

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday, August 22, 2024
7 p.m.
Library

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, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Dee Crawshaw, Paula Wheeler, and Timothy Misener 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 that no one had registered or requested to speak.

Maintenance: Brent DeFore

- Explained to the board that the air conditioning in the big gym will be completed next week and he's working on the sun shades by the walker door.

Marseilles Education Association: Tim Misener and Paula Wheeler

- Reported the staff is grateful for all of the work over the summer - the school looks great.
- 5th grade reports the kids are loving the new curriculum and 6th grade loves the VR headsets

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Reviewed the beginning of the school year: 533 students registered, spoke about our new teaching staff, and thanked everyone for the successful staff breakfast.
- The window perforations are complete, the library is a work in progress and we had quite a few families attend the Back to School Bash.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Reminded Board members of the IASB Fall meeting in Peru
- Explained about the ISBE data breach and the IL Policy Institute FOIA we received
- Reviewed that next year under Health Life Safety, the roof repair and carpet in kindergarten rooms will be on the agenda

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- The balance in the operating account as of July 31 was \$1.84 million which represents a decrease of \$213K from the balance at June 30.
- Receipts for the month of July were \$652K and included just under \$281K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$92.6K in corporate personal property replacement tax, and \$40.6K in investment income. Revenue is running about 11.5% above budget with one month in the books. This is primarily related to the timing of real estate tax receipts.
- Expenditures in July were \$844.7K and included \$105K in the annual liability insurance premium, a little over \$70K for the new A/C unit in the gym and \$97.6K for the floor refinishing and window tint treatments. Expenditures are running about 5% above budget, again primarily due to the timing of a few large expenditures in July.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of July 31 was 4.336% which represents an increase of 3 basis points from the yield at June 30. Hepner indicated that he feels CD offering rates are nearing their peak, and the goal will be to extend maturities in order to lock in higher yields on excess funds. He said he feels we have a well-structured investment portfolio at the present time.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting June 20, 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 7.17.24 from the Illinois Valley Times and responded to on 7.17.24. Received on 8.16.24 from the Illinois Valley Times and responded to on 8.16.24

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following resignations: Aaron Threadgill and Jararius Whitfield (7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coaches), Marie Fogerty (RTI Paraprofessional), and Jordan Morahn (LBS1)

Aye: Barnes, Byones, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, 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: Cassie Vangelisti (from Cafeteria Monitor to PAWS Paraprofessional), Bejan Roumi (from Kindergarten Teacher to First Grade Teacher), Finn Marabotti (from Substitute Paraprofessional to PAWS Paraprofessional), Sherry McLennan (from Cafeteria/Kitchen Substitute to Cafeteria Monitor), Jessica Crosby (Dishwasher), and Roxane Gaytan (Kitchen/Cook).

Aye: Barnes, Byones, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

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

Aye: Barnes, Byones, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to consider the approval for the leave under FMLA for Haylee Casey effective July 23, 2024, to August 14, 2024, and for Blanca Castillo from August 13, 2024 to August 28, 2024.

Aye: Barnes, Byones, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the audio equipment bids for material and installation for the main gym.

Aye: Barnes, Byones, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Kaminski to approve the placement of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget on display for 30 days

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

**No action necessary - Discussed and reviewed Mandated Reporters -
Policy 5.90 and Bullying Policy 7.180**

**A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Carpenter to
adjourn to closed session at 7:28 pm**
Aye: Barnes, Byones, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried

**A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Kaminski to return to
regular session at 820pm.**
Aye: Barnes, Byones, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried

**A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Kaminski to adjourn
the meeting at 825 pm.**
Aye: Barnes, Byones, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski, Miller, and Morey
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf