

**MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
201 Chicago Street  
Thursday,  
February 16, 2023  
6:30 pm

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Lawrence Cowie, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Brent DeFore, Melissa Small, and Tracy Bianchi.

President Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 we are waiting on the drawings for the big gym project.
- No roof updates

**Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi**

- Shared 6th Graders in Mr. Frye's classroom gave their how-to speeches about how to fish and make pancakes for example.
- K-2 is looking forward to fun Suess week activities
- Mrs. Rodriguez's room is working on their novel projects and the music department grades K-1 is learning to play the glockenspiel and 4th grade is learning to play their recorders
- Washington DC trip update: Fundraising efforts have each student with a \$350 credit towards their trips.

**Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Melissa Small**

- Presented an update from PTA: They are preparing for the Daughter's Choice Dance on February 24th along with the Son's Choice Sports Night on March 10th. Lastly, she mentioned they donated \$1,250 towards our heart rate monitors for the students.

**Principal: Shawn Collins - absent**

**Superintendent: Brenda Donahue**

- Reviewed some upcoming events at MES: March is Read Across America along with World Down Syndrome Month celebrated on March 21st with Rock Your Socks Day, and, a BMX Antibullying assembly is scheduled.
- Explained the project the District office has been working on with the LaSalle County Assessors Office
- Reminded everyone we are still looking for bus drivers and are working on possible plans of dropping the hazardous routes and having more students walk to school.
- Also working with Craig on options for bus buyouts and leasing options

**Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner - absent**

- Brenda advised the Board members to review the Treasurer's report if they had any questions

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

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
  - **Regular Meeting January 19, 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 from Josiah Chatterton on behalf of Local Labs on January 26 and responded on January 27. Received and responded on January 26 from Illinois Retired Teachers Association.**

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

**Nay: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Miller to consider the job description and posting for the role of Student Services Liaison.**

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

**Nay: None**

**Abstain: Barnes**

**Motion carried**

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Cowie to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.


Aye: Barnes, Cowie, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

  
President - Jim Barnes

  
Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf