

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
August 26, 2021
6:30 pm

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Lawrence Cowie was absent with notice. Christy Carpenter arrived at 6:36 pm. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Brent DeFore, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Traci Bianchi, Jennifer Morello, and Steven Devine reporter.

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

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Reported a good start to the school year. He has met with the architect and is waiting to hear back on the equipment for the air conditioning for the MPR and big gym.

Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi

- Shared with the board the beginning of the school year has gone so well. They are pleasantly surprised at such a great start

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Jennifer Morello

- Thanked and welcomed Crystal and Shawn
- Also said they are a lifesaver in the cafeteria

Principal: Crystal Dvorak

- Thanked Brent and crew and shared how nice the new furniture is that they worked so hard to get put together
- Reviewed enrollment student counts and new staff
- Talked about baseball and their record of 3-1-1
- Explained Star 360 testing is underway

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Thanked everyone for all of the hard work done over the summer to get us ready for the new school year.
- Explained some new significant COVID mitigations - but added we will work through it

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of July 31 was slightly over \$2.5 million which is an increase of \$1.13 million from the balance at June 30.

- Receipts for the month of July were just under \$1.9 million and included approximately \$1.6 million in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$75,000 in personal property replacement tax receipts, and just under \$3400 in investment income.
- Expenditures in July were slightly over \$758K and included the \$111K annual bus lease payment in the Transportation Fund.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of July 31 was .658% which is down about 9 basis points from the yield at June 30 as we had additional maturities of higher rate CDs in July.

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

- **Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting – June 17, 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: Joe Sutton, received 8/3/2021 and responded in full on 8/4/2021**

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 first reading of the PRESS Issue 107

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Mrs. Joelle Hallowell effective approximately November 8, 2021 - February 22, 2022.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded Carpenter to consider the resignations of Jessica Schoenman (paraprofessional), Savanna Sullivan (paraprofessional), Michelle Klock (bus driver), and Kevin Larson (sixth-grade teacher) effective immediately.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve beginning with the 2021-2022 school year the employment of the following employees: Alicia Pierson (lunch aide), Tammy Reddick (lunch aide), Darcy Rub (bus driver), Deanna Stropoli (paraprofessional), Alexandra Pierce (second-grade teacher, Tanya Thompson (junior high teacher), Jessica Smith (Jumpstart paraprofessional) and Kelly Milligan (Jumpstart teacher).

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 offer to sell real property from the Department of the Army.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

No motion necessary: Reviewed Mandated Reporters and Bullying Policy 7.180

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to consider the approval of raising the adult lunch price to \$4.00

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Carpenter: be it resolved that Superintendent Brenda Donahue has the authority of Marseilles Elementary School District 150 (the name on our W9 - the payee), formerly School District 155, to bind the Board via her execution of instruments pertaining to the selling of a portion of School District land to the United States of America. This authority includes, but is not limited to authority to bind the Board to terms of the proposed sale; authority to act in accordance with the Board's direction, and authority to sign Real Estate transaction instruments through the transfer of title to the United States of America.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

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

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

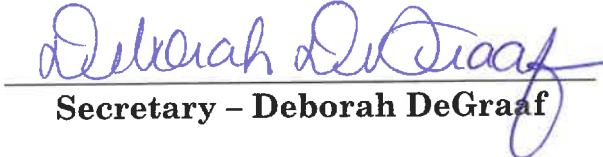
A motion was made by Barnes and seconded Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm

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

Nay: None

Motion carried


President - Jim Barnes


Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf