

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
March 21, 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, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Absent with notice was Lawrence Cowie. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Paula Wheeler, Tim Misener, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Robyn Graham, and many others were in attendance including parents of the GRIT award recipients.

Mr. Collins presented the 3rd quarter GRIT awards with the recipients leading 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 security camera crew is working on the installation and wiring and hopefully will be done in a couple of weeks.
- The air conditioning unit for the Big Gymn arrived but unfortunately is the wrong voltage. It was a factory mistake.

Marseilles Education Association: Paula Wheeler and Tim Misener

- Shared 3rd grade is studying life in Alaska, economy, travel, and foreign currency. Mrs. Thompson's class researched Lewis & Clark while TNT delivered blankets to the Veteran's Home.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: Robyn Graham

- Shared staff is prepping for the upcoming STEAM gala and STAR testing. Also reported the PTA fun for all even was quite an event.

Principal: Shawn Collins

- IAR testing begins the week after Spring Break
- STEAM Gala will be held on April 17th
- Working on a master schedule and handbook updates.
- Spring Break next week
- A quick thank you for all that you do. As volunteers in such an important role, your work is often overlooked. From the monthly meetings to the occasional event that you attend, the time, energy, and genuine patience you give to negotiations and providing the MES family with nothing but the best - THANK YOU. I truly appreciate every one of you.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared the budget is on display since we are amending it with cameras and concrete. Spoke extensively on test scores and the IAR testing program.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- The balance in the operating account as of February 29 was \$2.93 million which represents a decrease of \$18K from the balance of January 31.
- Receipts for the month of February were \$367K and included \$277K in general state aid and \$38.3K in Investment Income. Revenue is running about 15% ahead of budget year-to-date due primarily to the timing of real estate tax receipts
- Expenditures in February were \$767K. Expenditures are in line with budget year-to-date
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of February 29 was 4.21% which was in line with the yield at January 31.

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the Consent Agenda:

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting February 15, 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 2.14.2024 from Stacy Walton and responded to on 2.20.2024, received on 3.13.2024 from Melissa Small and responded to on 3.19.2024.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Miller to approve the following resignations: Chelsea O'Neal (Paraprofessional), Crystal Oaks (Kitchen), Daniel Ripplinger (Band), and Emily Moore (5th Grade Teacher).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Morey to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks: Jordan Morahn (Special Education Teacher - starting 4/2/24), Lindsey Trager (Special Education Teacher), and Brooke Leach (transfer from Paraprofessional to Special Education Teacher starting with the 24-25 school year)

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Carpenter to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Kim Kesner effective February 12, 2024, to May 13, 2024.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the granting of tenure of Emily Hardee, Ryan Clark, and Joe Frye beginning with the 2024-25 school year.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf