

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, 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, Sacha Young, Emily Weidner, Michael Tresnak, Adam (10 in person) Ibbotson, Shane Gordon, Adam Clapp, Travis Roundcount, Cheryl Warner, Jonathan Field

Members Absent: Mary Vogt, Rochelle Clark

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Liz Lang, Ellyn Lord, Bret Hitchings, Zakry Standerfer, Nancy Brodeck

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 November 18, 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 Field. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Warner, Field. (0) Nay; (2) Absent: Vogt, Clark
- B. **Formula for Determining Member District's Proportionate Share of the Operating Expenses of MPSED for the 2026-2027 school year** Motion by Supt Tresnak to approve the adjusted billing formula for the 2026-2027 school year, seconded by Supt Warner. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Warner, Field. (0) Nay; (2) Absent: Vogt, Clark
- C. **2026-2027 Administrator and Administrative Support Salary Schedules** Motion by Supt Roundcount to recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as the administrative district for Macon-Piatt Special Education District to pay the employees as directed, seconded by Supt Clapp. Chairman Jones calls for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carries with (10) Ayes: Jones, Young, Weidner, Tresnak, Ibbotson, Gordon, Clapp, Roundcount, Warner, Field. (0) Nay; (2) Absent: Vogt, Clark

Director's Report

- A. **Financial Update-** Fund balance is where it should be. No need for a January Finance meeting. Finance meetings will resume once MPSED begins working on budget.
- B. **Vacancy Update-** Lost a Life Skills elementary teacher and we gained an Early Childhood teacher at Pershing. Pershing now fully staffed.
- C. **Program Update-** Life Skills program is a concern because of vacancies. Also, Essential Skills is being closely watched due to staffing concerns.
- D. **Due Process/ISBE Complaint Update-** Mediation was held regarding request for Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) by DPS parent resulting in due process and the IEE being dropped.

Additional DPS complaint regarding ½ days. ISBE issued a finding demanding student be returned to full days.

- E. Updated Criteria for Other Health Impairment and Autism (first read)- Added procedural guidelines to help staff when determining eligibility.
- F. Joint Agreement Amendment Status- Not ready for vote yet. Kathy would like to wait to hear more from DPS. Regardless, the agreement will keep moving forward as written.

Hearing no further questions or topics to discuss, Chairman Jones entertained a motion to adjourn. **Motion** by Supt Roundcount to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Clapp. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:43am.

Handouts: *Draft November 18, 2025 Minutes*
Personnel Appointments
Draft Formula for Determining Member District's Proportionate Share for the 2026-2027 school year
Draft 2026-2027 Administrator and Administrative Support Salary Schedules
Updated Draft Criteria for Eligibility-Other Health Impairment and Autism
Treasurer's Report (November)
Vendor Checks (electronically sent)
Vacancy List

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



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

1/15/26

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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