

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday,
April 20, 2023
6:30 pm

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Bobby Kaminski was absent without notice. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Brent DeFore, Melissa Small, Craig Hepner, Janice Johnson, and Joelle Hallowell.

Mr. Collins 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.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the official canvassing results of the MES School Board Election by the LaSalle County Clerk's Office as follows: Jim Barnes had 469 votes, Cherise Bologna-Byone 411 votes, and Lawrence Cowie 406 votes.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to adjourn this meeting Sine Die.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Byone to appoint Superintendent Brenda Donahue as President Pro Tem.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

President Pro Tem Donahue conducted the Oath of Office for Board Members

Roll call of new MES School Board: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey. Kaminski absent without notice.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Byone to elect Jim Barnes as the President of the MES School Board for a two-year term.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Barnes to elect Christy Carpenter as the Vice-President of the MES School Board for a two-year term.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to appoint Deb DeGraaf as Secretary of the MES School Board.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to appoint Craig Hepner as Treasurer of the MES School Board.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to appoint Jim Barnes as a Governing Board Representative from April 2023 - April 2025.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Motion was tabled after discussion to set the regular meeting dates of the MES School Board.

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- **Reported he is gearing up for summer work which entails ordering supplies**

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Marseilles Education Association: Janice Johnson

- **Explained how excited everyone is for the Spring field trip season**

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Melissa Small

- **Nothing to report**

Principal: Shawn Collins

- **Shared the STEAM Gala was last night and attended by many families and staff**
- **Upcoming events include the track conference, the Washington DC trip, junior high dance and the summer camps.**

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- **Thanked everyone for all of their work and dedication for Jim Barnes' 16 years and Christy Carpenter's 14 years.**
- **Reminded and explained about the Two Factor Authentication**

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- **The balance in the operating account as of March 31, 2023 was \$1.87 million which represents a decrease of \$142K from the balance at February 28.**
- **Receipts for the month of March were slightly less than \$480K and included \$275K in general state aid, \$68K in Corporate Personal Property Tax and \$24K in investment income. Revenue is running approximately 12.5% ahead of budget year-to-date.**
- **Expenditures in March were slightly less than \$604K. Expenditures are running about 7% under budget year-to-date**
- **The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of March 31 was 1.410% which represents an increase of 7 basis points from the yield at February 28. We continue to have CD investments mature each month and renew at higher interest rates.**

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

- **6.01 Minutes of:
 - **Regular Meeting March 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: Received on 4-10-2023 from Vince Espi and responded fully on 4-11-2023.**

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to consider the approval for the intermittent leave request under FMLA for Kendra Mason effective April 14, 2023 for up to 60 days total.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the Consolidated District Plan as required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the employment of Emily Moore as a fifth-grade teacher beginning with the 2023-24 school year per the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Barnes to approve the employment of Alyssa White as a paraprofessional.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to approve the 2023 list of students to be promoted/placed from eighth grade at Marseilles Elementary School.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to approve the 2023-2024 IESA Registration

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to adjourn to closed session at 6:54pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Cowie and seconded by Miller to return to regular session at 8:09pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the compensation agreement for all employees not covered under a Collective Bargaining Agreement or personal contract and sub rates for FY24 and new/updated employee contracts.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

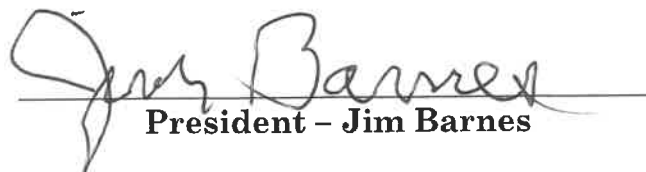
A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


President - Jim Barnes


Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf