

**MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, November 18, 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, Mary Vogt, Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Michael Tresnak,  
(11 in person + 1-late) Adam Ibbotson, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount, Cheryl Warner, Rochelle Clark, Jonathan Field (arrived 7:35)

**Members Absent:** None

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

**Public Participation:** None

Hearing no questions or concerns regarding the minutes presented, Chairman Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Tresnak to approve the Executive Board minutes from the October 16, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Ibbotson. 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 Roundcount. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (11) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Warner, Clark (1) Absent Late arrival: Field.
- B. Director of Special Education Recommendation for 2026-2027** Motion by Supt Gordon to recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District, that Elizabeth Lang be recommended as the next Director of Macon-Piatt Special Education District starting July 1, 2026 for a three-year contract with a base salary of no less than \$157,751.00, seconded by Supt Weidner. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Vogt, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Warner, (1) Abstain, Clark, (1) Absent Late arrival: Field.

**Director's Report**

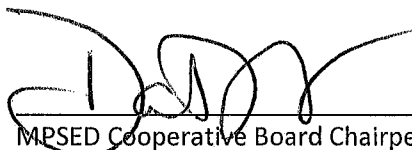
- A. Financial Update-** Kathy reports that the fund balance is where it should be. AFR has been approved by DPS, Kathy will send that out electronically. First Finance meeting was held; next meeting will be at 8:00am on December 8<sup>th</sup> at MPSED to continue conversations about MPSED funding formula. Supt Clark questioned Item 4 regarding funding formula and how overall student enrollment numbers versus SPED program numbers play into the funding formula.
- B. Vacancy Update-** Extended offer to a new Psychologist, she will let us know after Thanksgiving break if she accepts. Life Skills teacher resigned, and long-term subs are working less, which in turn leaves our programs short staffed.
- C. Program Update-** Possible teacher to be hired at Pershing which will alleviate parent complaints with students attending play groups.
- D. Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update-** Two current mediations: One for DPS, One for W/L. One complaint may turn into mediation regarding placement dispute for the student attending 1/2 days.

- E. First Read-Amendment to the Joint Agreement-Kathy sent out red line copy electronically. Two noted changes: Agreement now aligns to statute update which takes effect January 1, 2026, changing notice to withdrawal from the Joint Agreement from 12 months to 18 months. Atwood Hammond district was removed. Supt Clark shared that DPS legal team is looking at the Agreement pertaining to DPS being Administrative Agent for the Cooperative as well as how DPS can potentially save money. Other items DPS is looking into include the possibility of weighted votes and forfeiture of assets. Further discussion will be needed amongst the Executive board members once we hear back from DPS legal team.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Supt Vogt to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Warner. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:51am.

*Handouts:*      *Draft October 16, 2025 Minutes*  
                    *Personnel Appointments*  
                    *Contract for Director of Special Education*  
                    *Treasurer's Report (October)*  
                    *Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*  
                    *Vacancy List*  
                    *Amendment to the Joint Agreement-DRAFT*

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

  
MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

12/18/25  
Date Approved

  
MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

12/18/25  
Date Approved