

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday,
January 19, 2023
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, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Principal Shawn Collins, Brent DeFore, Tracy Bianchi, and Robyn Graham along with many parents and students for the GRIT awards.

The GRIT-nominated students lead the Pledge of Allegiance before Mr. Collins began reading their nomination letters. After all, students were presented with their certificates shook hands with the School Board, and were acknowledged.

President Barnes asked Mrs. DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Mrs. DeGraaf reported that no one requested to speak.

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Explained how the roof on the K / 1st-floor wing has a small leak and will need repair

Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi

- Shared 4th grade won the Christmas tree contest and they are working on their first at-home project.
- Teachers and staff are supporting the PTA by coming together with baskets for the raffle
- Washington DC trip update: Families are making their final payments. Enough funds were raised so that each student gets approximately \$325 off their totals. Preparations will begin for the 23-24 group to travel to DC.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Robyn Graham

- Nothing to report

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Thanked everyone for supporting the GRIT awards
- 3rd Quarter is up and running with some beautiful events: We hosted a Cyber Safety Assembly sponsored by the Attorney General, Boys basketball is participating in regionals this week, and, February 1st is World Read Aloud Day
- Planning is underway for summer camps including music and art

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared how exciting it is to see school events back with our school filled with parents and spectators for our sporting events and other special happenings like the GRIT awards
- Reported our natural gas billing for the month is the highest in 14 years
- Explained how MES is a part of a ground-breaking study through the University of Illinois with SHIELD and IDPH. They are taking samples of our fecal matter in order to predict an outbreak of COVID, Influenza, and other communicable diseases.
- We received notice that Agrium and Glenwood Resort are protesting their real estate taxes.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of December 31 was slightly less than \$2 million which represents an increase of about \$50K from the balance at November 30.
- Receipts for the month of December were \$675K and included \$228K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, just under \$63K in Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax, and \$18.4K in investment income. We also received \$40K in School Maintenance Project Grant proceeds which will cover approximately half of the cost of the proposed building improvements. Total revenue is running approximately 17% ahead of budget as of December 31.
- Expenditures in December were approximately \$610K and are running slightly under budget for the year.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio was .801% as of December 31 which is in line with the yield at November 30. We have quite a few CD investments maturing in the next few months which will result in higher investment yields and revenue going forward.

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the Consent agenda:

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting December 15, 2022 (Regular and Levy Hearing)**
- **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: Received from Vince Espi on 12/14/22 and partially responded on 12/19/22.**

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to consider the second reading of the PRESS (Policy Reference Education Subscription Service) Issue 110

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Mrs. Mary Ellen Wood from January 4, 2023, to approximately March 27, 2023.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Barnes to approve the following resignation: Angie Rogers (preschool paraprofessional)

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to approve the following hire: Bejan Roumi (gaming club sponsor)

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to approve the travel reimbursement rate of 65.5 cents per mile.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

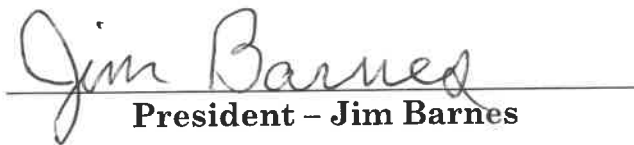
A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm.

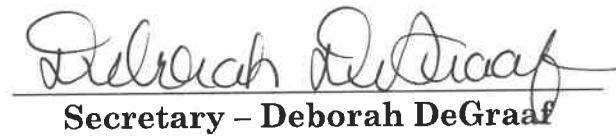
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried


President - Jim Barnes


Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf