

**MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
201 Chicago Street  
Thursday,  
May 18, 2023  
6:30 pm

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Christy Carpenter was absent with notice. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Brent DeFore, Melissa Small, Craig Hepner, and Joelle Hallowell. Many parents and students were also in attendance for the Fourth Quarter GRIT awards.

Mr. Collins presented the GRIT awards.

The award recipients led the pledge of allegiance.

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

**Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore**

- Explained how the floors in 6 classrooms are getting re-done

**Marseilles Education Association: Paula Wheeler and Time Misener**

- Introduced themselves as the new Co-Presidents of the MEA
- Thanked for unwavering support

**Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Melissa Small**

- Nothing to report

**Principal: Shawn Collins**

- Shared the many events at MES. Some are current and some are for the summer.

**Superintendent: Brenda Donahue**

- Shared our extreme appreciation for such a wonderful school year and thanked everyone for supporting us.

**Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner**

- The balance in the operating account as of April 30, 2023, was \$2.06 million which represents an increase of \$188K from the balance at March 31.
- Receipts for the month of April were slightly less than \$788K and included \$275K in general state aid, \$109K in Corporate Personal Property Tax, and \$23K in Investment Income. Revenue is running about 13% ahead of budget year-to-date.

- Expenditures in April were slightly less than \$583K. Expenditures are running about 8% under budget year-to-date.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of April 30 was 1.471% which represents an increase of 6 basis points from the yield at March 31. We continue to have CD investments mature each month and renew at higher interest rates.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
  - Regular Meeting April 20, 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 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 on 4.26.23 from Abigail Jacob and responded on 4.26.23

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to approve the payment of \$56,187.66 for the Property/Casualty/Liability Package and \$32,336.04 for the Workers Compensation Package to the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Kaminski to approve the following resignations: Shelby Buckley (lunchroom aide)

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

**A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to approve the employment of Dawn Putnam (lunchroom aide) beginning with the 2023-24 school year.**

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

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to approve the employment of Amery Ziel-Cole as learning behavior specialist beginning with the 2023-24 school year per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.**

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

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Tracy Bianchi effective March 27, 2023 - August 15, 2023.**

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

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to approve the agreement for Glossy Floors to complete the finishing of the floors completed during the asbestos abatement project.**

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

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to approve the 2022-2023 final public school calendar for Marseilles Elementary School District #150**

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

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**First reading/discussion regarding the 2023-24 Handbook changes - No vote was taken or necessary action.**

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Morey to adjourn to closed session at 6:53 pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to return to regular session at 8:24 pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Kaminski regarding board action on student disciplinary cases.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Kaminski to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm.

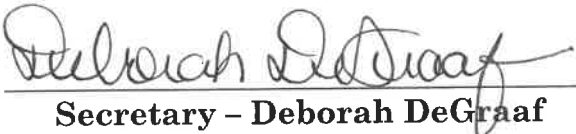
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

  
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President - Jim Barnes

  
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Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf