

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
January 18, 2024
7 p.m.

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Christy Carpenter, Bobby Kaminski, and Julie Morey. Absent with notice were Lawrence Cowie and Brad Miller. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Paula Wheeler, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, and Robyn Graham were others in attendance.

Mr. Barnes led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Barnes asked Ms. DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Ms. DeGraaf replied no one registered or requested to speak.

Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- The new phone system is installed and ready for switchover on January 23rd.
- Explained the asbestos work and camera system are in action items for approval

Marseilles Education Association: Paula Wheeler and Tim Misener

- Shared positive feedback news from teachers on multiple grade levels

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Robyn Graham

- Agreed it was a positive ELearning experience as some of the paraprofessionals popped on and met with students online to learn and play some fun and educational games.

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Teachers gathered for Data Team meetings a couple of weeks ago - providing some interventions for those in need
- Next Friday is County Wide Institute Days - both virtual and in-person options for professional development
- The end of 1st quarter is October 13 - be here before you know it.
- Baseball ended in the first round of regional play
- Girls basketball is well underway.

- So thankful for our Student Services Professionals - having 3 social workers, a school psychologist, and a director of student services is a true blessing when considering the diverse needs of our students. Just a quick thank you for trusting the recommendations that have been made in the past to secure such a fantastic team. Much appreciated!

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Today was the first Superintendent meeting for OTHS feeder schools where they exchanged ideas for a better transition for all students
- Express that all administrators are open to talking with unions to keep an excellent climate and have open communication as they are always here to support

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- The balance in the operating account as of December 31 was \$3.35 million which represents a decrease of \$166K from the balance at November 30.
- Receipts for the month of December were \$529K and included \$277K in general state aid, just under \$118K in real estate taxes from LaSalle County, and \$32,772 in investment income.
- Revenue is running about 21% ahead of budget year-to-date due primarily to the timing of real estate tax receipts.
- Expenditures in December were \$677K. Total Expenditures are in line with budget through December 31.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of December 31 was 4.14% which represents an increase of 58 basis points since November 30. We continue to have CD investments mature each month and renew at higher interest rates.

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Levy Hearing and Regular Meeting December 14, 2023
- 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 Requests for District documents under the Freedom of Information Act: None**

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks: Samantha DeGraaf (from substitute to replacement Learning Behavior Specialist), Lainey Mason, and Laurie Leslie (track coaches), Andrea Hart and Nicole Wickersham (paraprofessionals), and Haylee Casey (replacement custodian)

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Carpenter to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Missy Stortz effective approximately April 12, 2024 - May 23, 2024

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the travel reimbursement rate of 67 cents per mile

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to approve the District entering into the contract with the vendor Valor Technologies, Inc. for asbestos abatement for \$172,200. They submitted the lowest bid.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Barnes to approve the bid for updated surveillance systems from Ficek Electric & Communication System, Inc. for \$189,479.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Barnes to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


President - Jim Barnes


Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf