

**MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, 3/18/2021**

Richland Community College, National Sequestration Education Center – Exhibition Hall
Decatur, Illinois 62521

Vice Chairman Damian Jones called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. Member roll call was taken.

Members Present: Damian Jones (Vice-Chair), Sheila Greenwood, DeAnn Heck, Brett Robinson,
(10 present with 1 arriving after roll call) Paul Fregeau, Amanda Geary, John Ahlemeyer, Andy Pygott, Travis Roundcount, Cheryl Warner

Members Absent: Vic Zimmerman, Bob Meadows *(arrived 7:38)*

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Travis Friedrich, Vickie Vieth (Secretary), Jill Reedy, Bret Hitchings

Public Participation:

Seeing no public participation, Presiding Chair entertained a **motion** by Supt Robinson to approve the Executive Board minutes from the 2/18/21 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Roundcount. Voice Vote: All in favor.

Call to **CLOSED Session** at 7:32 a.m. by Supt Geary's **motion** to discuss possible litigation, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, seconded by Supt Greenwood. Presiding Chair, Supt Jones called for a Roll Call Vote to go into closed session. (10) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Heck, Robinson, Fregeau, Geary, Ahlemeyer, Pygott, Roundcount, Warner. (2) Absent: Zimmerman, Meadows *(arrived 7:39 am)*.

Return to **Open Session** at 7:54 a.m. by Supt Heck's **motion**, seconded by Supt Geary. Presiding Chair called for a Voice Vote with all those present in favor to leave closed session.

Roll Call Action Items

A. Personnel and Administrative Appointments

Briefly reviewed the personnel list in the packet. It was very refreshing to have four qualified candidates to interview for the Physical Therapist position. Hired an Early Intervention PT who lives in the area and is a great match for us.

Motion by Supt Robinson to recommend that the Executive Board advise Decatur Public Schools, as administrative district for Macon-Piatt Special Education District, the employees presented be recommended as listed, seconded by Supt Ahlemeyer. Vice-Chair Jones called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (11) Ayes: Jones, Greenwood, Robinson, Fregeau, Geary, Ahlemeyer, Pygott, Roundcount, Meadows, Warner. (0) Nay; (1) Absent: V. Zimmerman.

Director's Report

- A. Finance Update – February's Treasurer's Report, located in your packet, reflects that our fund balance continues to be healthy. Kathy would like to table or cancel the March 25th Finance Committee Meeting scheduled for next Thursday since nothing has changed from the previous meeting. Plan on meeting at the end of April instead.
- B. Summer COVID Support Session – This refers to the summer school that was briefly mentioned last month. Special Ed will run a June term program from June 1 – June 24. It will be a 5 clock-hour day reflecting the schedule of the buildings. If the student's current schedule starts at 7:40 a.m. – their day will end at 12:40 p.m. For students starting at 9:20 a.m., their day will end at 2:20 p.m. There will be no July Term for MPSED programs even though DPS will be running a

July term. It is currently unknown what buildings will be utilized during this June term session since Decatur has extensive construction projects planned this summer. Instead of billing districts the normal summer school flat rate, it was decided to bill according to students utilizing the summer program. This is more fair and equitable. If your district sends students in during the SpEd June term, districts can pay for their students out of the CARES Act money.

- C. Return to Learn DPS Update – Supt Paul Fregeau gave a brief update regarding the steps and measures taken in preparation to start back to school on Monday, March 22. Overall, DPS feels they are ready to go. County buses are scheduled to run on ‘A’ days – running on Monday and Tuesday in all our SpEd programs. Depending on how programs run with the hybrid model and social spacing, MPSED may be approaching districts to increase in-person days to four days a week (M,T,Th,F) thereby increasing transportation. The window for that decision may be first made in April.
- D. Records Request – When a parent’s attorney makes a records request, this request includes emails, records, shared notes and anything else that has the student’s name on it. This becomes an enormous document. Every piece of information shared with another person that has student identifying information on it becomes part of the student record. As a reminder, if talking about a student in an email, compose the email as though the parent or their attorney are viewing. It is better not to put a student’s name in an email – it may be best to pick up the phone and call instead.

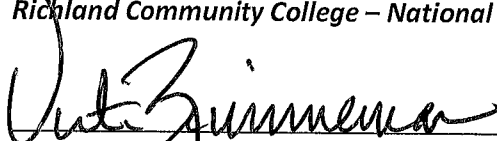
In addition, for your own information Kathy will be sending each district superintendent ISBE’s document for extended school year frequently asked questions.

Having nothing else to report, Vice-Chair Jones entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Supt Fregeau to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Ahlemeyer. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

Handouts: *Draft February 18, 2021 Minutes*
 Personnel Appointments
 Treasurer’s Report
 Vendor Checks (Electronically Sent)

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place 7:30 a.m., on Thursday, 4/15/21 at Richland Community College – National Sequestration Ed Center – 1 College Park, Decatur IL 62521.**



MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson

4-15-2021

Date Approved



MPSED Cooperative Board Secretary

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