

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
February 15, 2024
7 p.m.

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Absent with notice was Bobby Kaminski. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Paula Wheeler, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Dee Crawshaw, and Robyn Graham were others in attendance.

Mr. Collins led the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Barnes asked Ms. DeGraaf if anyone had requested public comment. Ms. DeGraaf replied no one registered or requested to speak.

Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- The air conditioning unit for the big gym arrived today after waiting a year and a half for it.
- He reminded everyone the floor polishing bid is included in the action items for approval.

Marseilles Education Association: Paula Wheeler and Tim Misener

- Shared events that are taking place on different grade levels such as researching and learning about Black History Month in multiple classrooms.
- Reminded everyone of Dr. Seuss night

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Robyn Graham

- Shared that her students have been diligently working on civil rights and their constitution test

Principal: Shawn Collins

- STAR testing for the Spring Benchmark opened this week. We will have data teams at the end of the month the start of March
- Volleyball Conference Tournament is Saturday and MES will host. The regular season wraps up next week
- Scholastic Bowl is underway and runs through April
- The State Class Tournament is next Friday and Saturday
- Illinois Principals Assoc John Ourth Student Recognition breakfast is on Feb. 29th. This year's recipients are Sofia Scutt and Melanie Kimmey

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared our first MESH BASH night was a hit and MESH raised the most of any school so far this year.
- We received a check from OSB just short of \$1,500 presented to our school as a part of the OSB School Spirit Checking accounts program

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- The balance in the operating account as of January 31 was \$2.24 million which represents a decrease of \$8K from the balance at December 31.
- Receipts for the month of January were \$626K and included \$277K in general state aid, \$81.4K in Corporate Personal Property Tax, and \$40.3K in Investment Income. Revenue is running about 19% ahead of budget year-to-date primarily to the timing of real estate tax receipts
- Expenditures in January were \$616K. Expenditures are in line with budget year-to-date.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of January 31 was 4.21% which represents an increase of 7 basis points from the yield at December 31

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting January 18, 2024
- 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 Requests for District documents under the Freedom of Information Act: Received on 1.17.24 from IRTA and responded to on 1.17.24, received on 1.17.24 from Stacie Walton and responded to on 1.25.24, received on 1.25.24 from Stacie Walton and responded to on 1.26.24, received on 1.26.24 from Stacie Walton and responded to on 1.31.24, received on 1.31.24 from Stacie Walton and responded to on 2.2.24.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the following resignations: Sal Evola (Track Coach) and Hailey Provenzano (Paraprofessional).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks: Jared Mason (Track Coach)

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Lainey Mason effective approximately August 2024 - September 30, 2024.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Byone to approve the District entering into the contract with the vendor, Glossy Floors, for interior concrete refinishing for \$106,788.50.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Marseilles Education Association and the Marseilles Elementary School District 150 Board of Education for the change in schedule for an employee

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to adjourn to closed session at 710pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Barnes to return to regular session at 816pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 817pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


President - Jim Barnes


Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf