

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

201 Chicago Street

Thursday

February 17, 2022

6:30pm

Meeting held via Zoom due to inclement weather

Superintendent Brenda Donahue called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30pm via Zoom. Members answering roll call were Vice-President Christy Carpenter, Cherise Byone, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski Brad Miller and Julie Morey. President Jim Barnes was absent with notice. Also, in attendance were Brenda Donahue, Treasurer Craig Hepner, Board Secretary Deb DeGraaf, Principal Crystal Dvorak, Assistant Principal Shawn Collins, Janice Johnson, Tracy Bianchi, Hailee Wiesbrock, Nasrina Bellel, and Chad Lanphierd. Deb DeGraaf and Christy Carpenter were both located at Marseilles Elementary.

Everyone participated in the pled of allegiance together.

Mrs. Donahue asked Secretary Deb DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Mrs. DeGraaf reported that yes, three parents had registered to speak. Then Nasrina Bellel and Chad Lanphierd were given their time each to speak.

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Mr. DeFore was absent, but Mrs. Donahue reported he had no updates

Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi

- Shared grade level reports: 5<sup>th</sup> grade wrote poetry in their “classroom cafe” and 6<sup>th</sup> grade did research on earthquakes and made brochures.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: No one in attendance

Principal: Crystal Dvorak

- Reported the COVID positive cases have dropped significantly; in fact, only one this week
- STAR 360 benchmark is upon us – we will have reports of grown since the beginning of the school year
- Sports are winding down with track beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Announced that our 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Reagan Julian received an award from The Starved Rock Region of the Illinois Principal’s Association.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Reminded the board members of the March 9<sup>th</sup> Starved Rock Division IASB Regional Spring Dinner
- Updated of the appellate court TRO and that we should have a decision this evening even though, Marseilles Elementary is staying status quo

- Directed the conversation to Ms. DeGraaf - she then explained the new MAP21 federal mandated bus driver training and how it will make getting and training bus drivers even more difficult than it is now

Mr. Hepner School Board Treasurer provided his monthly report to the Board:

- The balance in the operating account as of January 31 was \$3.39 million which represents an increase of slightly more than \$400K from the balance at December 31.
- Receipts for the month of January were a little over \$929K and were bolstered by \$472K in various grant proceeds during this month.
- Expenditures in January were \$502K
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of January 31 was .627% which is down about 6 basis points from the yield at December 31 as we continue to see higher rate CDs in the portfolio mature and renew at lower rates. Short term interest rates are expected to rise significantly in the coming months which should result in an increase in the yield on the portfolio as we move forward.

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

- Minutes of:
  - Regular Meeting – January 20, 2022
- 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 1/18/2022 and responded on 1/19/2022 from Illinois Retired Teachers Association. Received on 1/31/2022 and partially responded with redactions on 2/4/2022 from Robert and Amanda Polier

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Miller to consider the approval of the 2022-2023 tentative calendar

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the employment contract for Hailee Wiesbrock for professional service as Social Worker for 190 days for the 2022-2023 school year, pending completion of her licensure.  
Aye: Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to consider the approval of the employment of Chelsea O'Neal as preschool paraprofessional  
Aye: Byone, Carpenter, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

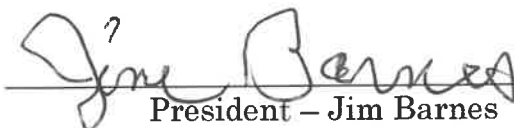
Motion carried

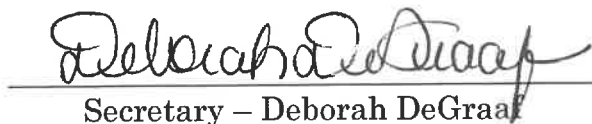
A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to table indefinitely: 7.05 Delegate the Superintendent the authority to follow current health mitigations until the appellate process is complete except 1.) Requiring face masks of student and staff within the building. (face masks are required per Federal mandate on school transportation), 2.) Excluding close contacts for 10 days, and 3.) Requiring employees who are unvaccinated to submit weekly testing.  
Aye: Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm.  
Aye: Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller and Morey  
Nay: None

Motion carried

  
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President – Jim Barnes

  
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Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf