

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday, October 19, 2023
7 p.m.

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Lawrence Cowie, Christy Carpenter, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Others in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Paula Wheeler, Craig Hepner, and Tim Misener.

Mr Barnes led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Collins presented the GRIT awards with many families and students in attendance.

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

Nate Schaefer updated the board on the concrete bids and roof repairs.

Marseilles Education Association: Paula Wheeler and Tim Misener

- Shared different grade level events: 1st grade attended Kane Family farms, 7th grade was researching as medical students attempting to solve the mystery of why we are sick. TNT will be having a pumpkin decorating contest.
- They thanked the PTA for the treats they provided during the first Conferences.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: No one in attendance

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Reviewed and highlighted some school events: parent-teacher conferences first rounds were a success, Girls' basketball has started, Boys' basketball practice has started with the season starting in November, Sunni passed another stage of her testing and is set for her final testing, the Veteran's Day program planning is underway, and the new Panther Book Club will offer students prizes upon reaching goals while teaching them to be better learners.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared the good news we hired a replacement nurse and she will be shadowing Kendra next week in preparation.

- Reviewed the State Report Card designation and explained how we might get downgraded.
- Explained she's attending a meeting tomorrow regarding the property tax increase of the assessed value of our homes.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- The balance in the operating account as of September 30 was \$4.1 million which represents an increase of about \$714K from the balance at August 31.
- Receipts for the month of September were \$1.4 million and included \$989K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$277K in general state aid, and \$33.5K in Investment Income. Revenue is running about 29% ahead of budget year-to-date, primarily due to the timing of real estate tax receipts.
- Expenditures in September were \$675K. Expenditures are running about 3% over budget year-to-date primarily to the purchase of the busses in July.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of September 30 was 3.45% which is in line with the yield at August 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 Morey to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting September 28, 2023, Regular and Budget/Safe Routes to School Hearing
- 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 10/2/2023 from Stacey Walton and repeated to on 10/2/2023, received on 10/12/2023 from Stacey Walton and repeated to on 10/13/2023, received on 10/16/2023 via USPS mail from Alium Data and responded on 10/16/2023.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminksi, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller, and seconded by Carpenter to approve the bid for general concrete work and Health Life Safety from Ruiz Construction.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to approve the following resignations: Kendra Mason (school nurse).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: 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: Sam Marabotti, Megan Morris, Hailey Provenzano, Mackenzie Wilson, MJ Mann, Ashley Harrison, Cassidy Coons, Shelly Dolieslager (all Educational Support Staff) and Daniel Ripplinger (Band/General music)

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm

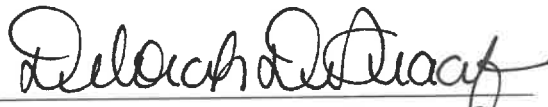
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


President - Jim Barnes


Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf