

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, September 17, 2026
Regional Office of Education #39
3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur IL. 62526

Cheryl Warner called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:30am

Members Present: Cheryl Warner (Chairperson), Adam Clapp, Michael Tresnak, Shane Gordon,
(10 in person + 1 late arrival) Travis Roundcount, Adam Ibbotson, Mary Vogt, Damian Jones, Jonathan Field, Sacha Young, Nicole Moody (arrived 7:47am)

Members Absent: Emily Weidner

Also Present: Liz Lang, Travis Friedrich, Andrea Maple, Ellyn Lord, Jill Reedy, Heather Ethell, Bret Hitchings, Jessica Manuel (Intern)

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairperson Warner entertained a **motion** by Supt Jones to approve the Executive Board minutes from August 6, 2026, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:31 by Supt Vogt motion to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, seconded by Supt Tresnak. Chairperson Warner calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner (1) Absent: Weidner (1 late arrival): Moody

Return to **OPEN Session** at 7:54am by Supt Tresnak, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Voice Vote: all in favor, none opposed.

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **Approval for Consultation Agreement** Motion by Supt Vogt to recommend that the Executive Board approve the Consultation Agreement ("Agreement") between **Macon-Piatt Special Education District** ("District") and **Kathy Horath** ("Consultant"), effective September 17, 2026, seconded by Supt Gordon. Chairperson Warner calls for a Roll Call Vote. (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner, Moody (1) Absent: Weidner
- B. **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. Chairperson Warner calls for a Roll Call Vote. (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Field, Warner, Moody (1) Absent: Weidner

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update- First Finance meeting is scheduled for October 20th 8:30am at MPSED.
- B. Vacancy Update- There has been a lot of staff turnover due to the high needs of students.
- C. Program Update- Life Skills Elementary programs are full. Life Skills will need to expand due to incoming student levels from Pershing.
- D. Alternative Placements Update- Continues to be a growing need for placements. 61 students in day treatment, 3 at Swann, 6 in Residential, 5 FSP, and 5 in state schools.

- E. Director Evaluation Rubric-To follow Superintendent schedule. Liz will submit self-assessment in January.
- F. Ancillary Wages for Sub Psychologists' and SEAs- To be included in closed session of DPS#61 Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd.
- G. Evaluation Specialist- ROE is going over licensure requirements for the position.
- H. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update- MPSED received multiple records requests from lawyers. 1 complaint is finished, 1 (DPS) complaint will continue.

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 8:02am.

Handouts: *Draft August 6, 2026 Minutes*
 Personnel Appointments
 Vacancy List
 Director Evaluation Rubric
 Treasurer's Report (July and August)
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)

*****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Thursday, October 15, 2026, 7:30 am at Regional Office of Education #39, 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur IL.***

Cheyl Warner
MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

10/15/26
Date Approved

Elly Seed
MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

10/15/26
Date Approved