

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
Richland Community College National Sequestration Education Center (NSEC) Building – Rm 121
Decatur, Illinois

Chairman Vic Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m. Member roll call was taken.

Members Present: Damian Jones, Sheila Greenwood, Jeremy Rodebaugh (for Brett Robinson),
(10 present) Paul Fregeau, John Ahlemeyer, Andy Pygott, Vic Zimmerman (*Chairperson*),
Travis Roundcount, Bob Meadows, Kristen Kendrick-Weikle

Members Absent: DeAnn Heck, Amanda Geary

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Vickie Vieth (*Secretary*), Matt Snyder, Jill
Reedy (*arrive 8:21*), Bret Hitchings

Public Participation: None

Seeing no public participation, Chairperson Zimmerman entertained the motion to approve the minutes from the 1/16/2020 meeting. Supt Jones motioned to approve the Executive Board minutes as presented, seconded by Supt Greenwood. Voice Vote: All in favor

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:35 a.m. by Supt Kendrick-Weikle's motion to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, seconded by Supt Pygott. Voice Vote: All in favor.

Return to Open Session at 8:21 a.m. by Supt Kendrick-Weikle's motion, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Voice Vote: All in favor.

Roll Call Action Items

A. Personnel and Administrative Appointments

After briefly reviewing personnel, there were no further questions. Supt Fregeau 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 Meadows. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (10) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Rodebaugh, Fregeau, Ahlemeyer, Pygott, Zimmerman, Roundcount, Meadows, Kendrick-Weikle. (0) Nays; (2) Absent

B. Agreement to Permit Private Nursing Services

This non-monetary agreement allows private nursing company(s) to be in our building to provide medical care to students. The school district's employees have the responsibility to manage the health/welfare of the student; thereby, the school district has the authority to call 911. The parent cannot negate the school district's responsibility. This agreement is to bring clarity to the parent. Supt Kendrick-Weikle motioned to recommend the approval of the agreement to allow private agency nurses care for students in the school day, seconded by Supt Pygott. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (10) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Rodebaugh, Fregeau, Ahlemeyer, Pygott, Zimmerman, Roundcount, Meadows, Kendrick-Weikle. (0) Nays; (2) Absent

C. Dismissal of Non-Tenured Professional Educator Licensed (PEL) Employee

Supt Meadows motioned to recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District, that the employee named be dismissed as of her last scheduled work day for the 2019-2020 school year, and not

be reemployed for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Supt Kendrick-Weikle. Chairperson Zimmerman called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (10) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Rodebaugh, Fregeau, Ahlemeyer, Pygott, Zimmerman, Roundcount, Meadows, Kendrick-Weikle. (0) Nays; (2) Absent

Director's Report

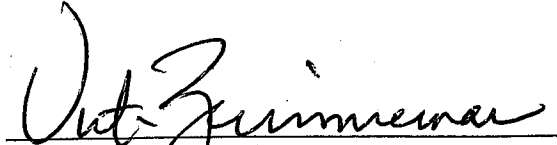
- A. **Finance Update** –The fund balance is healthy. On Tuesday, February 25, the Finance Committee will be meeting 7:30 am at Macon Piatt to discuss the potential structure of MPSED. No decisions that day, just discussing the pros and cons of each idea – getting a sense of direction of what we want Macon Piatt to look like in the end.
- B. **Vacancy Update** - There have been a couple of new hires but we still have multiple vacancies. Fortunately the SEAP teacher vacancy has been filled – hoping to bring that for approval next month. A couple of positions may be reduced pending enrollment. The positions will continue to be listed for the rest of this year while a sub teacher is in the position.
- C. **Bushue HR, Inc** – The papers included in your packet are for informational purposes. Basically it's for a first read then getting the board's thoughts and ideas – not asking for approval today. Bushue sent a bid since it was brought to our attention as a possible recommendation. Macon Piatt does not have a preference or recommendation; checking to see if any districts had past experience with this company. Several favorable comments were made regarding past experiences with one unfavorable comment.
- D. **Due Process / Mediation Update** – One mediation and it is a dispute about placement. Parent wants a therapeutic day treatment rather than child being placed at SEAP. The assessment of child does not show need for therapeutic day school.
- E. **SEAP Program** – Keeping you updated...Two days ago the permanent rules were approved. They have added back in isolated timeout but it has to be in an unlocked room. If there are no cameras /audio equipment, the person monitoring has to look at the child and hear the child with actual eyes / ears. Half doors are being placed on the SEAP enclosures so there is a slight barricade between a child who is spitting/ biting and the adult who is monitoring them. The SEAP program is going to be a little more expensive as we continue down this path since it takes more people to keep our children safe without the actual timeout room. In addition, we are having trouble keeping our people in these positions.
- F. **Needs Assessment Survey** – The needs assessment was shared with SEAs on Friday. We plan on getting that out to the districts soon. The 'link' will need to be sent out to your teachers, students, parents, and anybody else that might connect with special education. Per your request, we will continue managing your Needs Assessment Survey – just as last year. The 'results' will be written in the consolidated application for your grant.

Adjournment: Hearing no further questions or discussions, Supt Kendrick-Weikle motioned to adjourn this meeting of the Macon Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Greenwood. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Handouts: *Draft January Minutes*
 Vendor Checks (Electronically sent)
 Personnel Appointments

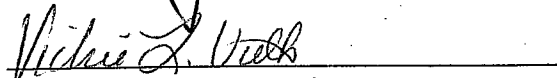
Agreement to Permit Private Nursing Services
Resolution for Dismissal of Non-Tenured PEL Employee
January Treasurer's Report
Vacancy List

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7:30 am – Richland Community College, National Sequestration Education Center – Room 121**



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

3-19-20
Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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