

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, March 21, 2019
Richland Community College –National Sequestration Education Center (NSEC 121)
Decatur, Illinois

Vice Chairman Damian Jones called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Member roll call was taken.

Members Present: Damian Jones (*Vice Chair*), Sheila Greenwood, DeAnn Heck, Brett Robinson,
(11 present) Paul Fregeau, Amanda Geary, John Ahlemeyer, Dan Brue, Travis Roundcount,
Bob Meadows, Kristen Kendrick-Weikle
Members Absent: Vic Zimmerman (*Chairperson*)
Also Present: Kathy Horath, Sarah Evans, Vickie Vieth (*Secretary*), Bret Hitchings
Public Participation: None

Vice Chair Jones entertained the motion to approve minutes from the 2/21/2019 meeting. Supt Meadows motioned to approve the Executive Board minutes as presented, seconded by Supt Robinson. Voice Vote: All in favor

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 8:05 a.m. by Supt Geary's motion to discuss the salary of a specific employee, seconded by Supt Heck. Voice Vote: All in favor.

Return to Open Session at 8:09 a.m. by Supt Geary's motion, seconded by Supt Heck. Voice Vote: All in favor.

Roll Call Action Items

A. Personnel and Administrative Appointments

Thanks to Sarah's recruiting efforts, a school psychologist has signed on for the next school year along with a psych intern who is interested in staying in the area. We need 3 more psychologists for full staff. After a brief review, no further questions were raised. Supt Ahlemeyer motioned to recommend the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for MPSED, that the employees presented be recommended as listed, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Vice Chairman Jones called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (11) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Robinson, Fregeau, Geary, Ahlemeyer, Brue, Roundcount, Meadows, Weikle. (0) Nays; (1) Absent.

B. Reduction-in-Force (Honorable Dismissal) of ESP Employee

Supt Heck motioned to recommend the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for MPSED, that the special education secretary named be honorably dismissed at the end of the 2018-2019 school year, and not be reemployed for the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Greenwood. Vice Chairman Jones called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (11) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Robinson, Fregeau, Geary, Ahlemeyer, Brue, Roundcount, Meadows, Weikle. (0) Nays; (1) Absent.

C. Reduction in Hours of ESP due to change in building hours

Supt Fregeau motioned to recommend the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for MPSED, that the Educational Support Personnel staff named be reduced from 6.25 hours to 6.0 hours due to change in building hours, seconded by Supt Robinson. Vice Chairman Jones called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (11) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Robinson, Fregeau, Geary, Ahlemeyer, Brue, Roundcount, Meadows, Weikle. (0) Nays; (1) Absent.

Director's Report

- A. Finance Update – the latest treasurer's report is included in your packet. At 7:30 a.m. next Thursday, 3/28, the finance committee will be meeting to review for next fiscal year. This year's cost per pupil is down \$2,000 due to unfilled positions. Discussion of how to handle the adjustment will take place in this finance meeting.
- B. IDEA Grant and Consolidated District Plan (CDP) – as document author on your CDP, Kathy can enter on your behalf the results of the Needs Assessment and PD Plan (for SpEd students) and the results of Timely and Meaningful Consultation Meeting. This information is needed as part of your IDEA allocation set aside for (private) schools that have students with IEPs. Timely and Meaningful meetings are not until the later part of May. This is the first step the state is taking for grants. In 2 years the CDP will become the grant application for all, but until that happens in 2021, we still have separate grant applications.
- C. SLD Criteria Implementation Feedback – In your packet is the criteria that was approved (August) as of this year. Discussion was had due to confusion and concern over losing the human element in the evaluation process. This may be due to adding the criteria of tenth percentile for psych testing on the standardized nationally normed test. Clarification was given on these criteria that they are not policy but a matter of procedure. When you talk about criteria and voted on them, you are saying as a collective body (cooperative) we will follow the same guidelines and criteria for what we are going to look for with an eligibility. It was to unify the cooperative and not look at local norms only. That is where psych testing came in to try to add that piece of national norm. Cautioned about having too much flexibility in each of the districts or we are going to have transfers from district to district where students are eligible in one but not in the other. OSEP rules were shared (US Dept of Education Office of SpEd Programs) giving clear guidance that RTI cannot be used to delay or deny an evaluation for eligibility under IDEA. It was revisited that this was a systematic procedure and during the first year of any implementation, there may be 'bumps' in the road. Collectively we need to come back and talk these things through and discuss what we need to do to figure it out. The human element is important – you need to take into consideration all of the data. These are guidelines – this is the framework to which we work from – we look at the preponderance of evidence about a student. There was a suggestion with strong support about revisiting the criteria this summer.
- D. Needs Assessment and PD – overall responses have already been collected. Due to the superintendents' support in getting this to their principals, we had 200 more responses than last year. A total of 673 responses: 300 – general education teachers; 90 – parents; 70 – CrossCat teachers; 58 – TA's; 30 – Administrators (SW, SLP, etc). Sarah will be getting your individual districts responses to you so you can read them. She will summarize for you and have it mapped out. It makes us feel good to design the PD around things that they want.
- E. Summer Administrator Academy – Identification and provision of Services to the Special Education Student. Attempting to settle on a date to bring in Brandon Wright. Not able to conduct this during school since we can't get principals and SEAs out of their building. After some discussion, it was decided to try for Wednesday, July 31 at Richland. Kathy will send a letter to district superintendents to send out to your principals.
- F. Summer MRI services – an email was forwarded to all from Macon Resources regarding summer services (such as speech, ADA with autism, etc). Please share with your parents.

The subject of the first board meeting of the year was mentioned at that it might be beneficial to have the August meeting separate from the ROE breakfast. The ROE breakfast this year is at Millikin University on Tuesday, August 6th. Perhaps conducting the meeting on another date, or if not, then only doing personnel may be helpful. Kathy will be talking with ROE and Heartland to see what can be done for the August meeting.

Adjournment: Hearing no further questions or discussions, Supt Greenwood motioned to adjourn this meeting of the Macon Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Brue. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

Handouts: *Draft February Minutes*
 Vendor Checks (Electronically sent)
 Personnel Appointments
 Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of ESP Employee
 Resolution for Honorable Reduction of ESP Employees (2)
 February Treasurer's Report
 SLD Criteria and Internal document

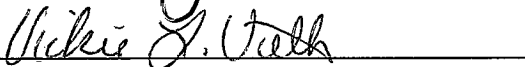
****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Richland Community College National Sequestration Education Center (NSEC) building.**



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

4/25/19

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

4-25-19

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