

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
May 26, 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, and Brad Miller. Julie Morey was absent with notice. Also in attendance were Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Craig Hepner, Deb DeGraaf, Principal Crystal Dvorak, Assistant Principal Shawn Collins, Traci Bianchi, Jennifer Morello, Joelle Hallowell, Brent DeFore, and Steven Devine WCMY.

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

Superintendent Donahue present our retirement honoree Jennifer Morello with her retirement clock and thanked her for her many years of service to our school. She conveyed the sentiment of everyone about how much she will be missed.

Director of Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Reported starting Tuesday morning summer tear up and put back together begins.
- John's Sales and Service starts on the MPR next week also

Marseilles Education Association: Tracy Bianchi and Joelle Hallowell

- Highlighted to the board it's been a great year and it ended wonderfully with field trips and lots of smiles from students
- Shared the letters are ready to send out to local businesses to support fundraising for the Washington DC trip.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Jennifer Morello and Melissa Small

- Jennifer introduced Melissa Small as the new President of the Support Staff and thanked everyone for many years.

Principal: Crystal Dvorak

- Reiterated as Traci mentioned how wonderful the field trips were for all of the students.
- Shared Data Team meetings went well for the end of the school year
- The library and gym will be open for students this summer where camps will be held.
- Reviewed our track team results with lots of metals at State

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Reported how thrilled she is to end a difficult year in a typical way. Kids are leaving school loving school and excited.
- Reminded the Board of the Triple I Conference in November. Registration is June 6th and the cost is \$499 per attendee. Asked them to let Deb know if they will be attending.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of April 30 was \$3.38 million which represents an increase of \$298K from the balance at March 31.
- Receipts for the month of April were \$861K and included \$48K in corporate Personal Property Tax receipts and \$270K in General State Aid.
- Year-to-date, total revenue continues to run approximately 9% over budget due to additional grant revenue received during the year.
- Expenditures in April were slightly more than \$562K. Year-to-date, total expenditures continue to run slightly below budget.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of April 30 was .578% which is slightly higher than the yield on March 31 and we continue to see an upward trend in portfolio yield from month to month.

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

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting – April 21, 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, and Miller

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to consider the first reading of the PRESS (Policy Reference Education Subscription Service) Issue 109

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the agreement for Newkirk & Associates, Inc. Certified Public Accountants to complete the ISBE-required annual audit.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Carpenter to approve the payment of \$52,262.76 for the Property/Casualty/Liability Package and \$33,245.64 for the Workers Compensation Package to the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the leave under FMLA for Mr. Nathan Schaefer effective approximately June 15, 2022 - September 7, 2022.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to approve the substitute teacher rate of \$110 per day and the substitute paraprofessional rate of \$14 per hour.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the bus driver route rate increase to \$32.50 and the hourly rate increase to \$19.50.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to approve the employment of Mallory Martin beginning with the 2022-2023 school year as a Learning Behavior Specialist.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Miller to approve the transfer of Amanda Schomas beginning with the 2022-2023 school year from Fifth Grade Teacher to Fourth Grade Teacher.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to approve the employment of Cheyenne Timm beginning with the 2022-2023 school year as a Fifth Grade Teacher.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following resignations: Nya Clark (7th/8th Cheer Coach), Crystal Dvorak (Principal), and Emily White (Paraprofessional).

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following extracurricular transfers/hires: Megan Morris (7th/8th Cheer Coach), Amanda Schomas (5th/6th Cheer Coach), Mary Shehorn (7th/8th Girls' Basketball and 6th Volleyball), Kim Smith (Yearbook Sponsor).

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the 2021-2022 Final public school calendar for Marseilles Elementary School.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

NO MOTION NECESSARY - DISCUSSION ONLY

8.02 The first reading for the handbook changes for the next school year

Aye: None

Nay: None

Lawrence Cowie requested the meeting go into a closed session citing he wanted to discuss personnel. Deb DeGraaf shared with him the list of acceptable reasons for the meeting to go into a closed session. Superintendent Donahue explained that since it was not listed on the agenda, we should post it on the June agenda and then discuss in closed session his concerns.

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Byone to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf