

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
December 14, 2023, 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, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller and Julie Morey. Others in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Paula Wheeler, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Tim Misener along with many parents and students for the G.R.I.T. presentation.

Mr. Collins presented the Second Quarter G.R.I.T. award recognitions.

Mr. Barnes led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Barnes asked Ms. DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Ms. DeGraaf replied no one registered or requested to speak.

Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Shared over winter break the new telephone system is scheduled to be installed
- Accepting bids for a new camera system for the building - including inside and outside. The Police will have access to the approximately 90 cameras.

Marseilles Education Association: Paula Wheeler and Tim Misener

- Shared different grade data team meetings showed great progress
- Christmas music performance was great

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Robyn Graham

- Thanked everyone for the staff breakfast and supporting Music Will assembly
- Everyone is enjoying Panther Partners
- Reiterated the Christmas program was great

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Shared the Music Will program with Tom Morello was amazing.
- The 2nd quarter will be done next week which means we are half way through the school year.
- Wednesday will be the K-5 parties before break
- Continuing to get bids for the security window film
- Girls basketball is done for the year - wrestling and volleyball are underway

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Explained Panther Partners - pairing junior high students with lower grade levels
- Shared we received after 5 years, a 1% increase in our Pre-School for All Grant equaling \$2,000.
- Reviewed winter benchmarking.
- Reminded Board members of the April 11th IEAB meeting at LP High

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- The balance in the operating account as of November 30 was \$3.5 million which represents a decrease of \$645K from the balance at October 31.
- Receipts for the month of November were \$367K and included \$277K in general state aid and \$34.3K in Investment Income. Revenue is running about 20% ahead of budget year-to-date due primarily to the timing of real estate tax receipts.
- Expenditures in November were \$994K and included the repayment of the final piece of the working cash bond of \$265K plus interest of \$4806. Total Expenditures are in line with budget through November 30.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of November 30 was 3.56% which is in line with the yield at October 31. We continue to have CD investments mature each month and renew at higher interest rates.
- Based on recent comments from Fed Chairman Powell, it appears that the Fed may begin cutting interest rates at some point in 2024. Given that investment interest rates may begin to fall in the coming months, we will want to begin extending maturities on renewing CDs in order to lock in higher rates provided there will not be a short-term need for the investment dollars. We have a nice maturity ladder built within the portfolio

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

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting November 13, 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 Requests for District documents under the Freedom of Information Act: received 11.17.23 from Katharine Casey and replied on 11.17.23 Received on 11.27.23 from Patrick Lee and replied on 11.27.23**

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 the following resignations: Mary Shehorn (8th grade volleyball coach)

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing off all background checks: Emily Moore (6th grade volleyball coach)

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Mrs. Emily Hardee effective approximately March 4, 2024 - May 1, 2024.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Miller to consider the second reading of the PRESS Issue 113.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

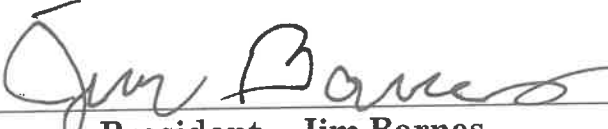
A motion was made by Morey and seconded Kaminski to adjourn the meeting at 730pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf