

**MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, April 25, 2019**  
Richland Community College – Shilling Hall – Room SC01  
Decatur, Illinois

Chairman Vic Zimmerman 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) Bobbi Williams (*for Paul Fregeau*), John Ahlemeyer, Dan Brue, Vic Zimmerman (*Chairperson*), Travis Roundcount, Bob Meadows, Kristen Kendrick-Weikle

**Members Absent:** Amanda Geary

**Also Present:** Kathy Horath, Sarah Evans, Vickie Vieth (*Secretary*), Matt Snyder, Jill Reedy

**Public Participation:** None

Chairperson Zimmerman entertained the motion to approve minutes from the 3/21/2019 meeting. Supt Brue motioned to approve the Executive Board minutes as presented, seconded by Supt Greenwood. Voice Vote: All in favor

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 8:02 a.m. by Supt Robinson's motion to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, seconded by Supt Jones. Voice Vote: All in favor.

Return to Open Session at 8:27 a.m. by Supt Robinson's motion, seconded by Supt Weikle. Voice Vote: All in favor.

**Roll Call Action Items**

**A. Personnel and Administrative Appointments**

Brief discussion regarding personnel. Excited about several new hires and being fully staffed at both Hope (Essential Skills) and Pershing (Early Childhood). Supt Greenwood 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 Weikle. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (11) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Robinson, Williams, Ahlemeyer, Brue, Zimmerman, Roundcount, Meadows, Weikle. (0) Nays; (1) Absent.

**Director's Report**

**A. Finance Update**

- DRAFT Grant Allocations from Imler – each district has been given a print of grant allocations with a column marked showing 95% of the estimate. Tim Imler is hoping to avoid fewer amendments. The 95% includes preschool and regular allocation. Target the 95% number for your budgeting. If you received a separate paper with yellow highlighting, that is your proportionate share due to either having a home-schooled student or a private school in your district's boundaries. This is the mandatory set aside that has to be written in your IDEA grant for that school/student. Next month or so, Kathy will be talking to each district about those allocations and what you want to write for in your grant. If your district does not need to set aside for private or parochial, Kathy can complete her pieces of the grant and send them out to your district. If your district does have to set aside for private / parochial, we will have to wait for timely and meaningful meeting which is scheduled on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have to upload all the documents that go along with that meeting to the Consolidated Plan. Make sure to plan 5% for Professional Development (PD) – for only special education IDEA. In that 5%,

write in the line for Macon Piatt to receive 2%. The remaining 3% is for your district to spend on PD (or more if so choose).

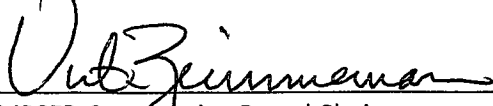
- MOE update – Estimates have been received of what is needed to fix or modify showing that you were spending the right amount of money based on previous years of spending. Six districts have met Maintenance of Effort. For the rest of the districts, Kathy will be reaching out to you for additional information to write the exception.
- B. MPSED personnel update – included in your packet is a vacancy sheet. It was created prior to receiving the latest SpEd Administrator’s resignation.
- C. IDEA Grant and Consolidated District Plan – this was discussed in the previous section.
- D. Building/Program moves update – In your packet is a listing of programs with updated locations (addresses and hours for the specific school buildings). This may be shared with your transportation directors as they start to think about planning routes. In the next few weeks, appointments will be made with each district to bring your estimated budgets – included will be the list of students who we think/or know will be coming into the program. Your estimated budgets are highly dependent upon the number of students sent in for SpEd programs.
- E. DPS draft calendar – A draft tentative calendar was brought to the Decatur Board. A copy of the board information was included in your packets showing the first day of school along with possible dates for breaks.
- F. Eligibility Criteria Updates for Visual Impairment, Hearing Impairment and Deafness – These disabilities are considered low incidence. Low incidence criteria is dependent on a larger group than just Macon Piatt. We are affiliated with the Champaign Area Special Education (CASE) region which includes all central east side down to the Indiana border, as far north as Kankakee, and as far south as Effingham. This is the criteria they are recommending all of us to adopt. Both the old and new criteria is included in your packet. The new criteria pin points what specifically are the adverse educational affects. Several members from the board vocalized bringing this criteria for approval on the May agenda.

**Adjournment:** Hearing no further questions or discussions, Supt Brue motioned to adjourn this meeting of the Macon Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Meadows. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

*Handouts:*

- Draft March Minutes*
- Vendor Checks (Electronically sent)*
- Personnel Appointments*
- March Treasurer’s Report*
- Vacancy List*
- Program Locations and Addresses*
- DPS Draft Calendar*
- Visual Impairment Criteria (2014 and 2019)*
- Hearing Impairment Criteria (2014 and 2019)*
- Deafness Criteria (2014 and 2019)*

**\*\*Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Richland Community College National Sequestration Education Center (NSEC) building.**

  
MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

5-16-19  
Date Approved

  
MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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