

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday,
October 20, 2022
6:30 pm

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Lawrence Cowie, and Julie Morey. Christy Carpenter, Bobby Kaminski, and Brad Miller were absent with notice. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Principal Collins, Dee Crawshaw, Tracy Bianchi, and sixteen other parents and grandparents who arrived to watch their student receive the new GRIT award.

Mr. Collins presented our 9 students with their GRIT awards for the first quarter of the school year. He read the wonderful things each teacher wrote about the student and why they so earned and deserve the award.

President Barnes asked Mrs. DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Mrs. DeGraaf reported that no one requested to speak. Jim Buckingham stood up from the crowd and questioned if he had to register to speak and Mrs. DeGraaf replied and explained that yes, he was supposed to register. The Board agreed verbally to allow Mr. Buckingham to speak regarding the trophies from Marseilles High School being removed from the display cabinets in the foyer of the gymnasium.

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore - absent

Marseilles Education Association: Traci Bianchi

- Shared fourth grade has an ongoing Capital Kahoot with Mr. Collins and Mr. Bedeker named beat the Principals
- Students sold 340 Alfano's pizzas for the fundraiser that will go towards the Washington DC trip.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Melissa Small

- Shared it's been a great week and the support staff has began talking about some changes as negotiations time is approaching.

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Reported Girls' Basketball is in full swing.
- We are hosting the 7th Grade Regionals here prior to Thanksgiving
- Boys' Basketball has started practice
- The Halloween schedule will be a parade and then parties since we dismiss at 11:30 am
- Sunni got a new vest and is doing great in her classes

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared information regarding the upcoming annual Levy. We haven't received it from the county and were told yesterday that we might not receive it until Thanksgiving.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of September 30 was \$2.84 million which represents an increase of about \$405K from the balance at August 31.
- \$500K was transferred from the operating account to investments in the Education Fund in September and \$50K was transferred from investments to the operating fund in the Fire & Safety Fund in September
- Receipts for the month of September were \$1.43 million and included \$1.05 million in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$42K in proceeds from the land sale, and \$275K in General State Aid. Through September 30, we have received approximately 92% of budgeted real estate tax revenue. Total revenue is running well ahead of budget for the first three months of the fiscal year due to the timing of real estate tax revenue. This will level out as we move forward through the fiscal year.
- Expenditures in September were \$580K. Overall, total expenditures are in line with the budget for the first three months of the fiscal year.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio was .765% as of September 30 which is an increase of about 21 basis points from the yield at August 31. We are starting to see an increase in investment yields as lower-rate CDs continue to mature and be reinvested at higher rates.

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to approve the consent agenda:

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting – Budget Hearing 9-22-2022**
- **6.02 Treasurer's Report**
- **6.03 Disbursements / Bills**
- **6.04 Deposits / Receipts**
- **6.05 Employee and/or Board Member professional development, travel expenditures, and/or reimbursements**
- **6.06 Payroll**
- **6.07 Activity Fund Report**
- **6.08 Expenditure Budget Report**
- **6.09 Revenue Budget Report**
- **6.10 Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings and Approval of Closed Session Minutes: None**
- **6.11 Requests for District documents under the Freedom of Information Act: None**

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to approve the following resignations: Darcy Rub (custodial position only)

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Morey to approve and agree to place on file the annual audit and annual financial reports.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Barnes to approve the renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois medical and dental rates from November 1, 2022 - October 31, 2023.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to adjourn the meeting at 7 pm.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried



President – Jim Barnes



Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf