

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
January 20, 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, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, and Brad Miller. Absent with notice were Cherise Byone and Julie Morey. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Brent DeFore, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Dee Crawshaw, and Amanda Polier.

The board and audience recited the pledge of allegiance.

President Barnes asked Ms. DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Ms. DeGraaf shared that no one had registered for public comment.

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Reported all is good and he really didn't have anything to share

Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi

- Reported that 2nd grade made sleds in STEM lab and other grade levels were making some messy slime also in the STEM lab

Marseilles Educational Support Staff:

- No one in attendance

Principal: Crystal Dvorak

- Reported that Covid numbers are thankfully on the downslope and the health office have been amazing through it all
- We received the PFA visit results receiving a 4.92 from the State - the average is 4.4
- Interesting to report that out of 54 eighth grade students, so far 30 of them have been involved in athletics already this school year - we plan on summer camps this summer to advance our students

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Reported some good news that today we had zero positive cases of Covid
- Shared that our last two orders of Covid tests have been canceled and not shipped - we are receiving new guidelines constantly and we are reserving tests to protocol
- The peak of our Covid was double the previous highest of Thanksgiving
- 78% of Illinois schools report having a teacher shortage

- Army Corp property purchase update: Mr. Bailey has been out ill
- Closely watching the Sangamon County court case

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of December 31, 2021, was \$2.968 million which represents a decrease of \$17K from the balance at November 30.
- Receipts for the month of December were slightly over \$556K and included \$148K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County and \$270K in General State Aid
- Expenditures in December were \$573K
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of December 31 was .688% which is in line with the yield as of November 30. We have a couple higher rate CD's maturing in the coming weeks which, upon renewal, will lower the overall portfolio yield, but it appears that interest rates may be rising in the coming months which should help to increase the overall portfolio as we head into the latter part of the year.

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

- **Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting – December 16, 2021**
 - **Levy Hearing - December 16, 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: None**

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to consider the approval for leave under FMLA for Terry Blue, bus driver, effective November 5, 2021, to February 18, 2022.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the travel reimbursement rate of 58.5 cents per mile.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

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

Aye: Barnes, Cowie, Kaminski, and Miller

Nay: Carpenter

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to approve the resignation of Stephanie Downey, bus monitor, effective immediately

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm

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


Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf