

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
201 Chicago Street  
Thursday  
March 25, 2021, 2021  
6:30pm  
Band Room at MES

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone Christy Carpenter, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Also in attendance were Brenda Donahue, Jeff Owens, Kim Smith, Crystal Dvorak, Shawn Collins, Brent DeFore Joelle Shulda, Paula Wheeler, and Deb DeGraaf.

Jeff Owens 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

- Explained we ordered the new fully digital high resolution message board for outdoors at school and how he's working on air conditioning for the big gym.

Marseilles Education Association: Kim Smith

- Expressed their thanks to the staff who participated in the Dr Seuss readings
- Discussed the changing of officers for the Marseilles Education Association starting next meeting date: Tracy Bianchi President, Kaelyn Rodriguez Vice President, Janice Johnson Treasurer, Mary Smith Secretary and Joelle Shulda as Regional Representative. Everyone thanked Paula and Kim for their time and expressed how amazing they have been for many years.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Jennifer Morello

- Nothing to report

Principal / AD: Jeff Owens

- Reviewed personnel hires and resignations, student discipline and athletic director updates

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared with the Board how everything is going strong and hopeful that we don't have another adaptive pause - expanded on some of the positive aspects of this pandemic
- Reviewed some grant funds regarding the new air conditioning units covered costs and explained the grant Terrie Spicer has been working diligently on for the kitchen/ cafeteria improvements
- Shared graduation is approved for an indoor event where each student will be provided with 4 tickets per 8<sup>th</sup> grader.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Donahue reviewed his report in his absence

- The balance in the operating account as of February 28, 2021 was \$2.574 million which is down from \$2.579 million at January 31.
- Receipts for the month of February were a little under \$297K and included just under \$267K in General State Aid and a little over \$5,900 in investment income.
- Expenditures in February were just over \$498K and were in line with previous months..
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of February 28 was 1.092% which is down about 27 basis points from the yield at January 31 due to the maturity of a number of CDs in February which were renewed at lower rates.

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

- Minutes of:
  - Regular Meeting – February 18, 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, Kaminski, Miller and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the employment of Kendra Mason for professional service as School Nurse for eleven months for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the transfer of Liliana Arteaga from paraprofessional to ELL (English Language Learner) teacher at BA Step A on the salary schedule beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Byone to approve the employment of Lindsey Johnson at BA Step G on the salary schedule beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the employment/return of Laurie Leslie at BA plus 15 Step N on the salary schedule beginning with the 2021-2022 school year

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Kaminski to approve the employment of Trina Schmollinger at BA Step A on the salary schedule beginning with the 2021-2022 school year pending completion of her education program and receipt of her professional educators licensure.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the employment of Samantha Simpson at MA Step A on the salary schedule beginning with the 2021-2022 school year pending completion of her education program and receipt of her professional educators licensure

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the employment of Amy Mino at BA Step E on the salary schedule beginning with the 2021-2022 school year

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the resignation of Janet Raikes as lunchroom aide and Mary Kay Kavanaugh as yearbook creator effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the resignation of Amy Figenbaum, paraprofessional effective Friday March 26, 2021  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the proposal (Option B) from Correct Digital displays for \$21,962 for a new message display and sign for the front of the school  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve granting tenure of Tracy Bianchi, Ruth Hale, Joelle Shulda, and Mary Smith beginning with the 2021-2022 school year  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Byone to approve the employment of Sal Evola as track coach for the 2020-2021 school year  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to consider the approval of the contractual agreement between the Board of Education of Marseilles Elementary School District #150 and Shawn Collins effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

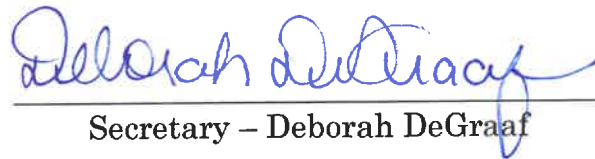
A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

  
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President – Jim Barnes

  
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Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf