

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Monday
December 16, 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, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Kaelyn Rodriguez, Jennifer Morello, Brent DeFore, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Dee Crawshaw, and Jeff Wynn.

President Barnes asked Ms. DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Ms. DeGraaf shared Mr. Jeff Wynn did register to present his opinion regarding the National Sex Education Stands. He read aloud his information to the school board.

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Shared he met with the architects and John's Sales and Service and has a signed contract which means they are ready to start work

Marseilles Education Association: Kaelyn Rodriguez

- Reporting as MEA Vice President she touched on a few highlights of what different grade levels have been accomplishing: STEM class, 7th grade Hero Tea, junior high clubs such as SAFE and the Tabletop Gaming Club

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Jennifer Morello

- Nothing to report

Principal: Crystal Dvorak

- Reviewed some events at MES: Preschool had the State visit, had the band and choir Christmas program, and test to stay is working wonderfully

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Reviewed how our health office and the test to stay option is allowing students to stay and participate
- We are canceling wrestling since it is an unmasked sport
- Public safety is taken into consideration regarding school activities
- Mental wellness is very serious hence we want to add another full-time social worker.
- We will be testing over winter break

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of November 30, 2021 was \$2.98 million which represents a decrease of \$471K from the balance at October 31.

- Receipts for the month of November were slightly over \$452K and included \$271K in General State Aid and \$3,600 in investment income.
- Expenditures in November were \$869K
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of November 30 was .688% which is in line with the yield as of October 31

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

- **Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting – November 15, 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 from SteepSteel Bidders on 11/20/2021 and responded in full on 11/30/2021**

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Byone to consider the resolution to approve the 2021 Tax Levy

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

Nay: Cowie

Abstain: Kaminski

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to consider the first reading of the PRESS Issue 108

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

Nay: Carpenter

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to approve the employment of Claire DeGraaf, 6th-grade volleyball coach beginning in the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Morey to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Ms. Mary Jo Witek effective approximately December 13, 2021 - December 17, 2021.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to consider the approval of an intent to retire from Mrs. Jennifer Morello effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

At 7 pm after President Barnes asked anyone if there was any old or new business, Lawrence Cowie started a discussion regarding the Holiday Tournament. It was reiterated that the administrative team and School Board did not choose to discontinue the annual Holiday Tournament.

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm


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

Nay: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf