

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday
October 24, 2024
7 p.m.

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members answering the roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Bobby Kaminski was absent with notice. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Tim Misener, Paula Wheeler, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Dee Crawshaw, and many parents and grandparents of the GRIT awards winners were also present.

Mr. Collins presented the First Quarter G.R.I.T. Recognition of Students.

Board members and attendees recited 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

- The sound system should be installed in the Big Gym by Nov 5th.
- He is taking bids for the new roof on the kindergarten-first-grade wing.

Marseilles Education Association: Paula Wheeler and Tim Misener

- Shared many grade level updates including: 6th grade making rock candy while studying rocks and minerals, STEM having a Starbucks day reading and exploring new books, 3rd grade leaving about the voting process through candy bar voting, and 6th grade learning about Day of the Dead in the Spanish class

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Both boys and girls basketball are in full swing
- P/T conferences tonight and again on Tuesday night
- The Halloween parade will be at 10:00 and parties from 10:30-11:15

- Early dismissal on 10/31 - School Improvement Day - Busting Myths About Restorative Practices - Regional Office providing PD
- Veterans Day assembly and breakfast will be on Nov 8 - we are not in school on 11/11

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared that MES celebrated Principal Appreciation Week with the theme of “Awesome to the Core”.
- EAV arrived late but we will still have the hearing in November to approve in December.
- Recommending a new SRO MOU with the City of Marseilles
- Annual school rating based on IAR will be published soon - with our chronic absenteeism as our downfall

Treasurer’s Report: Craig Hepner

- The balance in the operating account as of September 30 was \$2.86 million which represents an increase of \$320K from the balance at August 31.
- Receipts for the month of September were \$940K and included \$556K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$282K in general state aid and \$39K in Investment Income. Revenue is running about 13% ahead of budget year-to-date, due primarily to the timing of real estate tax receipts.
- Expenditures in September were \$602K. Total expenditures are in line with budget through the first three months of the fiscal year. The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of September 30 was 4.336% which is in line with the yield at August 31.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting September 26, 2024(Regualry and Budget Hearing)
- 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, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller and Morey
Nay: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to approve the following resignations: Steve Zbanik (wrestling Coach) and Angela Doermann (School Nurse)

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

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Miller to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks (if new): Kenzie Edens (School Nurse), Trent Morey (Volleyball Coach), and Jordan Strange (Basketball Coach).

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

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to approve the FY25 School Maintenance Grant submittal.

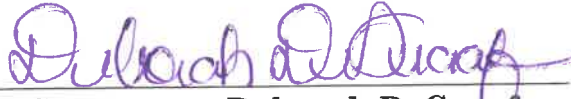
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Miller, and Morey
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to adjourn the meeting at 725pm.

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



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf