

**MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

201 Chicago Street
Thursday
October 21, 2021
6:30pm

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, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller and Julie Morey. Christy Carpenter was absent with notice. Also in attendance was Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Tracy Bianchi, Brent DeFore, Craig Hepner and Dee Crawshaw.

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

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Reported the pre-bid meeting was Tuesday for the air conditioning project. Nine representatives showed up for the meeting.
- Since winter is right around the corner, the boilers are ready.

Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi

- Shared that Mrs. Raikes room is working on a climate action project and will be Zooming with a class in India and Turkey
- Her class is having a competition of building pyramids from toothpicks
- Parent / Teacher conferences were busy but with all positive talk

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Jennifer Morello

- Nothing to report

Principal: Crystal Dvorak

- Reviewed some happenings at MES - Author Aaron Reynolds visited at our first assembly in 18 months, the Veteran's Day program is in full preparation, and we are discussing the winter music programs
- YMCA afterschool program will hopefully be up and running the first week of November

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Welcomed everyone and apologized for the mess in the library as the front office transitions to their remodel
- Also mentioned Parent / Teacher conferences regarding the vibe in the building with parents was very positive
- Congratulations to Bobby Kaminiski for reaching Mater Level II Board Member Status
- Discussed the COVID positivity rates
- Reminded everyone of our vaccine clinic on Saturday in the big gym

- While discussing the TIF - reviewed our area EAV and how it affects property taxes

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of September 30 was \$3.28 million which represents an increase of \$420K from the balance at August 31, 2021.
- Receipts for the month of September were slightly under \$1.05 million and included \$679K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$270K in General State and \$3,687 in investment income.
- Expenditures in September were slightly under \$628K
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of September 30 was .661% which is in line with the yield as of August 31.

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

- **Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting - September 27, 2021**
 - **Budget Hearing - September 27, 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: Received on 9/28 from Vince Espi regarding COVID-19 protocol, responded in part on 10/1 . Received on 9/29 from Vince Espi regarding 1619 Project Curriculum, responded in full on 10/1. Received on 10/5 from NBC5 Chicago regarding unclaimed funds and property, responded in full on 10/5.**

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

Ronda Scherer presented the completed audit

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to approve and agree to place on file the annual audit and annual financial reports

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Byone to consider the adoption/renewal of an intergovernmental agreement with City of Marseilles for provision of a School Resource Officer.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Barnes to approve the renewal of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois medical and dental rates from November 1, 2021 - October 31, 2022.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Kaminski to consider the resignation of Justin Hunt as 5th & 6th grade boys basketball coach.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Miller to approve the employment of Kyle Woodard as 5th and 6th grade boys basketball coach, Anna Schiefelbein as 7th grade volleyball coach, and Clarisse Janz as Administrative Assistant for School Services / Principal's Office Receptionist, and Shawn Collins as Athletic Director

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to adjourn the meeting.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf