

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
201 Chicago Street  
Thursday  
April 29, 2021  
6:30pm  
Band Room at MES

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:32pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Also in attendance were Brenda Donahue, Jeff Owens, Crystal Dvorak, Shawn Collins, Brent DeFore, Janice Johnson, and Tracy Bianchi.

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.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Barnes to approve the official canvassing results of the MES School Board Election by the LaSalle County Clerk's Office as follows: Christy Carpenter 105 votes, Bobby Kaminski 82 votes, Bradley Miller 88 votes and Julie Morey 98 votes.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to adjourn this meeting Sine Die.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Cowie to appoint Superintendent Brenda Donahue as President Pro Tem.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

President Pro Tem Brenda Donahue conducted the Oath of Office for Board Members.

Secretary Deb DeGraaf conducted roll call for the new board. All were in attendance.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to elect Jim Barnes as the President of the MES School Board for a two year term  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Kaminski to elect Christy Carpenter as the Vice-President of the MES School Board for a two year term.  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Cowie to appoint Deb DeGraaf as Secretary of the MES School Board  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to appoint Craig Hepner as Treasurer of the MES School Board  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Carpenter, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None  
Abstain: Kaminski

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to appoint Jim Barnes as a Governing Board Representative from April 2021 through April 2023  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to set the regular meeting of the School Board as the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at each month, at 6:30pm at Marseilles Elementary School unless the meeting falls on a holiday, or at the discretion of the Board – See attached meeting scheduled for the 2021-2022 school year. In addition, to change the May 2021 meeting date from May 13, 2021 to May 27, 2021  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of March 31, 2021 was \$1.471 million which was down from the February 28 balance of \$2,574 million. In mid-March,

we transferred \$1 million from the operating checking to a new CD with OSB in the Education Fund to earn a better rate of return on the dollars.

- Receipts for the month of March were a little over \$391K which included approximately \$45,700 received from LaSalle County in real estate taxes, just under \$267K in general state aid and \$2,765 in investment income.
- Expenditures in March were slightly over \$494K which is in line with budget and previous months
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of March 31 was .940% which is down about 15 basis points from the yield at February 28. This is the result of the current interest rate environment and CDs that are maturing and being renewed at lower rates. This trend is likely to continue in the coming months but we will work to hold the yield on the portfolio as strong as possible while maintaining sufficient liquidity to operate.

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Explained he met with the architect regarding the air conditioning for the big gym or MPR
- Air handler grant for the big gym was approved

Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi

- Tracy introduced herself as the new President and explained how she asked different grade levels what they were teaching. Kindergarten is studying wild flowers and butterflies. Fifth grade has started seedlings for the garden Sixth grade is learning about traffic safety through a program from the Illinois Secretary of State's office and seventh grade is still working on their business proposals and slogans

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: no one in attendance

Principal / AD: Jeff Owens

- Reviewed personnel hires and resignations
- Student discipline: he reported continuation of the kids have been great!
- AD: All scheduling and hiring of officials are done for the 2021-2022 school year and he's happy that we got all of the sports done so the kids did get to play
- Reviewed Co-op opportunities with Milton Pope and Rutland

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared with the Board the preparations are underway for a great Staff Appreciation Week for the first week of May
- Reviewed TIF and property tax information
- Shared next month we will be approving the ELearning plan so we have one in place

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

- Minutes of:
  - Regular Meeting – March 25, 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, Kaminski, Miller and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Barnes to approve the Consolidated District Plan as required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Miller to approve the 2021-2022 IESA Registration

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to consider the authorization for the Superintendent to begin the fiscal year 2022 budget process and preparation of a tentative budget.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Morey to approve the resignation of Emma Askew as preschool paraprofessional effective April 23, 2021

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to approve the employment of Megan Gavin as summer tutor to monitor and support students on Edgenuity.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the purchase order from the Frank Cooney company for two 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms and one 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom for approximately \$72,134

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve a 2.75% raise for all employees not covered under a Collective Bargaining Agreement or personal contract for FY22.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to accept the intent to retire from Ms. Cynthia Koetz per the Collective Bargaining Agreement at the completion of the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Miller to approve the 2021 list of students to be promoted / placed from eighth grade at Marseilles Elementary School

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to accept the intent to retire from Mrs. Lee Ann Raikes per the Collective Bargaining Agreement at the completion of the 2024-2025 school year

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to consider the first reading of the handbook changes for next school year

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

Nay: None

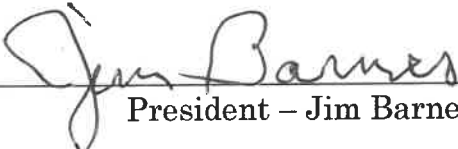
Motion carried


A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Kaminski to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

  
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President – Jim Barnes

  
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Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf