

MACON PIATT SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT (MPSED)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES – THURSDAY, 3/17/2022 at 7:30 a.m.
Richland Community College – Main Campus – Room N161
Decatur, Illinois

Vice Chairman Damian Jones called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m. Member roll call was taken.

Members Present: Damian Jones (Vice-Chair), DeAnn Heck, Brett Robinson, Amanda Geary, Kris Kahler, Andy Pygott, Travis Roundcount, Cheryl Warner
(8 in-person)

Members Absent: *(4)* Sheila Greenwood, Rochelle Clark *(entered mtg 7:39 am)*, Vic Zimmerman (Chairman), Bob Meadows

Also Present: Kathy Horath, Vickie Vieth, Matt Snyder, Jill Reedy, Bret Hitchings

Public Participation: None

Vice Chairman Jones entertained a **motion** by Supt Pygott to approve the Executive Board minutes from the 2/17/2022 meeting as presented, seconded by Supt Geary. Voice Vote: All in favor.

No Call for **CLOSED Session**.

Roll Call Action Items

1. Resolution Reference Reclassification of Special Education Administrator

To recollect, Kathy briefly reminds the board that this action is a budgetary reduction based on the fact that member districts have chosen to hire their own administrator.

Motion by Supt Roundcount to recommend the Special Education Administrator, Aileen Maggio, be reclassified as presented, seconded by Supt Pygott. Vice Chairman Jones called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (8) Ayes: Jones, Heck, Robinson, Geary, Kahler, Pygott, Roundcount, Warner. (0) Nay; (4) Absent: Greenwood, Clark, Zimmerman, Meadows.

2. Personnel Appointments

Brief review of personnel. Positions will be posted a couple of weeks after displaced teachers have a chance to make their selection. No questions.

Motion by Supt Geary 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 Pygott. Vice Chairman Jones called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (8) Ayes: Jones, Heck, Robinson, Geary, Kahler, Pygott, Roundcount, Warner. (0) Nay; (4) Absent: Greenwood, Clark, Zimmerman, Meadows.

3. Lease Agreement between Decatur Public Schools and Macon-Piatt Special Education District regarding the use of Harris Campus (620 E Garfield)

This revised lease agreement indicates when the custodial staff are assigned to Harris campus for MPSED, we will assume the cost of their salary and benefits. Seems very fair.

Motion by Supt Roundcount to recommend the approval of the amended lease agreement as presented, seconded by Supt Heck. Vice Chairman Jones called for a Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with (8) Ayes: Jones, Heck, Robinson, Geary, Kahler, Pygott, Roundcount, Warner. (0) Nay; (4) Absent: Greenwood, Clark, Zimmerman, Meadows.

Director's Report

- A. Financial Update – We do anticipate some costs associated with renovation of the Harris Campus. No estimates have been received yet...but there is plenty of money available to

achieve this goal without increasing district tuition bills. The Finance Committee meeting scheduled for next Thursday is tentative. Kathy is wanting to clean up the draft budget before presentation in the Finance Committee meeting. This meeting may be canceled.

- B. Restraint/Time Out (RTO) Update – Kathy commented regarding her meeting with ISBE’s department of Student Services. Guidance was due out this week, but it has not been seen yet. Commenting only on what ISBE has informed....any momentary transportation, such as when you place your hands on a child to break up a fight, or hold/restrain student to avoid them from engaging in a fight, now requires a form. This is a big change. The other item is when a district hires an SRO (School Resource Officer), need to check who will be filing the necessary report if the SRO has to put a child in a restraint. Check with your legal department. A reminder was given that the template is fairly easy, straight forward to use. Travis Friedrich will be coming around to talk with your team. We need to have a variety, a sampling of people on your committee (principal, teacher, and TA). The reduction goal is NOT an individual district goal...it is a STATE goal which is already placed on the template. Just have to write the names of committee members on the template. The state is not checking ALL restraints – just checking to see if there has been a reduction from those students that have engaged in 3-5 restraints in the last 3 months. They are also not tracking students that are sent to Milligan, SEAP, and Private Residential placements. The department of ISBE that came to speak said it is unrealistic to eliminate RTO...they realize this now. It is just a matter of time before the legislation catches up with that realization.

Kathy gave a brief update on our elementary SED program...talked with Decatur and it has been decided this program will go with the Alternative School to their new campus for next year. It has not been decided yet where their new campus will be for next year. That is the best they can do since Decatur does not have any room in any of their other buildings for the SED Elementary programs. Dr. Clark commented that both the Harris program and the SED program expressed a desire to stay together.

- C. Life Skills Basketball Game – the last game of the season will be Friday, March 25, 2022 at JV at 11:00 and Varsity at 12:30 (MacArthur High School). They are a delight to watch...they will put a smile on your face!

Hearing no further questions or topics, Vice Chairman Jones entertained a motion.

Motion by Supt Robinson to adjourn this meeting of the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board, seconded by Supt Pygott. Voice Vote: All in favor – Meeting adjourned at 7:49 a.m.

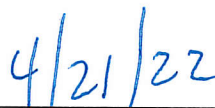
*Handouts: Draft February 17, 2022 Minutes
Resolution Reference the Reclassification of a Special Education Administrator
Personnel Appointments
DRAFT Lease Agreement
Treasurer’s Report
Vendor Checks (electronically sent)*

****Next Meeting of the MPSED Executive Board will take place at 7:30 am, on Thursday, 4/21/2022 at Richland Community College, Room N161.**

****Next MPSED Finance Committee Meeting will take place via Zoom on Thursday, 3/24/22, 7:30 a.m.**



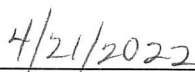
MPSED Cooperative Board Chairperson



Date Approved



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