

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, August 7, 2025
Richland Community College Room N 161
1 College Park Decatur, IL 62521

Damian Jones called the meeting to order with roll call at 7:30am

Members Present: Damian Jones, Michael Tresnak, Adam Ibbotson, Shane Gordon, Jonathan Field, Travis Roundcount, Cheryl Warner, Mary Vogt (arrive 7:32am)
(7 in-person + 1-late)

Members Absent: Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Rochelle Clark, Adam Clapp

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Liz Lang, Travis Friedrich, Ellyn Lord, Bret Hitchings

Public Participation: None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Damian Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Gordon to approve the Executive Board minutes from the June 11, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Field. Voice Vote: All in favor. None opposed.

No Closed Session

Roll Call Action Items

- A. **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 Tresnak. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (7) Ayes: Jones, Tresnak, Gordon, Roundcount, Ibbotson, Warner, Field (0) Nay; (1) Late: Vogt; (4) Absent: Weidner, Young, Clark, Clapp

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update- Kathy Horath reports healthy fund balance. MPSED is waiting for bill from DPS for new office windows. Invoice will be paid from last year's budget to align with board approval. Final Bills will go out soon, any credits will be applied to October bill. 25-26 Final budget approval scheduled for 8/19/25. SELA daily rate has been established at \$127.97.
- B. First Read- Board Policies Section 6 (6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 6:40, 6:60, 6:65, 6:70, 6:80, 6:100, 6:110, 6:120, 6:210, 6:235, 6:240, 6:250, 6:255, 6:260, 6:270, 6:280, 6:290, 6:300, 6:340)- Kathy sent electronically for Board members to view and asked to report anything outstanding.
- C. First Read- Board Policies Section 7 (7:10, 7:15, 7:20, 7:30, 7:80, 7:90, 7:130, 7:140, 7:150, 7:160, 7:170, 7:180, 7:185, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:220, 7:230, 7:250, 7:255, 7:270, 7:275, 7:280, 7:285, 7:290, 7:340, 7:345)- Kathy sent electronically for Board members to view and asked to report anything outstanding. Noted that diplomas will come from home districts as well as suspension and expulsion determinations.
- D. HB 2390 and the Joint Agreement- Governor has not yet signed, but if approved MPSED Board will have to re-write agreement. Biggest change being any member districts wanting to withdraw from the Cooperative will have to submit the request 18 months in advance instead of current 12 months.
- E. Possible Therapeutic Day Option for the area- MPSED was approached by Little Friends, Inc. looking to grow a facility in our area, but no current leads on available buildings. Little Friends, Inc. services students with autism or developmental disabilities. Board agrees that there is a need in the area but concerned that we would potentially lose staff.
- F. Vacancy Update- A lot of TA vacancies. Subs lined up to fill teaching vacancies.

- G. Director of Special Education posting- Job posting to go live 8/8/25. Posting locally as well as out to IHSA, and IAASE.
- H. Program Update- DPS cut Extended Day at SELA. MPSED has worked out an option to continue the service internally using funds that are already budgeted. 7 students entering Kindergarten from Pershing are not deemed for full day instruction and will start ½ days. SDMS will move from 1 SED classroom to 2 SED classrooms this year.
- I. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update- None open currently pertaining to students with an IEP.

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 Vogt. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:48am.

*Handouts: Draft June 11, 2025 minutes
Personnel Appointments
Policies-Section 6 and Section 7 (electronically sent)
Treasurer's Report (May, June)
Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
Vacancy List*

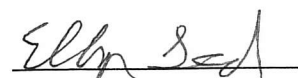
*****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board is Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 7:30 am at the Regional Office of Education 3433 Rupp Parkway, Decatur.***



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

9/18/25

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

9/18/25

Date Approved