

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, May 15, 2025
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, Adam Clapp, Michael Tresnak, Adam Ibbotson, Shane Gordon,
(9 in-person) Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Jonathan Field, Cheryl Warner

Members Absent: Rochelle Clark, Travis Roundcount, Mary Vogt

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

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Damian Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Clapp to approve the Executive Board minutes from the April 17, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Tresnak. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

No call for **CLOSED Session**

Election of Officers—Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson Motion by Supt Tresnak to recommend the approval of Damian Jones as Chairperson and Cheryl Warner as Vice-Chairperson of the Macon-Piatt Special Education Cooperative Board, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (9) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Ibbotson, Warner, Field (0) Nay; (3) Absent: Clark, Roundcount, Vogt

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 Ibbotson. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (9) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Ibbotson, Warner, Field (0) Nay; (3) Absent: Clark, Roundcount, Vogt
- B. **Invoice from Embrace** Motion by Supt Ibbotson to authorize Decatur Public Schools, as the administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District to pay Embrace Education Invoice #18326 in the amount of \$40,245.68 as presented, seconded by Supt Field. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (9) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Ibbotson, Warner, Field (0) Nay; (3) Absent: Clark, Roundcount, Vogt
- C. **Quote from Apple Inc.** Motion by Supt Warner to authorize Decatur Public Schools, as the administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District to purchase the Apple devices as presented in Quote #2213510732 in the total amount of \$55,136.00, seconded by Supt Young. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (9) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Ibbotson, Warner, Field (0) Nay; (3) Absent: Clark, Roundcount, Vogt
- D. **Proposed FY26 Budget** Motion by supt Tresnak to recommend the approval of the proposed FY26 Budget as presented, seconded by Supt Field. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (9) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Young, Clapp, Weidner, Gordon, Ibbotson, Warner, Field (0) Nay; (3) Absent: Clark, Roundcount, Vogt

Director's Report

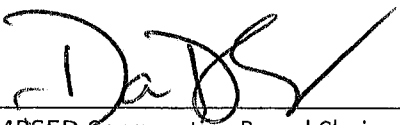
- A. Financial Update- Kathy Horath reports a healthy fund balance in normal range. Also noted we are in grant season and MOE has been completed for all districts. TMC meeting scheduled for May 28th. FY26 grants will be opening soon.
- B. Vacancy Update- A lot of vacancies. Possibility of Life Skills Elementary program to be fully staffed next year with the use of long-term subs. Supt Ibbotson asked about Psychologist coverage for his district since there is a resignation. Kathy noted our contract with Presence Learning will take over coverage because we have 4 Psychologists for 10 positions.
- C. Program Update- MPSED Admin met with Life Skills and Essential Skills program staff and will continue to use the STAR Program and LINKS Curriculum because of its good structure for students with Autism.
- D. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update- DPS due process has been dropped, a settlement was reached without hearing. CAM District is navigating a new ISBE complaint.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn.

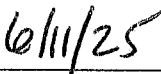
Motion by Supt Tresnak to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:39am.

Handouts: *Draft April 17, 2025 minutes*
 Personnel Appointments
 Invoice from Embrace
 Quote from Apple Inc.
 Draft FY26 Budget Summary
 Treasurer's Report (April)
 Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
 Vacancy List

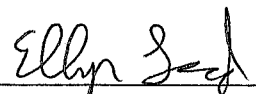
****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is to be determined, August 2025.**



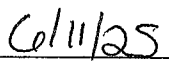
MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson



Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary



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