

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday,
December 15, 2022
6:30 pm

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Cherise Byone was absent without notice. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Principal Shawn Collins, Brent DeFore, and Melissa Small.

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

- Reported bid opening was last week for the asbestos removal.

Marseilles Education Association: no one in attendance

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Melissa Small

- Nothing to report

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Shared Aims Web K-2 grade is in full swing which will show us benchmarking for data team meetings
- Wrestling, volleyball, and boys' basketball are all three in the midst of their seasons
- Reported we have a cyberbullying assembly scheduled in January which parents will be invited to attend
- Shared details of our new family "rewards" area where we have a couch, table, and light that will be used to play games and relax. Most items were donated.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Explained per school code, we must address the cyberbullying
- Shared on a FOIA we received wanted detailed information on our board members.
- Discussed our current busing situation and the ongoing bus driver shortage. One solution might be to reduce routes by having more students walk to school.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of November 30 was \$1.95 million which represents a decrease of about \$453K from the balance at October 31.

- Receipts for the month of November were slightly more than \$421K and included \$275K in General State Aid and \$15.3K in investment income. Total revenue is running approximately 18% ahead of budget for the year due to the timing of real estate tax revenue.
- Expenditures in November were approximately \$865K and included the bond principal and interest payment of just over \$268K.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio was .801% as of November 30 which is slightly higher than the yield at October 31.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to approve the Consent agenda:

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting November 14, 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, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the resolution for the 2022 Tax Levy.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Miller to approve the first reading of the PRESS Issue 110.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve a stipend for our new “Table Top Gaming Club”

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following resignation of: Terry Blue (bus driver).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the District entering into the contract with the vendor, Kinsale Contracting Group, Inc. pursuant to the small construction project exemption found in the Illinois School Code section 10-20.21(a)(xi). See 105ILCS5/10-20.32(a)(xi).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the leave under FMLA for Mrs. Alexandra Pierce effective approximately March 29, 2023 - May 8, 2023.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the leave under FMLA for Mrs. Denise Schmidt effective approximately May 12, 2023 - July 31, 2023.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried


President - Jim Barnes


Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf