

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday,
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, Lawrence Cowie, Christy Carpenter, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Absent with notice was Cherise Byone. Others in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Paula Wheeler, Dee Crawshaw, and Josh Mammen.

Mr. Barnes 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.

Marseilles Education Association: Paula Wheeler

- Mrs. Wheeler shared information about the data team meetings, new interventions, and the PTA fundraiser

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: No one in attendance

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Reviewed and highlighted some school events: Next Friday is a teacher institute day with in-person and virtual options, and Baseball is done with Girls Basketball underway,

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Praised and thanked Mrs. Wheeler for her students' test score showing some phenomenal scores
- Shared the great news that we received raving data and reviews from the Illinois Special Education Support System
- Nate and Brent have been working on some concrete and other Health Life Safety improvements along with the abatement this summer and the roofing bids for the MPR wall.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner - reported by Brenda Donahue

- The balance in the operating account as of August 31 was just over \$3.4 million which represents an increase of about \$400K from the balance at July 31.
- Receipts for the month of August were slightly more than \$900K and included \$530K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$277K in General State Aid, and slightly more than \$29K in investment income. Overall, revenue is running about 22.5% ahead of budget year-to-date due primarily to the

receipt of real estate tax revenue and grant proceeds received during the first two months of the fiscal year.

- Expenditures in August were slightly more than \$500K. Overall, expenditures are running about 6% ahead of budget year-to-date due primarily to the bus purchase in July.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of August 31 was 3.440% which represents an increase of 129 basis over the yield at July 31. We had a number of CD investments mature and renew at significantly higher rates in August. We will see this trend continue over the next few months.
- We'll continue to closely monitor the interest rate environment as we move forward and will likely begin to increase the duration in the CD portfolio as we move through the next few quarters. Between the OSB Premier Funds Money Market account and the CD portfolio, we have a nice mix of short and longer-duration investments which is providing solid interest revenue along with sufficient liquidity to meet the District's cash flow needs.

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Morey to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting August 24, 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 8/24/2023 from Stacie Walton and responded to on 8/30/2023.
 - Received on 9/11/2023 from Janine Asmus and responded to on 9/11/2023.
 - Received on 9/18/2023 from Stacie Walton and responded to on 9/25/2023

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Kaminski to approve the following resignations: Connie O'Neal (lunchroom aide), Samantha Vangelisti (kitchen), Anthony Zavala (band/general music teacher) and Kelsey Granby (special education teacher).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following transfers/hires: Jared Mason (5% boys basketball coach), and Jessica Smith (concession stand manager).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Barnes to approve the fiscal year 2024 budget.

Aye: Barnes, 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 renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois medical dental rates from November 1, 2023 - October 31, 2024.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the FY 2024 - Round 1 School Maintenance Grant expenditures

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Kaminski to approve and agree to place on file the annual audit and annual financial reports.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf