

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday, January 23, 2025
7:00 pm
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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, and Julie Morey. Christy Carpenter and Brad Miller were absent with notice. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Shawn Collins, Deb DeGraaf, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Paula Wheeler, and Tim Misener were also in attendance along with many G.R.I.T. award recipients, parents and guardians.

Mr. Collins presented the G.R.I.T. awards and 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 - absent

Marseilles Education Association: Tim Misener and Paula Wheeler

- Shared 1st Grade is enjoying their new typing program and 2nd Grade is working on new intervention groups.

Principal: Shawn Collins

- After break, we had a school-wide assembly to remember the RISE Expectations for good behavior. We ended it with a human slot machine where 10 students were randomly selected to participate and win prizes. The kids had a blast!
- Boys basketball will be coming to an end soon with the state series starting. Cheerleading is planning to compete at the State Competition in Peoria on February 12. Volleyball and wrestling are underway and Scholastic Bowl will be starting soon.
- Our Annual 5th-8th grade spelling bee will be held tomorrow!
- The 100th Day of School will be one week from today. Always fun to see the activities our elementary classrooms do that day.
- We have sent a survey out to staff to express their interest in hosting a summer camp this year. After a year off, It will be nice to have programs and students in the school this summer!
- Spring Benchmarking will begin mid-February followed by data team meetings.

- On our School Improvement Day on 2/14, we will be hosting a parent event focused around healthy habits - from snacks, to yoga, bedtime and homework routines, hygiene, and navigating Google Classroom and TeacherEase. We are hopeful this type of event will assist our families with day-to-day routines.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Notified the Board of the online Robbins Schwartz purchasing conference

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- The balance in the operating account as of December 31 was \$2.45 million which represents an increase of \$25K from the balance at November 30.
- Receipts for the month of December were \$745K and included \$237K in real estate taxes from LaSalle County, \$282K in general state aid and \$36K in investment income.
- Revenue is running about 12% ahead of budget year-to-date due primarily to the timing of real estate tax receipts. Real estate tax revenue is 98.6% of budget for the year.
- Expenditures in December were \$700K. Expenditures are running slightly ahead of budget for the year.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of December 31 was 4.156% which in line with the yield at November 30.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting: December 19, 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:
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Cowie, Kaminski, and Morey
Nay: None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Barnes to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks (if new): Bailey Westerhold (paraprofessional).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to approve the intent to retire on June 5, 2025, from KemberlySmith (third-grade teacher).

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Barnes to approve the first reading of the update to policy 7:60 Residence.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Barnes to approve increasing the standard mileage rate for reimbursement to 70 cents per mile.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Barnes to approve the professional service agreement between Marseilles Elementary School District #150 and Ficek Electric & Communication Systems, Inc.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Byone to approve the professional service agreement between Marseilles Elementary School District #150 and Joe Rod Roofing LLC.

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

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Kaminski and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 723pm.

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

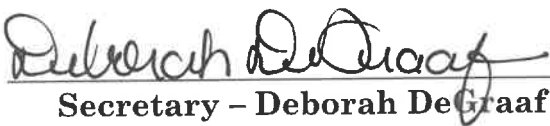
Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried



President - Jim Barnes



Secretary - Deborah DeGraaf