

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

President Jim Barnes called the Marseilles Board of Education meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. after waiting a few minutes for our fourth board member to arrive. Members answering roll call were President Jim Barnes, Cherise Byone, Christy Carpenter, and Julie Morey. Members absent with notice were Lawrence Cowie and Brad Miller. Superintendent Brenda Donahue, Shawn Collins, Deb DeGraaf, Craig Hepner, Paula Wheeler, and Tim Misener were also in attendance. Many parents and grandparents were also present for the award presentation.

Before calling the meeting to order, Mr. Collins presented the G.R.I.T. awards to the Third Quarter recipients.

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

- Shared grade level news:

Mrs Bianchi and some 8th graders are going on a Washington, DC, trip next week. The 1st grade celebrated World Read Aloud Day by attending a movie, the 3rd grade is learning about the Iditarod Race and Alaska, and the 5th grade celebrated 3.14 Pi Day by opening a pizza shop and sharing some pie.

Principal: Shawn Collins

- We will begin IAR testing on April 3rd.
- We are currently working on handbook updates for next year
- Hoping to get summer camp offerings out the week after break.
- STEAM Gala will be held on April 16 from 6 pm-7 pm
- Track practices are in full force!
- Spring Break is next week!

Superintendent: Brenda Donahue

- Reminded everyone that the election is in two weeks on April 1st, and 4 board members are up for election.

## **Treasurer's Report: Craig Hepner -**

- The balance in the operating account as of February 28 was \$2.13 million which represents a decrease of approximately \$329K from the balance at January 31.
- Receipts for the month of February were \$388K and included \$282K in general state aid and a little over \$38K in investment income. Revenue is running about 9% ahead of budget year-to-date due primarily to the timing of real estate tax receipts.
- Expenditures in February were \$683K. Expenditures are running in line with budget for the year.
- The yield on the CD investment portfolio as of February 28 was 4.074% which is about 8 basis points less than the yield at January 31.

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

- 6.01 Minutes of:
  - Regular Meeting: February 20, 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:

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, and Morey

Nay: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the following transfers/hires pending appropriate licensure and passing of all background checks (if new): April Kiest (teacher), Lizzy Franzen (teacher), and Payton Slabaugh (paraprofessional).

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

**A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Morey to approve the following resignations: Joe Frye (6th-grade teacher), Sydney Wright (hired in February for 25-26), and Amanda Schomas (5th/6th cheer coach).  
Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, and Morey  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Carpenter to approve the review of the Marseilles Elementary School District Acceleration policy.**

**Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, and Morey  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Byone to approve the 2025-2026 Board of Education meeting dates.**

**Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, and Morey  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Morey and seconded by Carpenter to approve the purchase of a 2026 60/1 or 54/2 air-conditioned bus with a lift.**

**Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, and Morey  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Barnes and seconded by Carpenter to approve the FY26 Consolidated District Plan as required by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).**

**Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, and Morey  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

**A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Byone to approve continuing to use a Schoolwide Program vs a Target Program for Title funds.**

**Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, and Morey  
Nay: None  
Abstain: None**

**Motion carried**

A motion was made by Byone and seconded by Morey to adjourn the meeting at 730pm.

Aye: Barnes, Byone, Carpenter, and Morey

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

  
President – Jim Barnes

  
Secretary – Deborah DeGraaf