

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday, August 24, 2023
7:00 pm

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, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Absent for the entire meeting was Bobby Kaminski. Others in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Brent DeFore, Craig Hepner, Paula Wheeler, and Tim Misener.

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 and Tim Misener

- Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. Misener Shared the updates and events for the beginning of the school year from various teachers and grade levels: Rodriguez's class is starting a novel study including a virtual tour of the Smithsonian, the Kindergarten wing is thankful for their blinds, junior high is appreciative of their new curriculum and new resources, and everyone is grateful for the air conditioning.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: No one in attendance

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Reviewed that June and July were great for Mrs. James and Mrs. Leach in their summer school program
- We had approximately 200 students participate in summer camps
- Last week was the MES Bash/Curriculum night which was well-attended
- Casey's Pizza provided staff with a tasty treat
- Enrollment is 530 with the addition of preschool next week

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared our gratitude to Marseilles Sheet Metal and Cherise Byone for making us a priority and keeping the air conditioning running.
- We are currently shopping for the best coverage for our health and vision insurance

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of July 31 was just over \$3 million which represents an increase of \$1.4 million from the balance at June 30.
- Receipts for the month of July were slightly more than \$2.5 million and included \$909K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$143K in Corporate Personal Property Tax, and \$1.2 million in grant proceeds. Revenue is running about 25% ahead of budget year-to-date due primarily to the receipt of real estate tax revenue and grant proceeds.
- Expenditures in July were slightly less than \$1.4 million and included the \$596K bus purchase payment. Expenditures are running about 12% ahead of budget year-to-date due to primarily to the bus buyout.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of July 31 was 2.157% which is consistent with the yield at June 30 and 47 basis points higher than the yield at May 31. We continue to have CD investments mature each month and renew at higher interest rates.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting June 22, 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 7/11/2023 from Vince Espi and responded to on 7/17/2023. Received on 7/26/2023 from NBC Chicago and responded to on 7/27/2023.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to approve the following resignations: Andre Green (7th boys basketball coach and track coach)

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to approve the following transfers/hires: Aaron Threadgill (transfer from 5/8 boys basketball coach to 7/8 boys basketball coach.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Superintendent Donahue reviewed 7.04 and 7.05 regarding mandated reporting and bullying policy 7.180 No vote necessary

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Barnes to consider the second reading of the PRESS Issue 112.

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 consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Mallory Martin effective approximately January 3, 2024 - March 18, 2024.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Barnes to approve the resolution per Board policy 4:55 of the following designated individuals to sign for purchases on the District procurement card: Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Brent DeFore, Shawn Collins, Rory Bedeker, and Stephanie Atchley.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Carpenter to approve the placement of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget on display for 30 days.

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 adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm

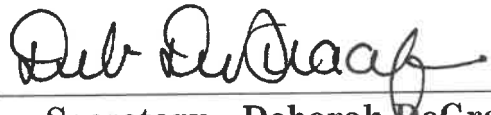
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


President - Jim Barnes


Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf