

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday, December 19, 2024
7:00 pm
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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, Cherise Byone, Christy Carpenter, Lawrence Cowie, Bobby Kaminski, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Deb DeGraaf, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Paula Wheeler and Tim Misener were also in attendance.

Mr. Barnes led the pledge of allegiance.

Shawn
Collins

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

- Kindergarten - 1st-grade roof bids will be included in the January meeting for approval
- The sound system in the big gym is complete
- Explained the fiber from the main switch room throughout the school needs to be replaced and he will get bids.

Marseilles Education Association: Tim Misener and Paula Wheeler

- Shared the Ugly Sweater Red Carpet walk was a hit
- Included MEA wanted to share how grateful they are for our board and their support

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Shared the 2nd quarter ends tomorrow and holiday parties are tomorrow also
- Multiple sports are underway
- Shared with the board the video/story about Pat Solis and Emily White
- Thanked the board for all they do

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Explained that MES lost our rating by .01% of a point
- Talked about our upcoming audits.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- **The balance in the operating account as of October 31 was \$2.73 million which represents a decrease of \$129K from the balance at September 30.**
- **Receipts for the month of October were \$873K and included \$320K in real estate tax receipts from LaSalle County, \$282K in general state aid, \$71K in Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax and \$39K 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 October were \$982K and included \$170K in building improvement expenditures. Total expenditures are running about 3% over budget through the first four months of the fiscal year.**
- **The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of October 31 was 4.293% which is in line with the yield as of September 30.**

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

- **6.01 Minutes of:
 - **Regular Meeting: November 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: Requests for District documents under the Freedom of Information Act: Received on 12.2.2024 from Denise Parini and responded to in full on 12.9.2024. Received on 12.9.2024 from Denise Parini and responded to in full on 12.13.2024. Received on 12.9.2024 from Denise Parini and the request was denied on 12.13.2024 due to an exemption.**

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following transfer/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks (f new): Stephen Parker (Wrestling Coach) and Theresa Shenkel (Bus Driver)

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, 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 tax levy (FY26).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the second reading of Press Plus Policy 117.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, 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 request for leave under FMLA for Lainey Hicks from approximately August 14, 2025 to approximately September 29, 2025.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to approve the professional service agreement between Marseilles Elementary School District #150 and American Institutes for Research.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to approve the resolution in support of Illinois Vision 2030.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

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

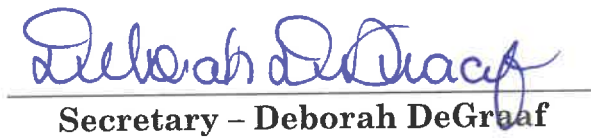
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, Cowie, Kaminski Miller, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried


President – Jim Barnes


Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf