

**MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
201 Chicago Street  
Thursday  
August 18, 2022  
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, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Christy Carpenter was absent with notice and arrived at 6:33 pm. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Principal Collins, Janice Johnson, Assistant Principal Rory Bedeker, Melissa Small, and Dee Crawshaw.

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

**Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore**

- Reported the air conditioning project in the MPR is completed - but still working out a few small kinks

**Marseilles Education Association: Janice Johnson**

- Shared Fifth grade science took a little adventure on a cicada scavenger hunt and some funny quotes from students about the beginning of the school year.

**Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Melissa Small**

- Nothing to report

**Principal: Shawn Collins**

- Reported recapping this summer's events at MES: 14 students attending JumpStart, 26 kids attending our summer reading program with Michelle James, and multiple students attending our athletic camps. We have hopes of expanding the programs next summer to include the fine arts.
- We have a few events planned before the first day of school: Readaloud with Principle Collins, Back to School Bash and K-8 Unpack your Backpack
- He introduced Sunni our new therapy pup and let us know that her formal training begins next week

**Superintendent: Brenda Donahue**

- Shared how thankful we are for the custodial hard work getting our school ready for the first day of school and what wonderful vibes are in the building, especially without any COVID restrictions. Enrollment is up and we've received some very generous donations. Aperia Care, Jerry Martin's family, PCS Phosphates, and United Way are a few of the donators.

**Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner**

- The balance in the operating account as of July 31 was \$3.73 million which represents an increase of about \$414K from the balance of May 31.
- Receipts for the month of July were \$1.25 million and included slightly less than \$813K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County and \$142K in Corporate Personal Property Tax receipts.
- Expenditures in July were slightly more than \$721K and included the \$97,953 bus lease payment, the \$85,508 liability insurance payment, and a partial payment of \$51,431 for the air conditioning system in the MPR.
- It appears that the annual financial audit went well with minimal findings. We are currently waiting on the final audit report.

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

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
  - **Regular Meeting – June 23, 2022**
- **6.02 Treasurer's Report**
- **6.03 Disbursements / Bills**
- **6.04 Deposits / Receipts**
- **6.05 Employee and/or Board Member professional development, travel expenditures, and/or reimbursements**
- **6.06 Payroll**
- **6.07 Activity Fund Report**
- **6.08 Expenditure Budget Report**
- **6.09 Revenue Budget Report**
- **6.10 Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings and Approval of Closed Session Minutes: None**
- **6.11 Requests for District documents under the Freedom of Information Act: Received on 7/1/2022 from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association and responded to it on 7/5/2022**

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

**Nay: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following resignations: LeeAnn Raikes (junior high teacher / TNT Sponsor), Deanna Stropoli (paraprofessional), Michelle Castelli (paraprofessional), Ellen Tiffin (kitchen staff), David Grayson (band), Dana Davis (paraprofessional), Dennis Orvis (bus driver), Mary Shehorn (7th-grade girls basketball coach) and Merry DeBernardi (paraprofessional).**

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

**Nay: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following transfers/hires: Tanya Thompson and Lainey Hicks (TNT**

co-sponsors), Denise Vangelisti (7th-grade volleyball coach), Anthony Zavala (band/general music), Lainey Goolsby (junior high teacher and 7th-grade girls basketball coach), Laura Spraggon (learning behavior specialist), and Rebecca Contreras (paraprofessional).

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

7.04 & 7.05 Board reviewed the Bullying Policy 7.180 and Board of Education members as Mandated Reporters No vote necessary

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the 2022-23 school improvement plan.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Barnes to approve the 2022-23 return to learn plan.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to approve the placement of the Fiscal Year 2023 budget on display for 30 days.

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

Nay: None

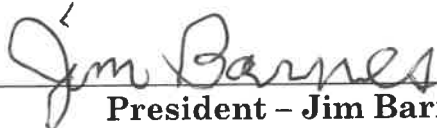
Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

  
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President – Jim Barnes

  
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Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf