

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
September 22, 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, Christy Carpenter, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Lawrence Cowie was absent with notice. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Principal Collins, Traci Bianchi, Melissa Small, and Brent DeFore.

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 some research he has done regarding Marseilles Elementary getting solar panels.

Marseilles Education Association: Traci Bianchi

- Shared Exelon donated \$1,000 for heart rate monitors
- Reviewed grade level updates including 4th grade working on math practice wars challenging each other and 6th grade has a STEM challenge making a house of cards

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Melissa Small

- Nothing to report

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Reported we are done with the first round of testing and intervention groups are getting appointed.
- Baseball lost in regionals and Girls' basketball has started their season
- Sunni is doing great in her classes
- The Panther Pride nomination form is at the top of the school website if anyone would like to nominate a staff member or student

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared that the electrical bill has tripled compared to last year
- Explained how Special Education costs and electrical costs are busting the budget
- Shared how in some aspects, we are still struggling with the aftermaths of COVID

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of August 31 was \$2.43 million which represents a decrease of about \$1.3 million from the balance at July 31.

- \$2 million was transferred from the operating account to investments in the Education Fund in August accounting for the decline in the operating account.
- Receipts for the month of August were \$1.18 million and included slightly less than \$825K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County and \$275K in General State Aid. Through August 31, we've received approximately 56% of the budgeted real estate tax revenue. Total revenue is running well ahead of budget for the first two months of the fiscal year due to the timing of real estate tax revenue. This will level out as we move forward.
- Expenditures in August were \$482K. Overall, total expenditures are in line with the budget for the first two months of the fiscal year.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio was .56% as of August 31 which is in line with the yield on July 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 Morey and seconded by Kaminski to approve the consent agenda:

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting – August 18, 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, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to approve the following resignations: Kyle Woodard (5th & 6th boys basketball coach).

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Morey to approve the following transfers/hires: Aaron Threadgill (5th & 6th boys basketball coach) and Jennifer Leo (Concession Stand Manager)

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, and Morey Miller Abstain
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Byone to approve the fiscal year 2023 budget.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the 2022-23 school improvement plan.

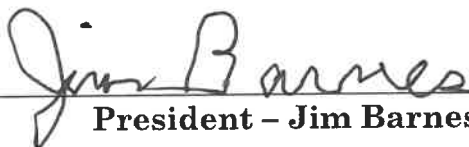
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey
Nay: None

Motion carried



President – Jim Barnes



Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf