

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
April 21, 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, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Traci Bianchi, Janice Johnson, Joelle Hallowell, and Principal Crystal Dvorak.

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 we had a surprise visit from the State Fire Marshall yesterday
- Air conditioning should be done by the end of June
- Working on locating a coil for the big gym

Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi and Joelle Hallowell

- STEAM Gala was amazing! So many projects from our students and attendance were great.
- Update on the Washington DC trip: 41 students plus 6 parents
- Enthusiasm is contagious in the building - everyone is excited for field trips and 2nd-grade swimming. 2nd-grade also enjoyed Mayor Hollenbeck and the Junior Achievement program.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: no one in attendance

Principal: Crystal Dvorak

- Also shared the STEAM Gala was great!
- Field trips start Monday and thanked the PTA for their support.
- MES finally had our first track meet. Unfortunately, the weather caused cancellations. Scholastic Bowl has regionals.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Highlighted news from ISBE regarding their coding era which changes the State reimbursement
- Shared about the upcoming ROE Excellence in Education banquet

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of March 31 was \$3.08 million which represents a decrease of \$24K from the balance at February 28.

- Receipts for the month of March were slightly under \$491K and included \$125K in Corporate Personal Property Tax receipts and \$270K in General State Aid.
- Year-to-date, total revenue is running slightly ahead of budget due primarily to a better-than-expected level of Corporate Personal Property Tax revenue and the receipt of various grants and government reimbursements.
- Expenditures in March were slightly under \$515K. Year-to-date expenditures are running slightly below budget.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of March 31 was .569% which is slightly higher than the yield at February 28, so it appears that the overall portfolio yield has stabilized and we should begin to start seeing an increase in overall yield as we move forward as we have a number of CDs maturing and re-pricing throughout the remainder of 2022.

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

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting – March 17, 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: None**

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded Carpenter to approve the 2022-2023 IESA registration.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to consider the authorization for the Superintendent to begin the fiscal year 2023 budget process and preparation of a tentative budget

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Kaminski to approve the resignation of Claire DeGraaf as sixth-grade volleyball and seventh and eighth-grade girls' basketball coach.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the 2022 list of students to be promoted/placed from eighth grade at Marseilles Elementary School.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the employment of Kayla Honn per the collective bargaining agreement beginning with the 2022-2023 school year as an art educator.

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 employment of Darcy Rub as a part-time custodian.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the resignation of Lainey Parrott as an eighth-grade volleyball coach.

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 resignation of Jessica Smith as a K-8 bus monitor.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Miller to approve the resignation of Amy Kelley as a fourth-grade teacher.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the increase in adult lunch prices to \$4.25.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to approve the resignation of Kelly Schiefelbein as special education teacher (PAWS program).

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the resignation of Mary Smith as special education teacher (PAWS program).

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Kaminski to approve the Board meeting dates for the 2023 fiscal year.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Cowie to approve continuing to utilize Title 1 funds through as a school-wide approach vs a targeted approach

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded Carpenter to adjourn to closed session at 6:47 pm.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded Byone to return to regular session at 7:29 pm.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Kaminski to consider the approval of the contractual agreement between the Board of Education of Marseilles Elementary School District #150 and the Marseilles Education Association effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to approve a compensation agreement for all employees not covered under a Collective Bargaining Agreement or personal contract for FY23

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Barnes to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm.


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

Nay: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf