

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
February 18, 2021
6:30pm
Via Zoom Meeting

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30pm via Zoom. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Bobby Kaminski joined the Zoom meeting later at 6:50pm. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Principal Jeff Owens, Craig Hepner, Kim Smith, Stephanie Atchley, Crystal Dvorak, Mollie Benner, Brent DeFore and Deb DeGraaf.

Kim Smith led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

President Barnes asked Secretary Deb DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Mrs. DeGraaf reported that no one had requested public comment.

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Reported all is fine and he is excited that finally it is not going to snow again tomorrow

Marseilles Education Association: Kim Smith

- Expressed their gratefulness for the Friday treats and themed snacks that were available last Friday and thanked the maintenance staff for keeping the sidewalks and parking lots clean

Marseilles Educational Support Staff:

- No one in attendance no report made

Principal / AD: Jeff Owens

- Reviewed personnel: Accept the resignation of Aubrey Cavallini, hire Mollie Benner, Michaela Neurohr and Ruth Hale as Girls Basketball coach
- Student Discipline: Explained there had been a few little incidents, but nothing major. Seems the students are coming out of their shells.
- AD: Shared how it has been a crazy month for his AD responsibilities. Seems we went from practicing to playing games overnight. He is working on wrestling, track and girls basketball schedules.
- Army Corp of Engineers update: Spoke with Sam Bailey yesterday. March or April they should have a face to face decision making meeting to settle on the land purchase

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Opened by saying how nice it is to hear kids in the building practicing sports
- Received the upcoming election ballot from the Court House and approved it
- Shared our staff is in the process of receiving their second round of vaccines
- Gave accolades to Stephanie and the Pre K team for the Compliance Visit. There were no issues and our plan was approved
- Explained the State Superintendent is filing a waiver for assessments
- Data shows very strong growth for our students even with the adaptive pause. We are taking it day by day – it is always an adventure

Treasurer's Report: Craig Heppner

- The balance in the operating account as of January 31, 2021 was just under \$2.8 million.
- Receipts for the month of January were approx. \$678K which included \$267K in general state aid, \$134K in a Cares Act grant and just over \$6K in investment income.
- Expenditures in January were approximately \$541K which is in line with budget.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of January 31 was 1.37% which is in line with the yield at December 31.
- We continue to see downward pressure on investment yields and CDs mature and roll down the curve. We will continue to manage the portfolio to maintain appropriate duration while continuing to hold up the overall yield as best possible in light of the current and anticipate low rate environment.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the consent agenda:

- Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting – January 21, 2021
- Treasurer's Report
- Receipts
- Disbursements
- Payroll
- Activity Fund Report
- Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings – None
- Approval of Closed Session Minutes – None
- FOIA Requests: None

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to approve the resolution participating in the TRS (Teacher Retirement System) supplemental savings plan

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Kaminski to consider the approval for the 2021-2022 tentative calendar

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to consider the approval of the resignation of Aubrey Cavallini effective February 3, 3031.

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 employment of Mrs. Ruth Hale as 5th/6th grades girls' basketball coach

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to approve the employment contract of Michaela Neurohr for professional service as Speech Language Pathologist for 190 days for the 2021-2022 school year, pending completion of licensure.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Miller to approve the employment of Ms. Mollie Benner as Learning Behavior Specialist at BA Step A on the salary schedule beginning with the 2021-2022 school year

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to consider the approval of the contractual agreement between the Board of Education of Marseilles Elementary School District #150 and Crystal Dvorak effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

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

Nay: None

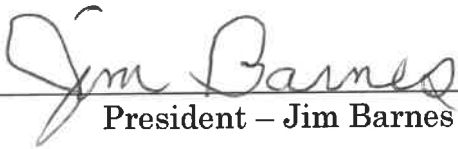
Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm.


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

Nay: None

Motion carried



President – Jim Barnes



Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf