

MARSEILLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #150
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
201 Chicago Street
Thursday, February 20, 2025
7:00 pm
Library

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, Brad Miller, and Julie Morey. Bobby Kaminski was absent with notice. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Shawn Collins, Deb DeGraaf, Craig Hepner, Brent DeFore, Paula Wheeler, and Tim Misener were also 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 - absent

Marseilles Education Association: Tim Misener and Paula Wheeler

- Colaborated and shared some news from different grade-levels 7th and 8th grade is wrapping up Constitution studying, 6th grade is preparing for the STEAM Gala, 3rd grade is looking forward to their field trip to Dayton Bluffs for their seasonal visit, and 8th grade is excited for the job fair at IVCC.

Principal: Shawn Collins

- Today was the Illinois Principal Association John Ourth Breakfast and awards. Joey Brown and Elizabeth Arnold were selected and attended with their families along with Mrs. Donahue and Mrs. Johnson.
- Today, we had Yorkville Middle and High School Stepping Foxes teams here for an assembly for our 4th- 8th-grade students. This assembly was timely with its focus on African history and Black History Month. Students watched their routines and then were invited to learn a few basic steps.
- Spring Benchmarking is coming to an end, and we will have data teams next week with our teachers
- State Chess Tournament is coming up at the end of next week
- Volleyball Conference Shootout for 7th and 8th grades is this Saturday here at MES.

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Shared Zanta Club Sunday Tea was last Sunday with a few of our 3rd-grade girls chosen to attend
- 5 Essentials opened this week - we will revise school goals based on data
- Family Reading Night is next week
- IAR testing is coming up and will open with a new system.

Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -

- The balance in the operating account as of January 31 was \$2.46 million which represents an increase of approximately \$12K from the balance at December 31.
- Receipts for the month of January were \$714K and included \$282K in general state aid, \$58.7K in Corp Personal Property Replacement Tax, and a little over \$40K in investment income. Revenue is running about 12% ahead of budget year-to-date, due primarily to the timing of real estate tax receipts.
- Expenditures in January were \$683K. Expenditures are running about 1% ahead of budget for the year.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of January 31 was 4.156% which is in line with the yield at December 31.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
 - Regular Meeting: January 23, 2025
- 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 1.24.25 from Hailey Morland and responded to on 1.30.25. Received on 1.28.25 from Owen Wang and responded to on 1.28.25. Received on 2.5.25 from Molly Hudgens and responded in part on 2.11.25.

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

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made Miller and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks (if new): Trevor Workman (track coach), Sydnee Wright (second grade), Katrina Bromann (library/media specialist), Janice Johnson (transfer from second to third grade), and Hallie Nelson (second grade).

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

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Cowie to approve the following resignations: Jordan Strange (7th & 8th boys basketball, Jaren Mason (head track coach), and Lainey Mason (assistant track coach).

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

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Morey to approve the second racing of the update to policy 7:60 Residence.

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

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar.

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

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the professional service agreement between Marseilles Elementary School District #150 and Newkirk & Associates, Inc. for the annual audit.

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

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to adjourn to closed session at 7:18 pm.

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

A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Carpenter to return to regular session at 8:13 pm.

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

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the contractual agreement for administrators.

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

A motion was made by Miller and seconded by Byone to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm.

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


President – Jim Barnes


Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf