

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday, June 20, 2024
7 p.m.
District Office

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, and Julie Morey. Absent with notice were Cherise Byone and Brad Miller. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Dee Crawshaw, were others in attendance.

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

- The air conditioning in the big gym is done and ready to ship.
- The third-floor abatement is complete and ready to start on the second floor.

Marseilles Education Association: Tim Misener

- Shared that he had nothing to report, and just came to say hi

Marseilles Educational Support Staff: No one in attendance

Principal: Shawn Collins

- We are in the process of revamping our expected behaviors chart and have worked with the ROE, specifically Sara Koziol. She has been our coach as we navigate this process. We have a team of about 12 staff members. This revamp also includes a focus on Social Emotional Learning, Staff wellness, new teacher mentoring, and family/community engagement.
- We received a scholarship to attend an SEL Symposium in Rockford last week. Joining me were Missy Stortz, Lindsey Johnson, Sarah Shumway, and Laurie Leslie. We attended wellness sessions, Multi Tiered System of Support, among others. We also heard keynote speakers Gerry Brooks and Jason Kotecki. Both brought compassion, energy, and humor that kept us all engaged.
- We have interviewed for a few teaching positions in the K-1 hallway as well as music.

- Interestingly enough, we will have a gentleman moving here from the Philippines to teach music, working with ISBE, the ROE, and his Visa Sponsor to ensure a smooth transition. This will be a great multicultural opportunity for our students and staff.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Gave an explanation of the Louny taxes reassessment and the EAV. Shared how Marseilles Elementary “left money on the table”

Treasurer’s Report: Craig Hepner -

- The balance in the operating account as of May 31 was \$2.35 million which represents a decrease of \$183K from the balance at April 30.
- Receipts for the month of May were \$579K and included \$277K in general state aid, slightly under \$104K in corporate personal property replacement tax and \$38.5K in Investment Income. Revenue is running a little more than 8% ahead of budget year-to-date.
- Expenditures in May were \$744K. Total expenditures are running 6% below the amended budget level.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of May 31 was 4.302% which represents a slight increase from the yield at April 30 of 4.297%.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting May 23, 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, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following resignations: Katie Bryant (Principal's Secretary), Rory Bedeker (Assistant Principal), and Samantha Simpson (First Grade Teacher and Yearbook Advisor).

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks: Lindsey Johnson (First Grade Teacher to Assistant Principal & Athletic Director), Brittane Callahan (First Grade Teacher), Emily White (First Grade Teacher- upon completion of student teaching), and Ramon Cuartela Jr. (Music).

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the amended fiscal year 2024 budget.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the first reading of PRESS Issue 114

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the 2024-2025 Board of Education meeting dates.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the E-Learning Plan.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm.

Aye: Barnes, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf