

**MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

201 Chicago Street
Thursday,
March 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, Cherise Byone, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Brent DeFore, Melissa Small, Craig Hepner, and Tracy Bianchi along with many parents and students in attendance for the GRIT awards.

Mr. Collins presented the GRIT Awards and MES student Danielle Smith led everyone in 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

- While working on the roof repair, the architect said the roof shrunk and it's not their fault. We will continue with repair to the damaged roof.
- The air conditioning unit has been ordered for the big gym

Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi

- Shared Fourth grade has been working on their cereal box biographies and Earth Day preparations - 6th grade is preparing for the April 19th STEAM Gala
- Washington DC trip preparations continue to move forward which include the plans for next year.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Melissa Small

- Asked the administrators present to brainstorm to come up with some ideas for the PTA to make a large purchase for the whole school to benefit from at approximately \$10,000.

Principal: Shawn Collins -

- 3rd Quarter wrapped up last Friday. It's hard to believe the school year is rolling by.
- Mia Lowe and Alex Schaefer were honored with the John Ourth Award.
- Four teachers attended a Reading Conference and returned with some refreshing ideas
- Grade-level field trips are in swing along with the spring music and Jr high concerts

- IAR testing is wrapping up and lastly, we are working on updating the master schedule.

Assistant Principal: Rory Bedeker

- Reported to the board athletic director updates: At this point in the school year, we've had approximately 215 students participate in sports, band, and choir. We still have track to finish the school year.
- Overall after supporting the year in activities we still have the same amount in our account and will continue to rotate budgeting for new uniforms.
- OSF sports physicals are scheduled for next month and we have a fundraiser with Subway and the Lions Club upcoming
- Work has begun for summer camps including music and band

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Started by thanking Student Services for a great night at our ROE-sponsored Care Giver night
- The District office and admin are working on implementing the new Faith's Law regulations as well as space and placements of classrooms.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of February 28 was just over \$2 million which represents a decrease of about \$350K from the balance at January 31
- Receipts for the month of February were \$321K and included \$275K in general state aid and \$19.2K in investment income
- Revenue is running approximately 15% over budget year-to-date due in large part to the timing of real estate tax receipts.
- Expenditures in February were approximately \$660K
- Expenditures are running about 6% under budget year-to-date
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of February 28 was 1.344% which represents an increase of 32 basis points from the yield at January 31. The yield on the portfolio has increased 54 basis points in the past two months and with additional CD maturities that will be occurring over the next several months, I anticipate that this trend will continue.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting February 16, 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: None**

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Barnes to approve granting tenure of Lainey, Hicks, Lindsey Johnson, and Laurie Leslie beginning with the 2023-24 school year.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Kaminski to consider the approval for the leave request under FMLA for Kelsey Granby effective August 15, 2023 - October 2, 2023.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, 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 adoption of the resolution authorizing the non-reemployment of a non-tenured teacher not in their final probationary year.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to consider the approval of the 2023-2024 tentative calendar.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to approve the agreement to a buyout from our lease four 77-passenger buses at \$94,000 per bus and two 21-plus passenger buses at \$77,000 per bus.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Barnes to approve the updated registration schedule for the 2023-24 school year.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried

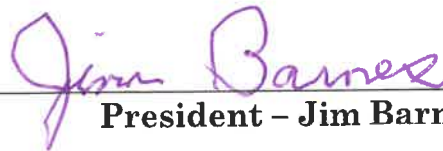
A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

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

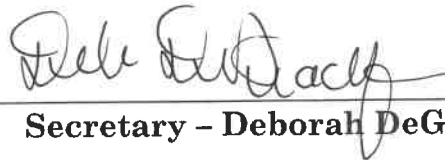
Nay: None

Abstain: Barnes

Motion carried



President – Jim Barnes



Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf