

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
May 23, 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, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Absent with notice was Christy Carpenter. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Paula Wheeler, Tim Misener, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Robyn Graham, Dee Crawshaw, and many parents of the GRIT awards were also present.

Mr. Collins led the GRIT awards presentation.

Mr. Barnes 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

- Contracts are in place for the upcoming flooring work and abatement. The third floor is prepped and ready for the work to begin.

Marseilles Education Association: Paula Wheeler and Tim Misener

- Shared events happening on different grade levels: Ms. Witek and Ms. Schmidt shared so many students reached their benchmarks and graduated to a higher level
- Aperia Care here in Marseilles has a summer art contest scheduled
- Lastly, they expressed their appreciation to everyone for a great Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week.

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: No one in attendance

Principal: Shawn Collins

- The last day of student attendance was today. Students and staff were in good spirits
- 8th grade celebration, 8th grade promotion, awards ceremonies for K-8 were held last week.
- Students who reached their reading goal for the year were treated to a Tuesday trip to the Gamer's Garage. Look to continue and improve our reading incentive program as literacy will be a priority next year.
- Field Day activities were held yesterday

- **On the search for a music teacher - hired one and he has resigned. I have offered to two people who have declined the offer. We have an international candidate and a local who will be interviewed on Tuesday.**
- **End of the Year Awards: Rookie-Cheyenne Timm, Para-Robyn Graham, Support Staff-Rachael Lauer, Teacher-Paula Wheeler**
- **Handbook updates for next year:**
 - **Language and procedures for Mandated bullying reporting**
 - **Language about racial discrimination**
 - **Added language about misuse of lockers and cost to repair**
 - **Updated technology usage language**
 - **Artificial Intelligence language**
 - **Updated fees for damaged Chromebooks**
 - **Language about SOPPA Student Online Personal Protection Act (protecting the collection of student data)**
 - **Updates to the procedures and consequences for students caught using cell phones in school**

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- **Thanked the Board members who made it to graduation and discussed the ceremony regarding how disruptive and rude the crowd was.**
- **Shared the auditor is coming and asked the board to keep an eye out for an email from them so each board member can complete a specific form and return it to them.**
- **Updated the new cameras are wonderful and working and while J.C. was here, she asked him to look over the audio system in the big gym for some upgrades.**

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- **The balance in the operating account as of April 30 was \$2.53 million which represents a decrease of \$134K from the balance at March 31.**
- **Receipts for the month of April were \$699K and included \$277K in general state aid, just under \$43K in personal property replacement tax, and \$39.1K in Investment Income. Revenue continues to run about 11% ahead of budget year-to-date.**
- **Expenditures in April were \$815K. Expenditures are in line with budget year-to-date.**
- **The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of April was 4.297% which represents an increase of 2 basis points from the yield at March 31.**

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

- **6.01 Minutes of:**
 - **Regular Meeting April 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: None**

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey
Nay: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Barnes to approve the following resignations: Christine Miskell (Paraprofessional), Alicia Pierson, and Kim Kesner (Lunchroom Aides).

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller and Morey
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Morey to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks: Samantha Simpson (Yearbook Advisor) and Laurie Leslie (5th/6th-grade girls' basketball coach).

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller and Morey
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Morey to approve the payment of \$61,005.44 for the Property/Casualty/Liability Package and \$44,142.56 for the Workers Compensation Package to the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller and Morey
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to approve the placement of the amended fiscal year 2024 budget on display.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller and Morey
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to approve the technology proposal for upgraded equipment through e-rate.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Morey to approve the 2023 final public school calendar

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Miller to approve the second reading of PRESS Issue 114

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Morey to approve the 2024 list of students to be promoted and/or placed from eighth grade.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Miller to approve a compensation agreement for all employees not covered under a Collective Bargaining Agreement or personal contract, sub rates, and a \$1,500 sign-on bonus for any new bus driver who finishes the school year (including current drivers for one year) for FY25.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Barnes to approve the 2024-2025 handbook

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to approve the 2024-2025 tentative calendar.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf