Updates to Special Education Procedures (from ICSEA) seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Chairperson Warner calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Clapp, Tresnak, Gordon, Roundcount, Ibbotson, Vogt, Warner, Field, Moody (2) Absent: Young, Weidner
- B. 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 Roundcount. Chairperson Warner calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Clapp, Tresnak, Gordon, Roundcount, Ibbotson, Vogt, Warner, Field, Moody (2) Absent: Young, Weidner

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update-** Liz to schedule finance meetings. Liz informed the group that the PECT grant will likely be taken away. This was used to pay for vocational student incentives, background checks, and job coaches. Liz suggests taking the salary that was budgeted for the vacancy of a third prevocational coordinator and using it to fund the program without the grant. Not filling the prevocational vacancy.

- B. Parking Lot at MPSED- Group decided to use coop fund balance to pay for the parking lot re pavement at MPSED.
- C. Vacancy Update- A lot of new hires over the summer that are currently going through background checks and HR onboarding.
- D. Program Update-Early childhood will continue the 2 day play groups for baby three students. Supt Ibbotson mentioned transportation challenges for students attending part-days at centers in town. Members discussed the increase in students coming from outside centers without any evaluations and the obstacle it creates for the resident schools that may not be equipped to take on the student.
- E. Ancillary Wages for Sub Psychologists' and SEAs- Currently following DPS wages. Liz is working with DPS HR to increase the wages or allow MPSED to set our own wages to be competitive with other districts and not lose employees.
- F. Evaluation Specialist-Liz requested for better communication from Presence Learning this year. Job description for Evaluation Specialist has been sent to DPS to post once position classification has been decided:

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairperson Warner entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Supt Jones to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Gordon. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:33am.

Handouts: *Draft May 21, 2026 Minutes*
 Personnel Appointments
 Vacancy List
 Draft Evaluation Specialist Job Description
 Treasurer's Report (May and June)
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
 DRAFT Special Education Procedures (electronically sent)

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Thursday, September 17, 2026, 7:30 am at Regional Office of Education #39, 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur IL.**



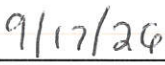
 MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson



 Date Approved



 MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary



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